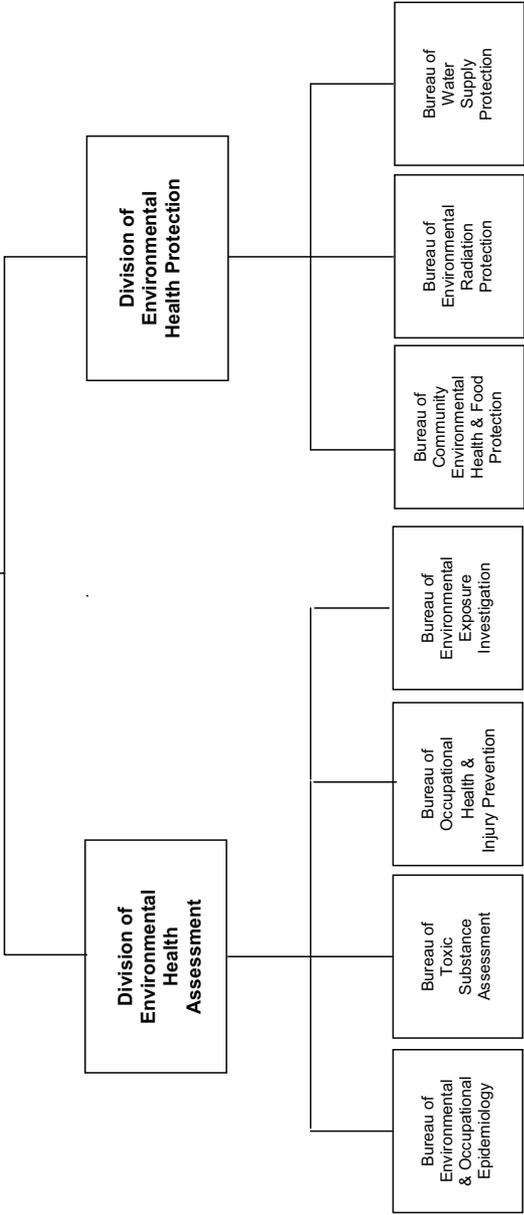
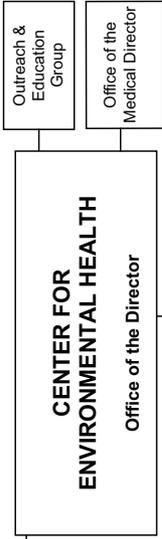


New York State Department of Health Center for Environmental Health Directory



Environmental Public Health Tracking





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

Environmental Health Information Line **800 458-1158**

Office of the Director **518 402-7500**

Outreach & Education Group 518 402-7530

Office of the Medical Director 518 402-7500

Division of Environmental Health Assessment **518 402-7511**

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

Division of Environmental Health Protection **518 402-7500**

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

Center for Environmental Health Web Site Information
www.health.ny.gov/environmental/

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH Room 1619
518 402-7500 Fax 518 402-7509
Center Director Nathan Graber, MD, MPH
Center Administrator Susan Dorward

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 Fax 518 402-7539
Director Faith Schottenfeld, EdD

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 exhibits; and
- managing the Environmental Health Infoline.

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.

Office of the Medical Director Room 1656
518 402-7500 Fax 518 402-7509
Medical Director Nina Ahmad, MD

The Office of the Medical Director focuses on cross-cutting initiatives throughout the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) as it relates to clinical issues. The Office monitors and assesses environmental health threats to the public, responds to outbreaks, provides clinical guidance for the Center and oversees the occupational health clinic network across the state. The Office also houses CEH's Emergency Preparedness and Response program.

Division of Environmental Health Assessment

Room 1619

518 402-7511

Fax 518 402-7509

Director

Kevin Gleason

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

Syni-An Hwang, PhD

Acting 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 five sections:

Community Exposure Research

Elizabeth Lewis-Michl, PhD

Congenital Malformations Registry & Research

Birth Defects Registry and Surveillance

Deborah Fox, MS

Birth Defects Research

Marilyn Browne, PhD

Environmental Health Surveillance

Neil Muscatiello, MPH

Child & School Health

Michele Herdt, MPH, PhD

Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment

Room 1743

518 402-7800

Fax 518 402-7819

Director

James Leach, MS

Assistant Director

Gregg Recer, PhD

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 National Toxic Substance Incidence 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**

**James Leach, MS
Mike Hughes, MS**

Kenneth Bogdan, PhD

Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention

Room 1325

518 402-7900

Fax 518 402-7909

Director

Kitty Gelberg, MPH, PhD

Bureau staff monitor and address occupational illness and both occupational and non-occupational injury, provide work-site consultation service 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
 - pesticide poisonings;
- prevention of injuries, through projects related to:
 - vehicle, pedestrian and bicycle safety;
 - fall prevention; and
 - teen driver education.

