Health may be affected by the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat or the contaminants we touch. Chemicals, radiation, microbes, or anything in the physical world has the potential to affect our health. At the Center for Environmental Health, our scientists, engineers, sanitarians, physicians, educators, researchers and other public health professionals work together to prevent and reduce New Yorkers’ health risks at home, work, school and play. This directory describes the environmental health responsibilities and activities for each division, bureau, and program group within the Center.

NYSDOH regional offices and local health departments (NYSDOH district offices, county health departments, and the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene) are listed on pages 10 and 11.

**Telephone Directory**

**Environmental Health Information Line**
- 800 458-1158

**Office of the Director**
- 518 402-7500

**Outreach & Education Group**
- 518 402-7530

**Division of Environmental Health Assessment**
- 518 402-7511
  - Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology
    - 518 402-7950
  - Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment
    - 518 402-7800
  - Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention
    - 518 402-7900
  - Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation
    - 518 402-7860

**Division of Environmental Health Protection**
- 518 402-7500
  - Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection
    - 518 402-7600
  - Bureau of Water Supply Protection
    - 518 402-7650
  - Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection
    - 518 402-7550

A NYSDOH duty officer is available during non-working hours (holidays, nights, and weekends). The duty officer receives and refers, as necessary, official communications from the Governor’s Office, NYS Police, NYS Office of Emergency Management, or other agencies. In addition, the duty officer handles calls from the general public reporting urgent public health concerns.

**After-Hours Duty Officer**
- 866-881-2809

**Center E-mail Address**
- ceheduc@health.ny.gov

**Center for Environmental Health Web Site Information**
- www.health.ny.gov/environmental/
The Office of the Center Director provides overall executive direction for environmental health programs. In addition to supervision of central office staff, the office works closely with regional office staff to coordinate the oversight of environmental health program activities implemented by the Department’s nine district offices, 36 county health departments, and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Outreach & Education Group

The Group maintains communication with Center staff and the public to raise awareness, increase understanding, and respond to concerns about environmental health issues. The Group is responsible for:

- coordinating the Center’s response to the public regarding environmental health issues;
- coordinating community involvement and public participation for a wide range of programs across Center bureaus and divisions;
- identifying educational and outreach needs for diverse audiences;
- developing key messages and designing and preparing information packages;
- creating fact sheets, brochures, flyers, posters, videos, presentations and graphic displays;
- managing the Environmental Health Infoline and the center mail log; and
- overseeing the Center’s emergency preparedness and response program.

The Center maintains a toll-free environmental health information line to encourage and simplify communication with the public. The number is 1-800-458-1158. The infoline is staffed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. After-hours callers can leave a message. Calls are routed by computer from an electronic menu, or operators will route the calls.
Division of Environmental Health Assessment  Room 1619

518 402-7511  Fax 518 402-7509
Director     Elizabeth Lewis-Michl, PhD
Assistant Director   Kevin Malone, MPH

The Division evaluates the health effects of people’s exposure to chemical, physical and microbiological agents in food, soil, water, air and consumer products. It carries out exposure and health effects studies of people who have been exposed to these environmental agents, and it identifies and studies practices that put workers or the public at risk for injuries or adverse health effects. The Division maintains environmental disease registries and uses registry data to conduct research and design public health interventions. The Division uses mapping and other tools to display data, for health professionals and the public, on chemicals in the environment and on diseases. These tools increase understanding of changes over time and across New York State. Through these activities, the Division informs people about possible health risks and how to reduce or eliminate them.

Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology  Room 1203

518 402-7950  Fax 518 402-7959
Director     Neil Muscatiello, MS
Assistant Director   Sana Savadatti, DrPH

Bureau staff study, monitor and evaluate the effects of exposure to toxic substances and other environmental factors at home, at work, and in the community. The Bureau is responsible for:

- surveillance of chronic diseases and epidemiological studies to help identify environmental risk factors;
- conducting surveillance, epidemiological studies and health services research for birth defects and muscular dystrophies;
- maintain a geographic information system, GIS support to Center initiatives, create maps of disease and risk factors;
- exposure investigations to identify and reduce environmental health risks, including biomonitoring in communities to assess exposure to contaminants;
- managing the New York State Birth Defects Registry and registries of people exposed to environmental risk factors to monitor their health status over time;
- managing programs to improve children’s environmental health at home and school; and
- providing public education, data and information about birth defects, environmental/occupational exposures and environmental/occupational health risks to the public and professionals.
The Bureau has the following sections:

Community Environmental Health Surveillance  Steven Forand, MA, MS
Birth Defects Lifespan Studies  Aida Soim, PhD
Birth Defects Registry & Surveillance  Michele Herdt, MPH, PhD
Birth Defects Research  Marilyn Browne, PhD
GeTSMarT CEH Resource  Sanjaya Kumar, MS

Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment  Room 1743

518 402-7800  Fax 518 402-7819
Director  Thomas Johnson, PhD
Assistant Director  Mike Hughes, MS

Bureau staff assess the potential for exposures and risks when people come in contact with toxic substances through air, water, soil and food.

