

Audit Summary

Dwelley Family Farms

Oakley, California

Accident History:

The facility has not had an incident related to the regulated CalARP materials in the last five years.

Introduction

Contra Costa Health Services Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHSHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies, and procedures developed by Dwelley Family Farms located at 515 Delta Road in Oakley. This audit, conducted in the summer of 2022, was performed to assess compliance with the California Accidental Release Prevention (CalARP) Program. The CalARP program requires the development of prevention programs such as maintenance, operating procedures, contractor safety, personnel training, incident investigations, and understanding hazards at the plant. The inspection also examines the management systems in place to implement these programs, and the plant's emergency response program to make sure that the plant is prepared to respond to an emergency involving a hazardous chemical.

During a comprehensive CalARP audit for a facility like Dwelley Family Farms, CCHSHMP reviews individual safety programs through answering up to 105 questions. The CCHSHMP 2022 CalARP audit at Dwelley Family Farms resulted in 4 corrective actions for Dwelley Family Farms to implement, and roughly 5 other items that are not required, but may assist in accident prevention.

Based on our audit/inspection, many of the prevention programs did meet the regulatory requirements. Identified below are some notable issues found, both good and bad.

Notable Items:

- **Management:** A management system has been developed for the CalARP program although additional attention is needed on completing action items from different CalARP prevention programs by their target due dates.
- **Safety Information:** Select equipment specifications need to be made consistent throughout the relevant documentation.
- **Training:** Select employees are trained to operate the ammonia process at the beginning of each season. All employees are trained in ammonia awareness and emergency response.
- **Hazard Review:** Additional attention is needed as several recommendations were not completed by their target due date.
- **Operating Procedures:** Written operating procedures for the refrigeration process have been developed and are clear to understand.
- **Self Audit:** Additional attention is needed as several recommendations were not completed by their target due date.
- **Maintenance:** The facility has coordinated maintenance activities with an ammonia refrigeration contractor. Copies of maintenance procedures need to be maintained onsite and a maintenance inspection schedule needs to be updated.



Additional Information

To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Oakley Library at 1050 Neroly Rd, Oakley, CA 94561 or call 925-655-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHSHMP's offices.

For more information, questions, or comments regarding this facility or audit, please send an email to HazmatARPTeam@cchealth.org

