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## **Highlight Report – Environmental Health Services**

### **Summary of EHS Highlights – September 2022**

#### **RABIES PREVENTION**

There were zero specimens submitted for rabies testing in September. The total number of specimens sent in 2022 is 42 and the total positive specimens for the year is 2.

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

Two free rabies clinics were held in September, including at Chapel Park 9/24 where 198 animals were vaccinated and 9/29 at Erin Town Hall, where 115 animals were vaccinated. EHS is working with the SPCA to schedule at least one more clinic in 2022.

#### **LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**

EHS received 2 referrals in September for properties in the City of Elmira in zip code 14904. The BLLs were 5.1 and 5.8 µg/dL. Two cases were closed this month.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

There were 3 enforcement actions in September, which brings the yearly total to 20. The respondents included Hampton Inn in Big Flats (\$300) for repeat violations for failure to maintain a concentration of bromine in the pool between 1.5 and 6mg/L, O'Brien's Inn on County Route 60 in the Town of Chemung for repeat violations for not maintaining the fire alarm system and not documenting fire extinguisher maintenance (hotel) and equipment plumbing not maintained, and Sheppard's Creek MHP on Wyncoop Creek Rd in Van Etten for inadequate refuse storage and disposal.

The operators of Hampton Inn and Sheppard's Creek MHP accepted the stipulation offers and paid their respective fines. O'Brien's operator has indicated acceptance but has failed to provide payment or the signed offer.

#### **ATUPA**

EHS staff and underage inspectors completed 36 (19 adult/17 underage) compliance checks in September. There was 1 sale. In addition, one facility was found to be advertising a tobacco or vapor product within 1,500 ft of a school, and one facility offered flavored vapor products for sale.

## **Complaints**

The department received and investigated 6 complaints this month, 2 for alleged sale of flavored liquid vapor products at ATUPA facilities, discolored water at a mobile home park, cleanliness in a room at a temporary residence, and 2 related to sewage (an odor and a disconnected pipe causing sewage on the ground).

## **Items of Interest**

EHS staff performed troubleshooting and training to staff involved with the maintenance of the Hampton Inn pool, due to the repeat violation and subsequent fine for having too much bromine. Training focused on performing water chemistry testing and reading results.

## **Administration**

An individual was hired for the Public Health Sanitarian position created for the expansion of the grant for lead poisoning prevention activities. Her first day was September 20 and she has begun training as a sanitarian and will soon have her first experiences in the lead program.

The Supervising Sanitarian attended the Conference of Environmental Health Directors in Blue Mountain Lake September 19-21, during which NYSDOH provided programmatic updates, including recent sanitary code amendments for pools/beaches pertaining to rentals (Swimply), pesticide legislation at children's camps, delayed adoption of FDA Model Food Code, proposed updated guidance document for elevated lead investigations, and a host of new requirements for testing for PFAs and emerging contaminants at community and non-community drinking water supplies.

<b>Environmental Health Activities As Of 9/30/2022</b>	# 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
<b>Water Supply</b>								
Community Systems	28	21	9	25				
Non-Comm. Systems	54	41	38	54				
Non-Transient, Non-Community	5	4	2	6				
Non-Public Water	25	19	19	21				
<b>Community Sanitation</b>								
ATUPA - Retail (Apr-Mar year) *	83	83	73	33	3			
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	137	103	62	21		\$0.00	
Food Service - Low Risk	33	25	18	18	1			
Food Service - Medium Risk	175	131	130	108	10			
Illnesses	-	-	-	-	5			
Mobile Home Parks	28	21	28	17	4		\$0.00	
Nuisances	-	-	-	-	2			
Rabies Control	-	-	-	-			\$0.00	
Realty Subdivisions	-	-	-	-				
Residential Lead	*	*	15	22				
Sewage Disposal	*	*	49	68	10		\$0.00	
Swimming Pools/Bathing Beach	24	18	14	13	1		\$0.00	
Tanning Facilities	6	5	5	5				
Temporary Residence	19	14	16	9	4		\$0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>671</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>530</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>