Bureau staff:

• assess exposures and health risks associated with contaminated sites;
• evaluate pesticides to determine their potential to pose significant risks to public health;
• develop annual sportfish and game consumption advisories;
• perform indoor air quality assessments for schools and other public buildings;
• assist in the development of drinking water and ambient water standards and guidelines;
• assess potential public health impacts of electric generating facilities, incinerators and other sources of air contaminants;
• manage the emergency oil spill relocation program; and
• provide information for responding to instances of chemical and biological releases/exposures.

The Bureau has the following sections:

Prevention and Sustainability  Henry Spliethoff, MS
Exposure Characterization and Response  Pat Fritz, ME
Risk Assessment  Kaycee Cole, MS
Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention Room 1325

518 402-7900     Fax 518 402-7909
Director      Michael Bauer, MS

Bureau staff monitor and address occupational illness and both occupational and non-occupational injuries, provide work-site consultation services and oversee a statewide network of clinics specializing in diagnosis and prevention of occupational diseases. Staff keep track of where, to whom and why injuries occur across the state and use this information to develop injury prevention programs. Staff respond to questions and concerns regarding:

- work-related illness, injury, death and hazardous exposure;
- certification and training of asbestos-removal workers;
- reporting to environmental disease registries for:
  - heavy metals exposures (lead, arsenic, cadmium, mercury);
  - occupational lung diseases (asthma, asbestosis, silicosis, etc.); and
- prevention of injuries, through projects related to:
  - vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety;
  - fall prevention;
  - teen driver education; and
  - suicide prevention.

The Bureau has the following sections:

Asbestos Safety Training   Karen Cummings, MPH
Programs

Epidemiology and Surveillance   Alicia Fletcher, MPH

Injury Prevention Programs   Vacant
Bureau staff investigate the potential for human exposure from environmental contamination, primarily at inactive hazardous waste sites and brownfield sites. For every state, federal superfund, brownfield and voluntary clean-up site, a Bureau specialist is assigned to coordinate and communicate health-related activities. In addition, Bureau staff prepare public health assessments for federal superfund sites under an agreement with the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR). Staff also conduct exposure investigations as part of the state’s Cancer Surveillance Improvement Initiative.

The Bureau includes one unit and manages sites across NYS in nine DEC regions:

- DEC Regions 1,9: Charlotte Bethoney
- DEC Regions 4,5 and 8: Justin Deming, PG, MS
- DEC Regions 3,6: Maureen Schuck
- DEC Regions 2,7: Scarlett McLaughlin, PG
- Reporting & Management Unit: Kate McLaughlin

DEC Regions
Division of Environmental Health Protection  Room 1619

518 402-7500  Fax 518 402-7509
Director  Christine Westerman
Assistant Director  Vacant
Field Coordination  Vacant

The Division houses the Center’s regulatory programs designed to minimize environmental health threats and provides policy directives and implementation guidance to city/county health departments and state, regional and district offices. The programs protect the State’s residents and visitors by enforcing health and safety regulations relating to drinking water quality, food safety in restaurants, beach and swimming pool safety, children’s camps, radiation protection, lead poisoning prevention, migrant farm worker housing, indoor tanning, tattooing and exposure to tobacco smoke.

Bureau of Community Environmental Health & Food Protection  Room 1395

518 402-7600  Fax 518 402-7609
Director  Sheri Ford
Assistant Director  Timothy Shay

Bureau staff develop environmental health regulations and associated program guidance to ensure that core environmental health program standards are achieved in the areas listed below. Staff research public health issues which form the scientific basis for regulation development and provide training to local health departments and district offices. Bureau staff oversee illness and injury incident investigations associated with these regulated facilities and respond to questions and concerns from the public.

Program areas include:

• children’s camps;
• food service facilities;
• public beaches, swimming pools and recreational aquatic spray grounds;
• migrant farmworker housing;
• hotels and motels;
• adolescent tobacco use prevention;
• clean indoor air act (tobacco smoke);
• ultraviolet tanning facilities;
• tattooing and body piercing;
• childhood lead poisoning prevention program;
• primary prevention of lead poisoning;
• campgrounds and agricultural fairgrounds;
• public health nuisances;
• mobile home parks; and mass gatherings.

