Outreach & Education Group
Division of Environmental Health Assessment

District Offices
Provide environmental health services to 21 counties without full-service health departments

Regional Offices

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Office of the Director
Outreach & Education Group

Division of Environmental Health Protection

* Current Operating Structure
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**

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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.

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<td><a href="mailto:ceheduc@health.ny.gov">ceheduc@health.ny.gov</a></td>
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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.

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 exhibits;
- 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.
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 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;
- geographic information system maps of disease and risk factors;
- surveillance and research of congenital malformations;
- registries of people exposed to environmental risk factors to monitor their health status over time;
- exposure investigations to identify and reduce environmental health risks; and
- public education regarding environmental and occupational exposures and health risks.

The Bureau has five sections and two teams:

**Sections**
- Community Exposure Research: Steven Forand, MPH
- Birth Defects Registry & Surveillance: Deborah Fox, MS
- Birth Defects Research: Marilyn Browne, PhD
- Environmental Health Surveillance: Neil Muscatiello, MPH
- Child & School Health: Michele Herdt, MPH, PhD

**Teams**
- Congenital Heart Defects Surveillance: Alissa Van Zutphen, PhD
- GetSMART CEH Resource: Sanjaya Kumar
Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment

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 three sections:

Prevention and Sustainability          Henry Spliethoff, MS
Exposure Characterization and Response Mike Hughes, MS
Risk Assessment                       Kenneth Bogdan, PhD
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;
  - opioid poisonings; and
  - suicide prevention.

The Bureau has four sections:

Intervention, Outreach and Prevention  Nicholas Pavelchak
Asbestos Safety Training and  Karen Cummings, MPH
    Occupational Lung Programs
Epidemiology and Surveillance  Michael Bauer, MS
Injury Prevention Programs  Gina Gillooley, MPH
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, 5 and 9
  - Charlotte Bethoney
- DEC Regions 2, 4 and 8
  - Justin Deming, MS
- DEC Regions 3, 6 and 7
  - Maureen Schuck
- Reporting & Management Unit
  - Kate McLaughlin
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 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 five sections:

Food Protection     Darby Greco
Recreational Environmental Health  Timothy Shay
Housing Hygiene   Thomas Carroll
Tobacco Enforcement    Steve Martin
Program Standardization Evaluation and Reporting  Melissa Brewer

Bureau of Water Supply Protection  
Room 1110
518 402-7650  Fax 518 402-7599
Director     Vacant
Assistant Director    Teresa Boepple-Swider, 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 reality 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;
- reality 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 seven sections:

- **Design**      Michael Montysko, PE
- **Operations**  Bill Gilday, PE
- **Residential Sanitation**  Vacant
- **Water System Control & Analysis**  David Dziewulski, PhD
- **Information Systems/Compliance**  Tina Hunt, PE
- **New York City Watershed**  Pamela Young, PhD
- **Professional Certification**  Jane Thapa, PE

**Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection**

Room 1201

518 402-7550    Fax 518 402-7554

**Director**  Stephen Gavitt, CHP
**Assistant Director**  Robert Dansereau

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;
- home testing for radon and radon reduction measures;
- 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 four sections:

- **Radiation Equipment**  Alexander Damiani, MS, MPH
- **Radioactive Materials**  Daniel Samson, CHP
- **Environmental Radiation/Radon and Emergency Response**  Cynthia Costello, MPH, CHP
- **Inspection and Enforcement**  Robert Snyder
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 585 423-8072
Regional Environmental Health Director Anita Bonamici

Geneva District Office James Hale 315 789-3030
(Ontario, Wayne, Yates) (Acting)

Hornell District Office Tomas Klaseus 607 324-8371
(Steuben, Schuyler)

County Health Departments
Allegany 585 268-9254 Livingston 585 243-7280
Cattaraugus 716 373-8050 Monroe 585 753-2991
Chautauqua 716 753-4769 Niagara 716 439-7444
Chemung 607 737-2019 Orleans 585 589-3250
Erie 716 898-6104 Seneca 315 539-1920
Genesee 585 344-2580 Wyoming 585 786-8894

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

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

Watertown District Office Sheri Palmer 315 785-2277
(Jefferson, Lewis)

County Health Departments
Broome 607 778-2887 Oneida 315 798-5064
Cayuga 315 253-1405 Onondaga 315 435-6623
Chenango 607 337-1673 Oswego 315 349-3557
Cortland 607 753-5035 Tioga 607 687-8565
Madison 315 366-2526 Tompkins 607 274-6688
Capital Area Environmental Health Program  (Albany)  518 402-7510
Regional Environmental Health Director  Robert Swider, PE

Glens Falls District Office  Anita Gabalski  518 793-3893
(Saratoga, Warren, Washington)

Herkimer District Office  Donald Van Patten  315 866-6879
(Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery)

Oneonta District Office  Audrey Lewis  607 432-3911
(Delaware, Greene, Otsego)

Saranac Lake District Office  Kristen Sayers  518 891-1800
(Essex, Franklin, Hamilton)

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

Metropolitan Region
Regional Environmental Health Director  Christine Westerman, MPH
(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  Kelly VanDerVliet  845 794-2045
(Sullivan) (Acting)

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