



# Memorandum

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**To:** Southern Nevada District Board of Health

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**Subject:** Environmental Health Division Monthly Report – December 2021

## I. FOOD OPERATIONS PROGRAM

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Food Operations Program – Fiscal Year Data

Food Operation Services	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Routine Inspections	1,230	1,307	↑	9,547	11,202	↑
Reinspections	99	128	↑	723	903	↑
Downgrades	90	108	↑	669	803	↑
Closures	11	5	↓	78	107	↑
Special Events	8	46	↑	85	362	↑
Temporary Food Establishments & Tasting Event Booths	19	255	↑	125	2,839	↑
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>1,457</b>	<b>1,849</b>	<b>↑</b>	<b>13,935</b>	<b>16,216</b>	<b>↑</b>

#### 1. Enforcement Actions and Investigations:

- A. **Pacific Island Taste, 545 E. Sahara Ave.:** On December 1, the facility was closed for an Imminent Health Hazard (IHH), pest infestation. The inspector documented 14 demerits. The facility was reinspected and reopened with three demerits on December 3.
- B. **Variedades De La Mission De Cristo, 3333 S. Maryland Pkwy.:** On December 6, the facility was closed because the operator exceeded the allowable demerits on an unpermitted Change of Permit Holder (CPH) and for two IHHs, no hot water and pest infestation. The inspector documented 24 demerits. The water temperature was 88°F at the hand sink and 114°F at the 3-compartment sink. The facility was reinspected and reopened with nine demerits on December 20.

- C. **La Tapatia Market, 8826 S. Eastern Blvd.:** On December 6, the facility was moved forward in the administrative process for continued noncompliance and downgrades. The facility now has the services of a food safety consultant to assist with improving food sanitation.
  - D. **Tacos El Pelon, 827 N. Main St.:** On December 7, the facility was closed for an IHH, no hot water. The inspector documented five demerits. The facility was reinspected and reopened with zero demerits on December 8.
  - E. **7-Eleven #29645 Deli – Snack Bar, 529 N. Rancho Dr.:** On December 9, the facility was closed for an IHH, no potable water or hot water. The inspector documented five demerits. The facility was reinspected and reopened with three demerits on December 14.
  - F. **7-Eleven #18198 Deli – Snack Bar, 4395 N. Las Vegas Blvd.:** On December 13, the facility was closed for an IHH, no potable water or hot water. The inspector documented 19 demerits. The facility was reinspected and reopened with six demerits on December 14.
  - G. Staff closed 11 unpermitted food vending complaint investigations.
2. **Food Safety Assessment Meetings (FSAMs):**
- A. FSAMs were held with the following facilities: Taqueria San Miguel #2 Portable Unit for the Service of Food (PUSF), 1695 N. Nellis Blvd.; Tacos El Pelon, 827 N. Main St.; and Nay's Tacos, 1238 S. Las Vegas Blvd.
3. **Foodborne Illness Investigations:**
- A. **Burger King, 4111 Boulder Hwy.:** On December 1, staff responded to a lab-confirmed case of foodborne illness. The investigation resulted in an A grade.
  - B. **Neighborhood Walmart, 5970 Losee Rd.:** On December 9, staff responded to a lab-confirmed case of foodborne illness associated with a multi-state outbreak of salad greens. Staff collected samples of salad greens at the request of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). All samples tested negative for enteric pathogens.
  - C. **Casa Mariscos, 3736 E. Flamingo Rd.:** On December 21, staff responded to several reports of foodborne illness. Staff observed several risk factors that could lead to illness including improper cooling and improper use of time as a public health control. The investigation resulted in a C downgrade. A reinspection is still pending.
4. **Onsite Intervention Training:**
- A. Onsite Intervention Training was held with the following facilities: Michoacan Gourmet, 7870 W. Tropical Pkwy. and Omoide, 7745 S. Rainbow Blvd.
5. **Supervisory/Managerial Conferences:**
- A. Conferences were held with the following facilities: Food Express, 2003 S. Decatur Blvd.; Pisa Pizza, 3615 S. Las Vegas Blvd.; and Ibarra's Commissary, 1935 Fremont St.



