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Highlight Report – Environmental Health Services

Summary of EHS Highlights – October 2022

RABIES PREVENTION

There were two bats submitted for rabies testing in October. One was found to be positive for rabies. The cat that had killed the rabid bat had a current rabies vaccination and was therefore able to be boosted. The total number of specimens sent in 2022 is 44 and the total positive specimens for the year is 3.

Two Chemung County residents were authorized to receive rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in October due possible exposures to the rabies virus.

There were no free rabies clinics held in October, however two clinics are planned for November.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

EHS received 2 referrals in October for properties in the City of Elmira, one each in zip codes 14901 and 14904. The BLLs were 5.6 and 5.8 µg/dL. Two cases were closed this month.

ENFORCEMENT

There were 4 enforcement actions in October, which brings the yearly total to 24. The respondents included O'Brien's Inn in the Town of Chemung for failure to file the monthly water system operation report (\$100) and three for violations of the ATUPA law, including RS Food Mart on Lake St for a sale to an underage individual - \$750 fine (incl surcharge), Quick Stop Beverage & Grocery (Broadway) for advertisement within 1,500 ft of a school - \$350 fine (incl surcharge), and Queen City Deli & Grocery for 624 flavored vapor products offered for sale - \$15,850 fine (incl surcharge).

The operators of RS Food Mart and Quick Stop Beverage accepted the stipulation offers and paid their respective fines. Queen City & O'Brien's have not yet responded to the stipulation offer.

ATUPA

EHS staff and underage inspectors completed 35 (19 adult/16 underage) compliance checks in October. There were no sales.

Complaints

The department received and investigated 7 complaints this month, 1 for alleged sale of flavored liquid vapor products to underage persons at an ATUPA facility, one alleging skin irritation from a hotel pool, 3 food safety concerns at food service establishments, a complaint about rubbish at a mobile home park, and an alleged case of foodborne illness.

Administration

At our request, the NYSDOH Western Region Environmental Health Field Coordinator conducted training inspections October 11 at high-risk (cooling, reheating) food service establishments with one of our sanitarians. This type of training had traditionally been required as part of the application package for a sanitarian to attain NYSDOH certification to inspect these facilities. Due to the implementation of the Model Food Code, such certification is on-hold. The feedback regarding the sanitarian's performance was extremely positive.

Environmental Health Activities As Of 10/31/2022	# on record as of 1/1	2022 Projected # of (YTD) Inspections	2022 Actual # of (YTD) Inspections	2021 Unduplicated Inspections	# of complaints YTD - 2022	Actual Revenue 2021 Total	Projected Revenue 2022 YTD	Actual Revenue 2022 YTD
Water Supply								
Community Systems	28	23	11	25				
Non-Comm. Systems	54	45	40	54				
Non-Transient, Non-Community	5	4	3	6				
Non-Public Water	25	21	19	21				
Community Sanitation								
ATUPA - Retail (Apr-Mar year) *	83	97	73	33	4			
Campgrounds	5	4	5	3			\$0.00	
Children's Camps	4	3	3	4				
Clean Indoor Air Act (Smoking)	-	-	-	-				
Day Care Centers (On Demand)	*	*	3	11			\$0.00	
Food Service - High Risk	182	152	127	62	23		\$0.00	
Food Service - Low Risk	33	28	22	18	1			
Food Service - Medium Risk	175	146	136	108	11			
Illnesses	-	-	-	-	6			
Mobile Home Parks	28	23	28	17	4		\$0.00	
Nuisances	-	-	-	-	2			
Rabies Control	-	-	-	-			\$0.00	
Realty Subdivisions	-	-	-	-				
Residential Lead	*	*	17	22				
Sewage Disposal	*	*	55	68	10		\$0.00	
Swimming Pools/Bathing Beach	24	20	14	13	2		\$0.00	
Tanning Facilities	6	5	5	5				
Temporary Residence	19	16	18	9	4		\$0.00	
TOTAL	671	587	579	479	67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00