

# New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Directory



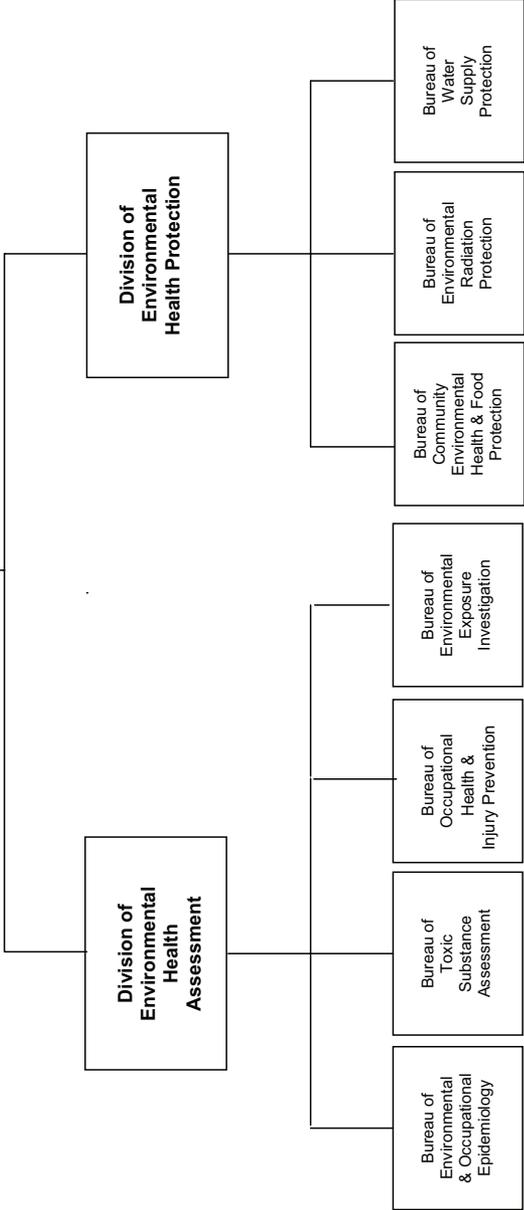
Environmental Public Health Tracking



<b>Regional Offices</b>
<b>District Offices</b> Provide environmental health services to 21 counties without full-service health departments

Outreach & Education Group

**CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**  
Office of the Director



# Center for Environmental Health

New York State Department of Health

ESP, Corning Tower

Albany, NY 12237

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

<b>Environmental Health Information Line</b>	<b>800 458-1158</b>
<b>Office of the Director</b>	<b>518 402-7500</b>
Outreach & Education Group	518 402-7530

<b>Division of Environmental Health Assessment</b>	<b>518 402-7511</b>
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

<b>Division of Environmental Health Protection</b>	<b>518 402-7500</b>
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](mailto:ceheduc@health.ny.gov)

**Center for Environmental Health Web Site Information**

[www.health.ny.gov/environmental/](http://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/)

# **CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH** Room 1619

**518 402-7500**

**Center Director**

**Deputy Center Director**

**Center Administrator**

**Medical Director**

**Strategic Planning and Priorities**

**Fax 518 402-7509**

**Gary Ginsberg, PhD**

**Michael Cambridge, RS**

**Susan Dorward**

**Kristen Navarette, MD**

**Deanna Ripstein**

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** Room 1642

**518 402-7530**

**Director**

**Fax 518 402-7539**

**Gena Gallinger, MS**

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**

**Alissa Van Zutphen, PhD**

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 six sections:**

**Community Exposure Research**  
**Birth Defects Lifespan Studies**  
**Birth Defects Registry & Surveillance**  
**Birth Defects Research**  
**Environmental Health Surveillance**  
**GeTSMarT CEH Resource**

**Steven Forand, MA, MS**  
**Aida Soim, PhD**  
**Michele Herdt, MPH, PhD**  
**Marilyn Browne, PhD**  
**Vacant**  
**Sanjaya Kumar, MS**

# **Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment**

Room 1743

**518 402-7800**

**Fax 518 402-7819**

**Director**

**Gregg Recer, 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 three sections:**

**Prevention and Sustainability  
Exposure Characterization  
and Response  
Risk Assessment**

**Henry Spliethoff, MS  
Pat Fritz, M. Eng**

**Thomas Johnson, PhD**

# **Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention**

**518 402-7900**

**Director**

**Fax 518 402-7909**

**Michael Bauer, MS**

**Room 1325**

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 five sections:**

**Occupational Intervention  
Asbestos Safety Training and  
Occupational Lung Programs  
Epidemiology and Surveillance  
Injury Prevention Programs**

**Hillary Waterhouse  
Karen Cummings, MPH**

**Alicia Fletcher, MPH  
Gina Gillooley, MPH**

**Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation** Room 1717

518 402-7860

Fax 518 402-7859

Director

Christine Vooris, PE

ATSDR Coordinator

Fay Navratil

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**

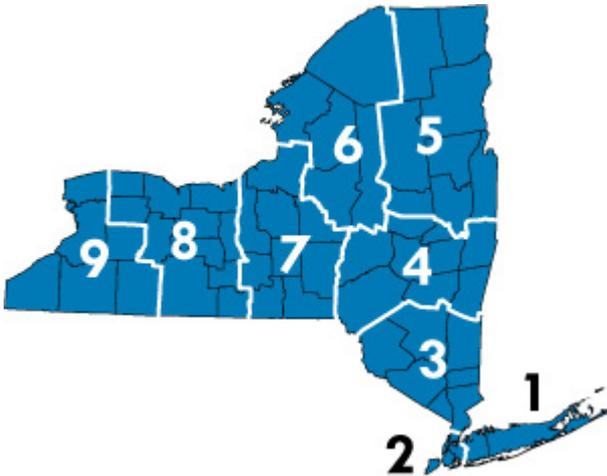
**DEC Regions 2,7**

**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**

**Roger Sokol, PhD**

**Assistant Director**

**Daniel Lang, MS, PhD**

**Field Coordination**

**Claudine Jones Rafferty**

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**

**Brian Miner**

**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 five sections:**

**Food Protection  
Recreational Environmental Health  
Housing Hygiene  
Tobacco Enforcement  
Program Standardization Evaluation  
and Reporting**