## II. SOLID WASTE AND COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Solid Waste Management Authority (SWMA) Illegal Dumping Complaints and Hearing Officer Process – Fiscal Year Data

Illegal Dumping and Hearing Officer Process	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Notices of Violations (New & Remails)	10	15	↑	33	53	↑
Adjudicated Hearing Cases	8	10	↑	41	37	↓
Total Cases Received	62	58	↓	622	555	↓
Total Cases Referred to Other Agencies	16	16	→	116	118	↑
Hearing Penalties Assessed	\$4,550	\$6,000	↑	\$31,600	\$57,700	↑

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Restricted Waste Management – Fiscal Year Data

Restricted Waste Management	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Inspections	262	197	↓	1,746	1,535	↓

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Full Compliance Inspections – Fiscal Year Data

Underground Storage Tanks	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Compliance Inspections	40	11	↓	571	227	↓
Final Installation/Upgrade/Repair Inspections	10	3	↓	39	21	↓
Closure Inspections	1	1	→	4	7	↑
Spill Report Investigations	0	0	→	4	7	↑

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Permitted Disposal Facilities (PDF) Inspections – Fiscal Year Data

Permitted Disposal Facilities	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Inspections	12	19	↑	109	119	↑
Reinspections	1	2	↑	8	14	↑

#### 1. Solid Waste Plan Review Program (SWPR):

- A. **Permits Issued** – Lighthouse Logistics (Recycling), Clean Harbors modification (Waste Grease), TTT Services dba NV Salvage CPH (Recycling), Western Elite Nellis dba Discount Dumpsters modification (MRF), Western Elite Wynn modification (MRF), Republic Services Gowan modification (MRF), Republic Services Cheyenne Transfer Station modification (Transfer Station), and Republic Services Medical Waste modification (Medical Waste)
- B. **Landfills** – Apex Regional Landfill; Boulder City Landfill; Laughlin Landfill; Nellis Air Force Base (Post Closure Monitoring); Timet; Sunrise Mountain (Post Closure

- Monitoring); and Wells Cargo
- C. **Facility Applications Being Processed** – Recycling Centers (3), Transfer Station (1), and Class I Landfill (1)
- D. **Facilities Planned for Approval at DBOH Meetings/SNHD Workshops in January** – APEX Materials LLC – Moccasin

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Asbestos Permitting Services – Fiscal Year Data**

Asbestos Permitting Services	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Asbestos Permits Issued	56	51	↓	562	439	↓
Revised Asbestos Permits Issued	7	5	↓	24	43	↑

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Subdivision Program – Fiscal Year Data**

Subdivision Plan Review	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Tentative Maps-Received	18	23	↑	100	136	↑
Tentative Maps-Lot Count	1,361	1,465	↑	7,563	13,023	↑
Final Maps-Received	18	39	↑	142	189	↑
Final Maps-Lot Count	992	1,847	↑	7,420	10,519	↑
Final Maps-Signed	19	21	↑	120	124	↑
Final Maps (Signed)-Lot Count	810	865	↑	5,472	5,964	↑
Improvement Plans-Received	22	27	↑	139	170	↑
Improvement Plans-Lot Count	973	1,566	↑	7,787	9,865	↑
Expedited Improvement Plans-Received	0	0	→	16	0	↓
Expedited Improvement Plans-Lot Count	0	0	→	1,363	0	↓
Fees Paid	\$27,082	\$45,690	↑	\$274,717	\$259,020	↓

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Individual Sewage Disposal System (ISDS) Program – Fiscal Year Data**

Individual Sewage Disposal Systems	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Residential ISDS Permits	9	12	↑	56	61	↑
Commercial ISDS Permits	0	0	→	3	4	↑
Commercial Holding Tank Permits	1	4	↑	9	10	↑
Residential Tenant Improvements	24	17	↓	160	142	↓
Residential Certifications	2	0	↓	4	9	↑
Compliance Issues	10	3	↓	55	33	↓



**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Safe Drinking Water Program – Fiscal Year Data**

Safe Drinking Water Program	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Public Water System (PWS) Sanitary Surveys	10	12	↑	35	48	↑
Public Water System Violations Issued	0	0	→	15	10	↓
Public Water System Complaints	0	0	→	0	0	→

