

THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA **Board Report**

Safety, Regulatory, and Training Section

• Environmental, Health, and Safety Report for the 1st Quarter of 2025

Summary

The Safety, Regulatory, and Training Section (SRT) in the Office of Safety, Security and Protection is responsible for overseeing Metropolitan's compliance with environmental, health and safety (EHS) regulations and procedures. This report provides an update on Metropolitan's EHS program activities and key initiatives for the period of January through March 2025; the next quarterly EHS report will be issued in July 2025.

Purpose

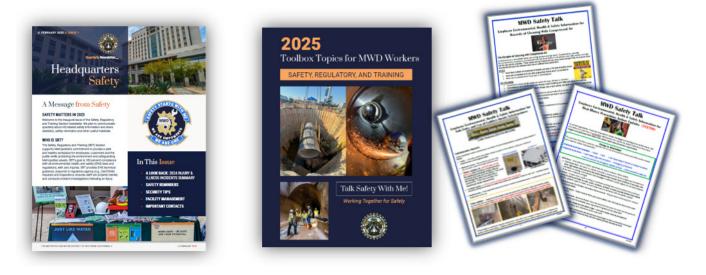
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Safety Communications

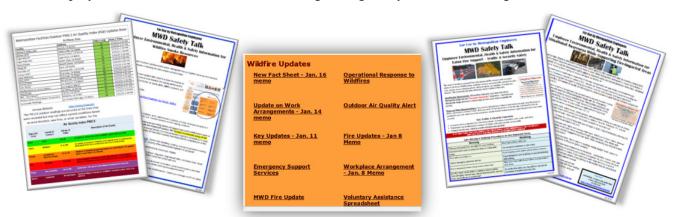
SRT has launched the inaugural issue of the Headquarters Safety Quarterly newsletter to extend safety communication Metropolitan-wide. This quarterly publication is designed to keep all staff informed about important HQ-related safety updates. Each issue will feature key statistics, safety reminders, and other valuable resources to foster a safer workplace.

Additionally, the <u>2025 "Talk Safety with Me"</u> Toolbox Topic book has been published and distributed to work teams. The book contains 52 toolbox topics—one for each week of the year—reflecting Metropolitan's current EHS policies and procedures. Weekly toolboxes are conducted to consistently communicate potential safety hazards, review job plans, reinforce safe work practices, and encourage open communication about safety concerns.



Wildfire and Smoke Prevention

During the January 2025 wildfires, SRT implemented key actions to support employee safety. This included providing daily updates on outdoor Air Quality Index (AQI) levels to help assess health risks for those working in areas impacted by smoke. Additionally, new safety talks were posted on the "Wildfire Updates" IntraMet webpage link and regularly updated with real-time information, safety tips, and essential resources. These efforts ensured employees had access to information and heightening safety awareness throughout the wildfire events.



Hazardous Materials

A 5-year Risk Management Plan update and recertification for Weymouth's chlorine operations was submitted to EPA. The team is preparing submissions for hazardous materials business plan updates for nineteen facilities to respective fire and health care agencies during this quarter.

Wastewater

A Metropolitan-wide Annual Report for Drinking Water Discharges and seven regulatory waste discharge compliance reports for various facilities were submitted. Additionally, the Environmental team supported annual underground storage tank testing certifications and inspections for eight facilities.

Air Quality

During the January 2025 extreme Santa Ana wind event and wildfires, emergency generators across Metropolitan were in operation providing back-up power. The emergency generator at Foothill Pressure Control ran over 433 hours, exceeding its 200-hour limit for power outages. However, this unit received operating coverage under SCAQMD Executive Order 25-01 which suspended all rules limiting engine run hours during the declared State of Emergency in Los Angeles County. For Pleasant Peak, located outside of Los Angeles County, staff notified SCAQMD that the facility's generator exceeded its annual limit of 200 hours due to Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). The notification allows for all hours attributed to PSPS events to be excluded from the annual run-time limit, provided a report is filed by January 15, 2026.

Key EHS Performance Measures

EHS KPIs (October through December 2024)			
KPI	Туре	Goal	Result ¹
Safety Inspection Completion Rate	Leading	90%	98%
Mandatory Safety Training Completion Rate	Leading	90%	91%
Toolbox Completion Rate (every 10 days)	Leading	90%	96%
Safety Committee Meeting Rate (once per quarter)	Leading	90%	100%
Recordable Injuries	Lagging	0	4
Regulatory Violations	Lagging	0	0
Reportable Spills	Lagging	0	1
¹ Green shading denotes goal met and yellow shading denotes goal was not met.			

For this quarter, all goals for leading KPIs were achieved with \geq 90 percent completion rate. Metropolitan facilities recorded one reportable spill related to the existing septic system at Iron Mountain. The septic system is currently in process of being replaced as part of a CIP project.

Regulatory Agency Inspections

During the October through December 2024 period, Metropolitan facilities underwent a total of 16 regulatory agency inspections conducted by local air quality, sanitation, environmental health agencies and/or fire departments. None of the inspections this quarter resulted in a regulatory finding. Note that January through March 2025 regulatory inspections will be included in the next EHS report issued in July 2025.

Cal/OSHA Inspections

During the October through December 2024 period, there were no Cal/OSHA inspections. Note that January through March 2025 Cal/OSHA inspections will be included in the next EHS report issued in July 2025.