

Audit Summary

Ramar Foods
Pittsburg, California

Accident History:

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

Introduction

Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Programs (CCHSHMP) conducted a comprehensive audit/inspection of the policies, and procedures developed by Ramar Foods (Ramar) located at 1101 Railroad Lane in Pittsburg. This audit, conducted in the summer of 2021, 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 the CalARP audit for a facility like Ramar, CCHSHMP reviews individual safety programs through answering up to 110 questions. The CCHSHMP 2021 CalARP audit at Ramar resulted in 7 corrective actions for Ramar to implement, and 14 other suggestions that are not required by regulations, but may assist in improving accident prevention.

Based on our audit/inspection, many of the prevention programs met the regulatory requirements. Select prevention programs are identified to need improvement in order to meet the regulatory requirements. Identified below are some notable issues found, both good and bad.

Notable Items:

- **Self-Audit:** The facility needs to better document the resolutions and completion dates of action items from the compliance audit.
- **Operating procedures:** The operating procedures need to be updated to reflect the current system.
- **Hazard Review:** The facility needs to document the completion of action items related to seismic assessment.
- **Emergency Response:** The Emergency Action Plan needs to be updated with the most current contact information for the emergency response team for CCHSHMP.



Additional Information

To review the complete safety audit report, visit the Pittsburg Library at 80 Power Ave, Pittsburg, CA 94565 or call 925-655-3200 for an appointment to view the report at CCHSHMP's offices

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