**2. Safe Drinking Water Activity:**

- A. Four coliform-present sample events were reported. All original and repeat samples were Escherichia coli-absent.
- B. Staff continued to monitor water hauling activities for multiple public water systems: Red Rock Visitor Center; Red Rock Campground; Laker Plaza; Virgin Hyperloop; Trout Canyon; Spring Mountain Youth Camp; and Goodsprings ES Clark Community Center.
- C. Although staff have notified systems about their triennial sanitary surveys, two systems failed to schedule their CY21 surveys (M Resort and Keystone Center). If these teams do not schedule their surveys, they will incur Tier 2 violations. Outreach and reminders are ongoing.
- D. Staff continued to field and guide complaints regarding water quality issues and water availability within private residence and rental properties.
- E. **Aravada Springs (PWS NV0004140):** Water system plans were conditionally approved for construction in June 2021. Construction has not yet finished.
- F. **Bermuda Palms Management LLC (PWS NV0000147):** On November 30, the PWS team submitted their Tier 2 public notification for significant, unresolved deficiencies. SNHD staff provided review comments and guidance on the insufficient notification. On December 7, the PWS team communicated interim corrective actions. On December 9, SNHD staff communicated that one remaining deficiency must be addressed. A final conclusion is still pending.
- G. **Blue Diamond Rainbow NW Plaza (PWS NV0004131):** A water system plan has not yet been approved. A denial letter was issued on November 4. On December 1, SNHD staff conducted an unannounced survey of the water system to assess ongoing operations.
- H. **Blue Diamond Water Co Op Inc (PWS NV0000092):** SNHD staff reminders continue to be unaddressed by the PWS team: continue Tier 2 public notification for significant, unresolved deficiencies. On December 3, SNHD staff provided an additional reminder. On December 16, technical assistance from the Rural Community Assistance Cooperation was dispatched.
- I. **Desert Paradise Mobile Home Park (PWS NV0000149):** On December 14, SNHD staff held a 2'20" Question and Answer (Q&A) session with the property owner's agent (Clay Elliott). The discussion covered sanitary survey deficiencies: Tier 2 public notification for significant, unresolved deficiencies; provision of alternative water; engineering project status; and Administrative Order. A subsequent 70" Q&A session was held on January 6, 2022, between the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP), the Bureau of Safe Drinking Water (BSDW), SNHD, and the PWS team.
- J. **Desert Sunrise Water Users Assoc (PWS NV0000426):** On November 30, SNHD staff provided a reminder about the system's census being due by December 20. On December 1, the site representative affirmed their deadline. The Association's point



of contact missed milestone date. A subsequent reminder was sent by staff on January 7, 2022.

- K. **DWR POU 74505 (NV0004137):** On December 13, staff administered the site's first sanitary survey.
- L. **Virgin Hyperloop (PWS NV0001184):** Following two coliform-positives in December, the PWS team voluntarily choose to cease having water at lavatories and other potable water fixtures. On January 9, 2022, running water onsite will be exclusively for toilets and dust control. Any potable water onsite will be commercially packaged.
- M. **Yellow Pines Solar Project (PWS TBD):** SNHD staff continued discussions with the project team regarding the availability of potable water for employees and contractors. Construction is envisioned to occur in CY22

### III. VECTOR CONTROL OFFICE

#### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Vector Control and Other EH Services - Fiscal Year Data

Vector Control and Other EH Services	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
West Nile Virus Surveillance Traps Set	0	7	↑	1,426	1,578	↑
West Nile Virus Surveillance Mosquitoes Tested	0	0	→	13,048	19,627	↑
West Nile Virus Surveillance Submission Pools Tested	0	0	→	996	1,368	↑
West Nile Virus Surveillance Positive Mosquitoes	0	0	→	210	82	↓
West Nile Virus Surveillance Positive Submission Pools	0	0	→	8	2	↓
Saint Louis Encephalitis Positive Mosquitoes	0	0	→	0	0	→
Saint Louis Encephalitis Positive Submission Pools	0	0	→	0	0	→
Western Equine Encephalitis Positive Mosquitoes	0	0	→	0	0	→
Western Equine Encephalitis Positive Pools	0	0	→	0	0	→
Mosquito Activity Complaints	0	0	→	19	20	↑
Elevated Blood Level Home Investigations	0	0	→	1	2	↑
Legionella Residential Investigations	0	0	→	7	4	↓
Legionella Travel Associated Investigations	0	0	→	3	6	↑
Legionella Healthcare Associated Investigations	0	1	↑	0	1	↑
Public Accommodations Inspections	7	43	↑	220	194	↓
Public Accommodations SB4 Inspections	136	94	↓	544	437	↓
Public Accommodations Complaints	14	8	↓	78	91	↑
Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle Park Inspections	0	1	↑	25	13	↓
Mobile Home/Recreational Vehicle Park Complaints	1	1	→	11	8	↓