The Bureau has the following sections:

Food Protection  Darby Greco
Recreational Environmental Health  Jim Maurer
Bureau of Water Supply Protection

518 402-7650
Director
Assistant Director

Fax 518 402-7599
Kristine Wheeler, PE
Tina Hunt, PE

Bureau staff regulate the operation, design and quality of public drinking water supplies and commercial bottled water suppliers; assure water sources are adequately protected; administer the State Drinking Water State Revolving Fund that provides financial assistance to public water suppliers; train and certify drinking water system operators; develop standards and other policy for realty subdivisions, individual water supplies and individual wastewater systems (septic systems); review recreational bathing facility designs, oversee the implementation of the Protection against Legionella and the Lead Testing in School Drinking Water regulations and conduct research on emerging drinking water issues. Staff respond to questions and concerns regarding:

- reports of water-related illness;
- drinking water quality, advisories or problems with a water provider;
- drinking water treatment and the design of water treatment systems;
- drinking water system security, emergency preparedness and response;
- drinking water related research and environmental risk assessment;
- drinking water related critical infrastructure protection and geographic information system support;
- practical ways to reduce exposure to possible contaminants in drinking water;
- watershed protection;
- water system improvement funding;
- small water system technical assistance;
- bottled and bulk water provider certification;
- drinking water treatment and distribution system operator certification;
- realty subdivisions, private residential water and onsite wastewater treatment systems;
- recreational bathing facilities design.
- oversight of NYC’s Filtration Avoidance Determination;
- harmful algal blooms; and
- Legionella and legionellosis outbreaks.
The Bureau has the following sections:

Design                                  Dave Phillips, PE
Design                                  Brock Rogers, PE
Operations                               Steve Gladding, PE
Residential Sanitation                   Stephen Marshall, PE
Water System Control & Analysis          Vacant
Compliance                               Scott Alderman, PhD, PE
New York City Watershed                  Patrick Palmer, MPH
Professional Certification              Vacant
Special Projects                         Min-Sook Kim, PhD, PE

Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection  Room 1201

518 402-7550                                Fax 518 402-7554
Director                                   Alexander Damiani, MS, MPH
Assistant Director                          Vacant

The Bureau regulates the public health aspects of ionizing radiation and is the lead state program for responding to radiological emergencies. Work includes:

• registration and inspections of facilities that use radiation producing equipment;
• licensing and inspection of facilities using radioactive materials;
• licensing and registration of radiologic technologists;
• education and technical support for radon testing and mitigation;
• addressing public question/concerns on radiation, including electromagnetic radiation;
• assessing potential public health threats from radiologically contaminated sites; and
• responding to radiation emergencies or incidents.

The Bureau has the following sections:

Radiation Equipment and Radiologic Technology            Robert Snyder
Radioactive Materials Licensing                           Daniel Samson, CHP
Radiological Emergency Response and Radon and Environm. Radion C. Cynthia Costello, MS, MPH, CHP
Inspection and Enforcement                                Charles Burns
NYSDOH Regional and Field Structure

State District Offices carry out environmental health protection programs in the 21 counties that do not deliver environmental health services through county or city health departments. They ensure that suitable water, food, housing and recreational facilities are provided to the public. The District Offices identify, investigate, and resolve actual and potential health hazards caused by environmental factors. Regional Offices provide technical and program support, as well as monitor and evaluate implementation of environmental health protection programs in District Offices and local health departments within the regional jurisdiction. Telephone numbers for regional, district, county and city health departments are listed below. A map of the regional and field structure is included on page 12.

**Western Region  Buffalo, Rochester**  
Regional Environmental Health Director  
Anita Bonamici  
585 423-8072

**Geneva District Office**  
( Ontario, Wayne, Yates)  
Michael Vaccaro  
315 789-3030

**Hornell District Office**  
(Steuben, Schuyler)  
Michelle Donovan  
607 324-8371

**County Health Departments**

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**Central Region  Syracuse**  
Regional Environmental Health Director  
John Strepelis, ME, PE  
315 477-8150

**Canton District Office**  
(St. Lawrence)  
Ron Sheppard  
315 386-1040

**Watertown District Office**  
(Jefferson, Lewis)  
Brandon Cooney  
315 785-2277

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Capital Area Environmental Health Program (Albany) 518 402-7510

Regional Environmental Health Director | Robert Swider, PE
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**Glens Falls District Office** (Saratoga, Warren, Washington) | Rebecca Bussert 518 793-3893
**Herkimer District Office** (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery) | Donald Van Patten 315 866-6879
**Oneonta District Office** (Delaware, Greene, Otsego) | Ed Bartos 607 432-3911
**Saranac Lake District Office** (Essex, Franklin, Hamilton) | Kristen Sayers 518 891-1800

County Health Departments
- **Albany** 518 447-4620
- **Clinton** 518 565-4870
- **Columbia** 518 828-3358
- **Rensselaer** 518 270-2632
- **Schenectady** 518 386-2818
- **Schoharie** 518 295-8382

Metropolitan Region New York City 212 417-4100

Regional Environmental Health Director | Eric Weigert, MPH
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(Located in Monticello District Office) | 845 794-2045
**New Rochelle Field Office** | 914 654-7000
**Central Islip Field Office** | 631 851-3084
**Monticello District Office** Chris Coddington 845 794-2045 (Sullivan)

County Health Departments
- **Dutchess** 845 486-3404
- **Nassau** 516 227-9723
- **Orange** 845 291-2331
- **Putnam** 845 808-1390
- **Rockland** 845 364-2608
- **Suffolk** 631 854-0000
- **Ulster** 845 340-3010
- **Westchester** 914 813-5000

New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene 347 396-4100

For City Information 212 639-9675 or 311 within NYC