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

### **Summary of EHS Highlights – January 2023**

#### **RABIES PREVENTION**

There were two specimens (bats) submitted for rabies testing in January. Both were negative for the rabies virus.

Two Chemung County residents were authorized to receive rabies post-exposure prophylaxis in January.

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

#### **LEAD POISONING PREVENTION**

EHS received 13 new referrals in January. 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(3), 14903(1), 14904(4), 14905(3), 14845(1), 14871(1). Seven of these referrals were for children with current BLLs of less than 5 µg/dL and the highest EBL was 14.2.

#### **ENFORCEMENT**

There were 6 enforcement actions in January, including:

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

--Relax Inn for failure to maintain the fire alarm system (smoke detection/alarm devices) (\$100)

--Bell's Country Coffee for repeat violations accurate thermometers to evaluate refrigerated storage temperatures (\$100).

--P.D.R.'s Catering for repeat violations for adulterated food on the premises (\$200).

--Tag's Tavern for repeat violations for failure to collect the total coliform water sample (during December) (\$200)

--O'Brien's Inn for repeat violations for failure to collect total coliform sample (during the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2022) (\$100)

All respondents accepted the stipulation offers and paid their respective fines.

## **ATUPA**

EHS staff and underage inspectors completed 17 (11 adult, 6 underage) compliance check in January. There were no sales.

## **Complaints**

The department received and investigated 9 complaints this month, including 4 sewage concerns, two at food service establishments, one regarding a pool at a temporary residence, price reduction for a product under ATUPA, and an alleged foodborne illness complaint.

## **Administration**

The DEHS and other-county health officials participated in a virtual meeting with NYS Senator Monica Martinez of Long Island on January 19 regarding flavor additives in nicotine and vapor products and the difficulties experienced with enforcement of the ban on these products.

The NYSDOH Western Region Field Coordinator performed an on-site review of our ATUPA program for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. Though the report of the review has not yet been provided, it was noted at the time of visit that we have just two compliance checks to complete prior to April 1. And, though we were able to complete checks at only about a quarter of our facilities in 2021-2022, most LHDs in the region and NYS faced similar difficulties during 2021-2022 due to redeployment of staff for COVID-related activities and with attracting underage inspectors.

<b>Environmental Health Activities As Of 1/31/2023</b>	<b># on record as of 1/1</b>	<b>2023 Projected # of (YTD) Inspections</b>	<b>2023 Actual # of (YTD) Inspections</b>	<b>2022 Unduplicated Inspections</b>	<b># of complaints YTD - 2023</b>
<b>Water Supply</b>					
Community Systems	27	2	0	21	
Non-Comm. Systems	49	4	1	44	
Non-Transient, Non-Community	5	0	0	4	
Non-Public Water	26	2	1	19	
<b>Community Sanitation</b>					
ATUPA - Retail (Apr-Mar year) **	85	142	149	132	1
Campgrounds	5	0	0	5	
Children's Camps	4	0	0	3	
Clean Indoor Air Act (Smoking)	-	-	-	-	
Day Care Centers (On Demand)	*	*	2	4	
Food Service - High Risk	176	15	24	204	1
Food Service - Low Risk	32	3	4	28	
Food Service - Medium Risk	188	16	31	162	1
Illnesses	-	-	-	-	1
Mobile Home Parks	27	2	0	28	
Nuisances	-	-	-	-	
Rabies Control	-	-	-	-	
Realty Subdivisions	-	-	-	-	
Residential Lead	*	*	13	23	
Sewage Disposal	*	*	4	63	4
Swimming Pools/Bathing Beach	24	2	1	21	1
Tanning Facilities	6	1	5	6	
Temporary Residence	19	2	9	18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>244</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>9</b>

\*\* At least one underage and one adult compliance check are required at each retail facility of record.