#### IV. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Special Programs - Fiscal Year Data						
Special Programs	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
School Food Facility Inspections	3	24	↑	80	426	↑
School Food Facility Complaints	0	1	↑	0	2	↑
School Facility Inspections	3	21	↑	93	409	↑
School Facility Complaints	0	1	↑	1	22	↑
Summer Food Service Surveys	0	8	↑	7	36	↑
Child Care Facility Inspections	13	50	↑	195	226	↑
Child Care Facility Complaints	2	3	↑	8	6	↓
Body Art Facility Inspections	17	67	↑	215	249	↑
Body Art Facility Complaints	3	1	↓	10	5	↓
Body Art Artist Special Event Inspections	0	0	→	1	10	↑
Total Program Services Completed	41	176	↑	610	1,391	↑

##### 1. Schools:

**A. Boulder City High School Packaged Concession A, 1101 5th St.:** During a routine inspection, staff found that the school had updated its menu and installed a 3-compartment sink and food preparation and dispensing equipment without SNHD approval. When the concession stand was built in 2018, it was limited to the sale of only prepackaged food due to the lack of warewashing equipment. Open food handling, including portioning, pouring, or dispensing, was not permitted. The current menu included hot dogs, pizza slices, nachos, fountain drinks, and other foods requiring warewashing equipment. Staff also found unapproved equipment in the concession stand and nearby, including a soda machine, grill, pretzel warmer, and snow cone machine. The school was issued a Cease and Desist Order for the sale of unapproved menu items and must contact SNHD Plan Review to process a remodel.

##### 2. Child Care:

**A. Acelero Learning Head Start at Twin Lakes, 700 Twin Lakes Dr.:** During a routine inspection, staff observed insufficient hot water temperatures in all the childcare rooms. There was an adequate supply of hot water in the kitchen. SNHD Regulations require hot water temperatures in classrooms to be between 90-120°F at sinks with a mixing faucet. Facility maintenance staff was onsite during the inspection and was able to repair the system to bring the hot water temperatures into compliance. Facility staff will review and implement long-term solutions to ensure hot water is available to all areas of the facility.

**B. Imagination Station Early Learning Center, 4185 Vegas Valley Dr.:** SNHD staff investigated a complaint alleging that a child suffered an emetic illness after attending daycare. The complainant alleged that illness may be associated with unsanitary food preparation at the facility. Staff conducted an inspection of the kitchen and observed foods prepared the day prior stored at unsafe temperatures. The person-in-charge (PIC) stated that the facility was trying a new system where food for the following week was being prepared over the previous weekend. It was also reported



that this was the first attempt and none of the food was served. The food was discarded and SNHD staff reviewed proper cooling procedures with facility staff.

3. **Body Art:**

A. SNHD staff began the formal revision process for the Body Art Regulations by publishing the proposed regulation revisions and facilitating the first of three public workshops. Staff will continue to solicit comment through January by holding two additional workshops and are requesting input for the Small Business Impact Statement (SBIS). All of the facilities and body art card holders that would be affected by these revisions were notified of the workshops, by email, in addition to the required public notices.

V. **PLAN REVIEW PROGRAM**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Plan Review Program - Fiscal Year Data**

	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
<b>Food Pre-Permitting Services</b>						
<b>Food Safety Assessment Meetings</b>	1	0	↓	4	3	↓
<b>Total Pre-Permitting Services</b>	1,487	1,252	↓	7,260	7,873	↑
<b>New Project Submissions</b>	253	161	↓	1,533	1,646	↑
<b>Released Projects</b>	247	299	↑	1,736	1,860	↑
<b>Total Service Requests Currently in Pre-Permitting</b>	1,257	1,172	↓			

1. **Enforcement Actions and Investigations:**

A. **Juan’s Flaming Fajitas, 2660 W. Centennial Pkwy.:** Staff conducted a pre-permitting inspection of a new restaurant and bar. Roof drain lines were installed above an area of the bar back counter. Since overhead drain lines have the potential to leak and cause cross-contamination, SNHD Regulations require that secondary containment be installed to protect food from contamination. The final permitting inspection is pending installation of the secondary containment and completion of construction.

