



# Sewer Spills: Risk Management Update

## Stockton to pay \$4M to settle sewage spill suit

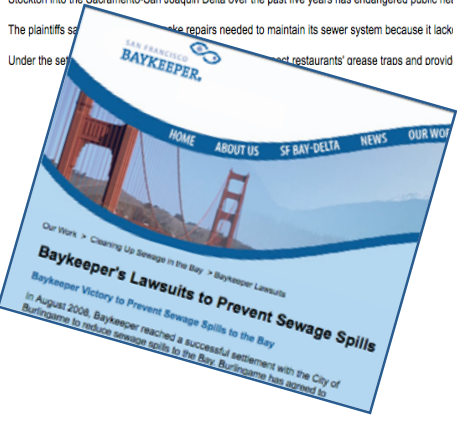
The Associated Press  
Posted: 07/29/2009 11:10:56 AM PDT  
STOCKTON, Calif.—The city council has approved a \$4 million settlement with environmentalists, w the city to decrease sewage spills.  
The California Sportfishing Protection Alliance sued under the federal Clean Water Act, claiming the Stockton into the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta over the past five years has endangered public hea  
The plaintiffs s... take repairs needed to maintain its sewer system because it lack  
Under the se... restaurants' grease traps and provid

## Benicia seeks lower fine for unreported discharges

By Tony Burchyna/Times-Herald staff writer  
Posted: 07/31/2009 01:00:15 AM PDT  
BENICIA — City officials are asking regional water regulators to reduce \$54,000 in penalties — by at least a third — for allegedly failing to file timely reports about  
Benicia's water treatment plant.  
The San Francisco Bay Regional Water Quality Control

## EPA slams local sewer agencies

Jim Staats  
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The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Thursday requ chronic problems including spills, sewer maintenance and mi  
The agency's actions are in response to a deteriorated system heavy rains. In January, the Sewerage Agency of Southern M Bay in two incidents over a six-day period as rainwater overw  
\*These small, underfunded and undermanaged systems will r communities fail to upgrade and maintain their systems susta



**WHAT:** NCCSIF is sponsoring a 1/2-day seminar on sanitary sewer overflow and backup risk management issues:

- Current Civil and Regulatory Liability Surrounding Sanitary Sewer Overflows
- Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Backup Prevention Strategies
- What Every Sanitary Sewer Overflow and Backup Response Plan Should Include
- The Role of the First Responder In Managing Liability
- The State Water Resources Control Board's 2010 enforcement plan
- **AND** what the State Water Resources Control Board inspectors will be auditing when they visit you

- WHY:**
- The average cost of a sewer backup claim in California in 2009 is ~\$27,000, up from ~\$4,500 in 1990
  - The State Water Resources Board will begin auditing your Sanitary Sewer Management Plan (SSMP) in 2010
  - What Field Crews do and say when responding to sewer backups can have a direct impact on the ultimate cost of any resulting claim
  - The number of Clean Water Act suits brought against public agencies for sewer overflows by groups such Baykeeper and River Watch show no sign of slowing down.
  - Add sizeable regulatory fines to this liability headache, and the message is clear:

## Be Prepared To Effectively and Efficiently Manage the Regulatory and Civil Liability Surrounding Sewer Overflows and Backups!

**SPEAKERS:** David Patzer, CSRMA Risk Control and Jim Fischer, Office of Enforcement/Special Investigations

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND:** Risk Managers, Public Works Directors, Supervisors and City Attorneys

**WHEN:** March 11, 2010 8am to 1200pm

**WHERE:** Yuba City Wastewater Treatment Facility  
302 Burns Drive, Yuba City, CA 95991  
Front Desk (530) 822-4639

**REGISTRATION:** Register by going to <http://www.sipeonlinetraining.com/csma/ViewSeminars.cfm> or by contacting Amber Anderson at [AAnderson@alliantinsurance.com](mailto:AAnderson@alliantinsurance.com) or 415.403.1482



**This Seminar Will Help Your City to:**

- Respond effectively to residential sewer backup incidents,
- Minimize the cost of any resulting claim, and
- Ensure compliance with the SWRCB and SFRWQCB reporting requirements