**Darby Greco  
Jim Maurer  
Thomas Carroll  
Steve Martin  
Melissa Brewer**

## **Bureau of Water Supply Protection**

**518 402-7650**

**Director**

**Assistant Directors**

**Room 1110**

**Fax 518 402-7599**

**Vacant**

**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 seven sections:**

**Design  
Operations  
Residential Sanitation  
Water System Control & Analysis  
Information Systems/Compliance  
New York City Watershed  
Professional Certification**

**Michael Montysko, PE  
Bill Gilday, PE  
Stephen Marshall, PE  
David Dziewulski, PhD  
Scott Alderman, PhD, PE  
Patrick Palmer, MPH  
Jane Thapa, PE**

## **Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection**

**Room 1201**

**518 402-7550**

**Fax 518 402-7554**

**Director**

**Alexander Damiani, MS, MPH**

**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  
Radioactive Materials  
Environmental Radiation/Radon and  
Emergency Response  
Inspection and Enforcement**

**Robert Snyder  
Daniel Samson, CHP  
Cynthia Costello, MPH, CHP  
  
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 585 423-8072**

**Regional Environmental Health Director Anita Bonamici**

**Geneva District Office** Patrick Toye 315 789-3030  
(Ontario, Wayne, Yates)

**Hornell District Office** Michelle Donovan 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 Strepelis, ME, PE,**

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

**Watertown District Office** Sheri Ford 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** Ed Bartos 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 New York City 212 417-4100**

**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** Chris Coddington 845 794-2045  
 (Sullivan)

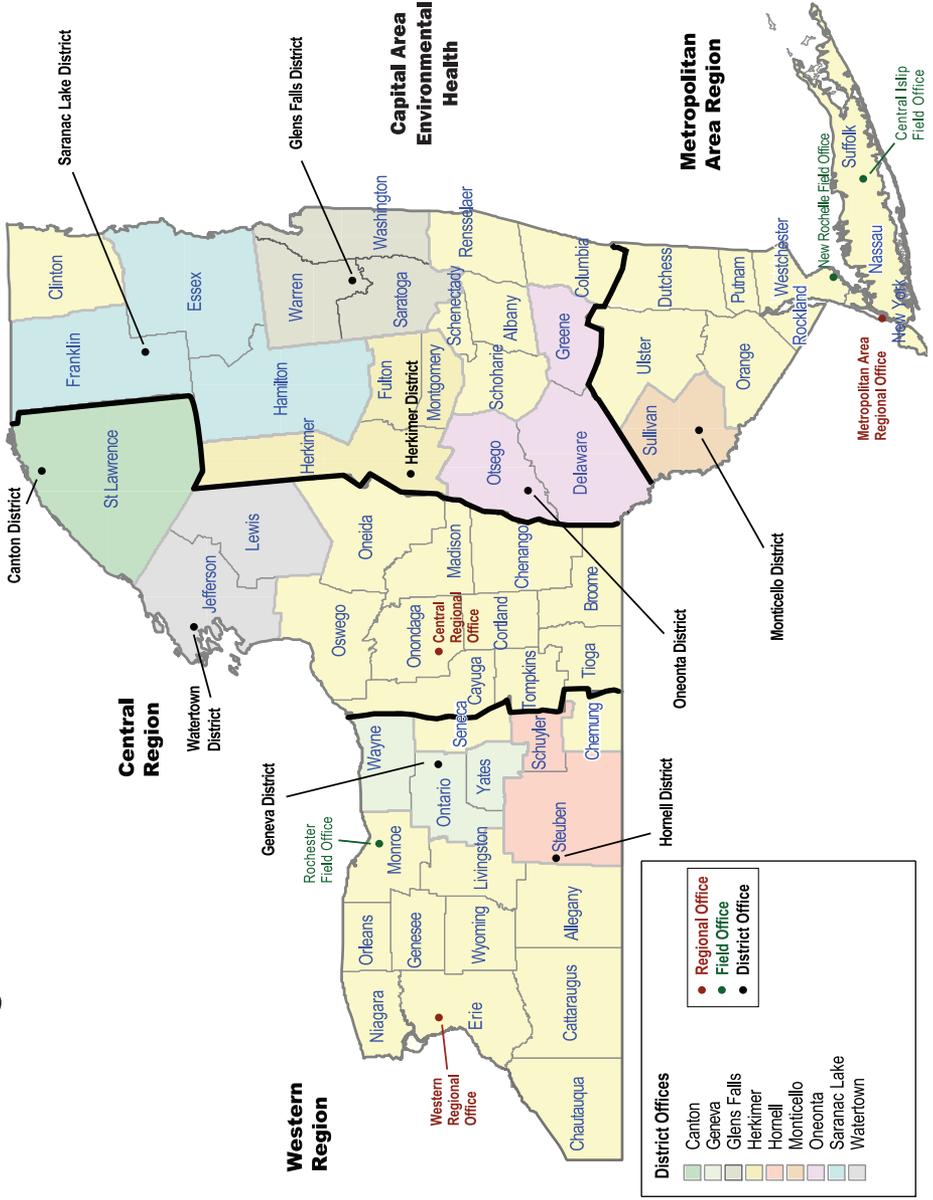
**County Health Departments**

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

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