B. **New York New York Mad Apple Bars, 3790 S. Las Vegas Blvd.:** Plans were submitted for new bars for an upcoming Cirque Du Soleil show. The bars were located directly beneath stairs leading to a stage for performers. The bars and stairs were configured in such a way that the food and food preparation surfaces were subject to contamination by the performers. Staff requested that the applicant provide revised plans that would protect the food preparation surfaces. The revised plans were approved, and the final permitting inspection is pending completion of construction.

C. **Chipotle, 7340 Arroyo Crossing Pkwy.:** A new dishwasher was installed without submitting plans for a remodel. The installation was causing hot water fluctuations in the restaurant because the water heater could not support the additional fixture. Staff recommended increasing the capacity of the water heater. The water heater was replaced, and a final remodel inspection was approved.

D. **Denny’s #9393, 2310 E. Lake Mead Blvd.:** During a final permitting inspection, staff found two dump sinks directly plumbed to the sewer. SNHD Regulations require 3-compartment sinks and utility sinks to be indirectly plumbed to a floor sink to avoid



back-ups which could lead to contamination. An onsite plumber began work on the drain lines immediately, but the issue was not resolved before the inspection was completed. The permit was approved with a stipulation to reroute the drain lines within 10 days.

- E. Nieves De Garrafa Uribe, 3542 S. Maryland Pkwy.:** A pre-permitting inspection was conducted for a PUSF at the Boulevard Mall Mercado Food Court. Insufficient hot water was available at the portable hand sink. SNHD Regulations require that hot water at all hand sinks be a minimum of 100°F for proper handwashing. The water heater was not capable of providing the required water temperature and had to be replaced. A larger hot water heater was installed, and the final permitting inspection was approved.
- F. No. 1 Boba Tea Social Tea, 133 S. Water St.:** A final permitting inspection was conducted, and staff found that the facility had not been built according to approved plans. The operator installed a dish machine without the required drainboards and setup a food preparation area in an area where no handwashing sink was available. SNHD Regulations require that a hand sink be conveniently located where food preparation or warewashing occurs and that dish machines have a clean and dirty drainboard for dishes. The applicant was instructed to apply for a remodel for the changes. The permit was approved to operate without the use of the dishwasher or the rear preparation area.

**VI. AQUATIC HEALTH PROGRAM**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Aquatic Health Operations Program  
 - Fiscal Year Data**

Aquatic Health Operations	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
<b>Total Operation Inspections</b>	269	261	↓	2,321	2,249	↓
<b>Complaint Investigations</b>	4	3	↓	110	108	↓
<b>Inactive Body of Water Surveys</b>	10	1	↓	37	35	↓
<b>Total Program Services Completed</b>	283	265	↓	2,468	2,392	↓

**Drowning/Near Drowning/Diving Incident Investigations at Permitted Facilities: 1**

**1. Aquatic Health Operations**

- A. Dolce by the Lakes Unit Owners Association, 2750 S. Durango Dr.:** Routine inspections resulted in closure of the pool and spa due to IHHs. The chlorine concentration for the indoor pool was above 20 parts per million (ppm) and the indoor spa chlorine concentration was over 100 ppm. The maximum allowed chlorine for aquatic venues is 10 ppm. High chlorine levels can cause irritation of the skin, eyes, and respiratory system. The indoor spa also had the underwater light completely out of the niche, creating a potential for damage to the underwater electrical line. The office outdoor pool had been closed by management due to a stolen circulation pump. Disinfectant was present and the water is being maintained to prevent the development of nuisance conditions. The property representative was reminded to ensure that nuisance conditions do not develop and that a full operational inspection must be completed prior to reopening the pool. The southern outdoor pool was also



closed by management, but facility staff did not have access due to the recent rekeying of the locks. An excessive number of rocks were observed covering much of the deck and most of the bottom of the pool. This pool will also be required to pass a full operational inspection before reopening. All venues remain closed at this time. SNHD staff will continue to monitor progress at the facility.

