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Highlight Report – Environmental Health Services

Summary of EHS Highlights – February 2023

RABIES PREVENTION

There were four specimens (2 bats, 2 dogs) submitted for rabies testing in February. All were negative for the rabies virus. This brings the total number of specimens sent in 2023 to 6. All have been negative for rabies.

No Chemung County residents were authorized to receive rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in February.

There were no free rabies clinics held in February. A clinic for March is planned as the vaccine on-hand expires at the end of the month.

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION

EHS received 19 new referrals in February. Most were backlogged from 2022. Due to the delay in receiving the referrals and the transient nature of many of EBL cases, the homes that have been or will be assessed are not necessarily where the child resided at the time of their elevation. Zip codes included 14901(2), 14903(2), 14904(10), 14814(2), 14845(2), 14894(1). Eight of these referrals were for children with current BLLs of less than 5 µg/dL and the highest EBL was 9.

ENFORCEMENT

There were 3 enforcement actions in February, including:

--Horseheads Village Water for failure to sample four analytes during 2022 (\$1000).

--Red Lobster for repeat violations for failure to maintain equipment so that potentially hazardous foods are kept less than or equal to 45F during cold-holding (\$200).

--Pick's Pub for repeat violations for failure to keep potentially hazardous foods less than or equal to 45F during cold-holding (\$100).

All except for Red Lobster, which has until March 22 to respond, have accepted the stipulation offers and paid their respective fines.

ATUPA

EHS staff and underage inspectors completed 27 (14 adult, 13 underage) compliance check in February. There were two sales, both involved flavored vapor products containing nicotine. Enforcement actions are being prepared for these violations.

Complaints

The department received and investigated 10 complaints this month, including 5 at food service establishments, one each for a temporary residence, mobile home park, sewage concern, and one nuisance.

Environmental Health Activities As Of 2/28/2023	# on record as of 1/1	2023 Projected # of (YTD) Inspections	2023 Actual # of (YTD) Inspections	2022 Unduplicated Inspections	# of complaints YTD - 2023
Water Supply					
Community Systems	27	5	1	21	
Non-Comm. Systems	49	8	1	44	
Non-Transient, Non-Community	5	1	2	4	
Non-Public Water	26	4	2	19	
Community Sanitation					
ATUPA - Retail (Apr-Mar year) **	170	312	176	132	1
Campgrounds	5	1	0	5	
Children's Camps	4	1	0	3	
Clean Indoor Air Act (Smoking)	-	-	-	-	
Day Care Centers (On Demand)	*	*	2	4	
Food Service - High Risk	176	29	57	204	4
Food Service - Low Risk	32	5	5	28	
Food Service - Medium Risk	188	31	44	162	3
Illnesses	-	-	-	-	1
Mobile Home Parks	27	5	0	28	1
Nuisances	-	-	-	-	1
Rabies Control	-	-	-	-	
Realty Subdivisions	-	-	-	-	
Residential Lead	*	*	32	23	
Sewage Disposal	*	*	7	63	5
Swimming Pools/Bathing Beach	24	4	1	21	1
Tanning Facilities	6	1	5	6	
Temporary Residence	19	3	11	18	1
TOTAL					
	758	410	346	785	18