- B. Villas on the Green at Painted Desert, 5400 Harmony Green Dr.:** A reinspection was conducted for a spa that had been closed due to high levels of cyanuric acid and no detectable disinfectant. The water chemistry and system flow were confirmed to be compliant, so the spa was approved to reopen.
- C. Denali at Mountain's Edge, 6950 Point Hope Ave.:** A routine inspection resulted in a compliance schedule for the management closed spa. The spa had incorrect depth markers. The measured depth was three feet throughout, while the depth markers said four feet. The permit holder was instructed to install correct depth markers and provide verification to SNHD prior to reopening the spa.
- D. Nevso Cove Apartments, 8780 W. Nevso Dr.:** CPH and routine inspections conducted for the pool and spa resulted in approval and an issuance of written compliance schedules. Both aquatic venues had been closed by management. Violations addressed by the compliance schedule included incomplete signage, inoperable underwater lights in both the pool and the spa, and inoperable emergency phone. Facility management will keep the pool and spa closed until all compliance items are corrected and the installation of a working emergency communication system has been verified by SNHD.
- E. University Gateway Apartments Pool and Spa, 4700 Maryland Pkwy.:** A routine inspection for the pool and spa resulted in closures due to multiple IHHs. Violations in the pool included elevated chlorine and cyanuric acid levels and chlorine tablets in the northeast skimmer. No chlorine was detected in the spa and the gate on the west side of the enclosure was missing entirely. Disinfectant levels that are too high can be hazardous to bathers while a lack of disinfectant increases the likelihood of disease transmission. Cyanuric acid levels in excess of 100 ppm renders the disinfectant ineffective. Chlorine tablets in the skimmer allows bathers potential exposure to concentrated chemicals and is not an acceptable method for chemical introduction into a commercial pool. The facility passed a reinspection and the venues were approved to operate.
- F. Sunrise Gardens Apts. Spa, 3601 El Conlon Ave.:** A routine inspection identified two IHHs, resulting in closure of the spa. No disinfectant residual was detected, and the pH was greater than 8.0. A lack of proper disinfection greatly increases the likelihood of disease transmission and pH impacts the efficacy of the disinfectant. The Qualified Operator corrected the water chemistry allowing for the reinspection to be completed the same day.
- G. Tides on Charleston Apartments, 6501 W. Charleston Blvd.:** A complaint investigation alleging that the north pool had turned a blackish green was conducted. The complaint was valid, but the pool had been closed by management. Management informed the inspector that the pool circulation pump had recently broken and that a pool service company had been contracted to drain the pool. This process took a week to complete and was confirmed when facility management sent photos as verification that the compliance schedule had been met. No further action is required at this time.
- H. Gold Spike Hotel Pool, 217 N. Las Vegas Blvd.:** A routine inspection resulted in closure for an IHH. The southeast barrier gate, which opens directly to Las Vegas Boulevard, did not self-latch. As a result, the potential existed for unauthorized and unsupervised individuals to gain access to the aquatic venue. The facility was able



to make the necessary adjustments at the time of inspection so that the entry gate could self-close and self-latch from any open position. The facility passed a reinspection conducted the following day.

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Aquatic Health Plan Review  
Program - Fiscal Year Data**

Aquatic Health Plan Review	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
<b>Total Pre-Permitting Services</b>	529	482	↓	3,074	3,924	↑
<b>New Project Submissions</b>	37	82	↑	327	367	↑
<b>Released Projects</b>	58	40	↓	388	362	↓
<b>Total Projects Currently in Plan Review</b>	317	346	↑			

**2. Aquatic Health Plan Review:**

- A. Whitney Park Aquatic Center, 5700 Missouri Ave.:** An excavation and partial plumbing inspection were conducted at the Activity Pool. The pool is replacing an existing pool and wading pool, which have already been demolished. At the time of inspection, only the plumbing inside the aquatic venue was installed because the plumbing is being installed in phases. The pipe sizes and excavation dimensions adhered to the approved plan, so the inspections were approved. An additional plumbing inspection for the remaining plumbing is required but has not yet been requested.
- B. Craig Ranch Community, 4735 Tree Swing St.:** A site evaluation was conducted with facility representatives to evaluate the existing aquatic venue enclosure and proposed changes. The enclosure was not constructed per the approved plans, resulting in hand and footholds and sections of fencing less than six feet in height. The changes proposed by the facility representatives did not adequately address the violations, and the appropriate corrections outlined by SNHD were deemed not cost effective; therefore, plans for a new enclosure were submitted and approved. The new enclosure must be completed before a pre-plaster inspection may be requested.
- C. Stonegate Apartments, 5075 Spyglass Hill Dr.:** Excavation and plumbing inspections were conducted at the Greens Pool for substantial alteration to rebuild a portion of the pool. Violations included a missing suction pipe for the skimmer system, main return pipe smaller than approved, inlets within five feet of a skimmer, and a missing inlet. The contractor was instructed to make the necessary corrections and submit photos of the repairs. Repairs are still pending.
- D. Doolittle Community Center, 1950 J St.:** An application was submitted for a remodel to replace the pool interior finishes, replace the main drains, resurface the pool deck, install a variable frequency drive, and replace the filter controller. After review, staff determined that the scope of work also included modifications to the dimensions of the overflow gutters, replacement of the gutter grates, handholds, and slide tower deck material, and installation of a shade structure on the slide tower. The engineer was notified to update the declared scope of work and submit appropriate specifications for all materials and products to be used so that the review can be completed. An updated submission is still pending.
- E. Sunridge Ranchos Homeowner’s Association (HOA), 6720 E. Mountridge Dr.:** Final remodel inspections were conducted at the pool and spa for the installation of



automated chemical feed equipment. Violations included unlabeled feed tubes for disinfectant and acid, acid injected before disinfection rather than after, and water chemistry not within acceptable levels. The contractor was able to correct all violations during the inspection, so the remodels were approved.

- F. **Ely at Buffalo, 2660 N. Buffalo Dr.:** Final permitting inspections were conducted at the pool and spa. Violations included incorrect flow meters, a key fob for a door entering the aquatic venue enclosure installed less than 42 inches above the finished floor, and the joint between the pool and spa coping and adjacent deck not watertight. The inspections were approved, but follow-up site visits are required before the pool or spa may open. Follow-up surveys are still pending.

**VII. REGULATORY SUPPORT**

1. Regulatory Support Office (RSO) staff welcomed six new Environmental Health Specialists (EHSs): Jordan Wells, Kelsey Thein, Mallory Jones, Neil Calzado, Tevin Brown, and Vetahya Sabandith to Food Operations training on December 13.
2. RSO staff participated in or performed the following activities: assisted with Food Safety Culture Focus Groups; provided pre-standardization training for EH staff; completed a study course preparing EHSs for the Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) exam; oversaw the EH portion of the Accela conversion project; attended the 2021 Regional Mobile Food Compliance and Safety Expo event on to provide information to the general public concerning self-reporting of foodborne illness; and participated in national meetings [Conference for Food Protection (CFP) Allergen Committee, CFP Food Safety Management Committee, National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Food Safety Program Committee, and Association of Food and Drug Officials (AFDO) Active Managerial Control Brainstorm].
3. RSO staff assisted with inspections of the following special events: The Great Las Vegas Taco Festival and A Day in Vegas.
4. Special Processes staff met with various operators in a virtual setting via phone calls and WebEx meetings regarding submission of labels for review, waivers, operational plans, and Hazard and Critical Control Point (HACCP) plans. There are currently seven cook chill/sous vide plans, five 2-barrier plans, 11 other HACCP plans, 24 waivers, and one operational plan in review.

**VIII. SPECIAL PROCESSES**

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Label Review – Fiscal Year Data						
Label Review	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Facility Label Review Submissions	11	21	↑	59	135	↑
Facility Label Review Releases	10	24	↑	60	153	↑
Number of Labels Approved	104	278	↑	994	2,206	↑



**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Special Processes Plan Review - Fiscal Year Data**

Special Processes Review	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Cook Chill/Sous Vide Submissions	0	0	→	2	2	→
Cook Chill/Sous Vide Releases	1	0	↓	1	3	↑
2-Barrier ROP Submissions	0	0	→	4	0	↓
2-Barrier ROP Releases	2	0	↓	5	0	↓
Other HAACP Special Processes Submissions (Including ROP of fish, unpasteurized durably packaged juice, preservation, curing, etc.)	0	0	→	4	1	↓
Other Special Processes Releases	0	2	↑	2	3	↑

**ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Special Processes Waivers & Operational Plans Review - Fiscal Year Data**

Waivers & Operational Plans Review	Dec. 2020	Dec. 2021		FY 20-21	FY 21-22	
Waiver Review Submissions	0	0	→	5	8	↑
Waiver Review Releases	1	0	↓	7	5	↓
Operational Plan Submissions	0	0	→	1	1	→
Operational Plan Releases	0	0	→	0	4	↑

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