The Bureau has five sections:

**Occupational
Asbestos Safety Training
Epidemiology and Surveillance
Child Injury and Traffic
Adult Injury and Violence**

**Nicholas Pavelchak
Kevin Malone
Michael Bauer, MS
Gina Gillooley
Leah Wentworth**

Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation Room 1717

518 402-7860

Fax 518 402-7859

Director

Krista Anders, PhD

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 1,5 and 9

Charlotte Bethoney

DEC Regions 2,4 and 8

Justin Deming, MS

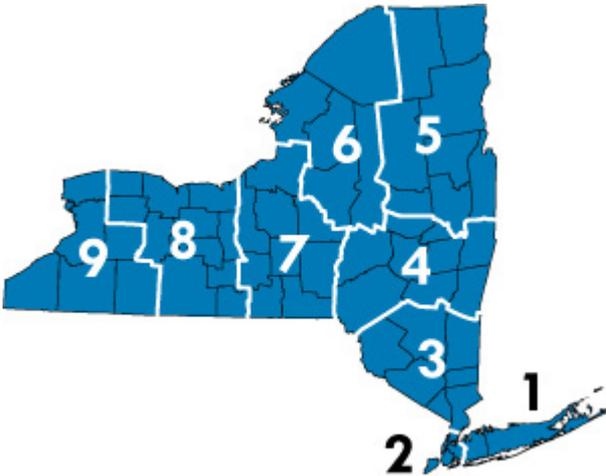
DEC Regions 3,6 and 7

Maureen Schuck

Reporting & Management Unit

Kate McLaughlin

DEC Regions



Division of Environmental Health Protection

Room 1619

518 402-7500

Fax 518 402-7509

Director

Michael Cambridge, RS

Field Coordination Liaison

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

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 provides 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

Darby Greco

Recreational Environmental Health

Timothy Shay

Housing Hygiene

Thomas Carroll

Tobacco, Tanning & Tattooing Enforcement

Steve Martin

**Program Standardization Evaluation
and Reporting**

Vacant

Bureau of Water Supply Protection

Room 1110

518 402-7650

Fax 518 402-7599

Director

Roger Sokol, PhD

Assistant Director

Teresa Boepple-Swider, PE

Coordinator for Research &

Lloyd Wilson, PhD

Special Projects

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, 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; and
- recreational bathing facilities design.

The Bureau has six sections:

Design

Michael Montysko, PE

Operations

Bill Gilday, PE

Residential Sanitation &

Ben Pierson, PE

Recreational Engineering

Information Systems/Compliance

Tina Hunt, PE

New York City Watershed

Pamela Young, PhD

Professional Certification

Vacant

Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection

Room 1201

518 402-7550

Fax 518 402-7554

Director

Stephen Gavitt, CHP

Assistant Director

Robert Dansereau

Bureau staff address public health risks from exposure to radiation. Major program areas are:

- registration and use of x-ray machines or other radiation sources;
- licensing of radioactive material;
- licensing and registration of radiologic technologists;
- home testing for radon and radon reduction measures;
- health effects from radiation, including electromagnetic fields;
- any site-related radiation concerns;
- response to radiation emergencies or incidents.

The Bureau has four sections:

Radiation Equipment &

Alexander Damiani, MS, MPH

Radiologic Technology

Radioactive Materials Licensing

Dan Samson, CHP

Environmental Radiation/Radon and

Cynthia Costello, MS, MPH, CHP

Emergency Response

Inspection and Enforcement

Robert Snyder

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 Program and Assistant Regional Director** **Ralph Van Houten**

Geneva District Office Nicholas Rich, Director 315 789-3030
(Ontario, Wayne, Yates)

Hornell District Office Thomas Klaseus, Director 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 Program Director** **John Strepelis, ME, PE,**

Canton District Office Ron Sheppard, Acting Director 315 386-1040
(St. Lawrence)

Watertown District Office Sheri Palmer, Director 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
Environmental Health Director Robert Swider, PE

Glens Falls District Office Anita Gabalski, Director 518 793-3893
 (Saratoga, Warren, Washington)

Herkimer District Office Donald Van Patten, Dir. 315 866-6879
 (Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery)

Oneonta District Office Audrey Lewis, Director 607 432-3911
 (Delaware, Greene, Otsego)

Saranac Lake District Office Kristen Sayers, Director 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 Program Director **Vacant**
 (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 Christine Westerman, Acting Director 845 794-2045
 (Sullivan)

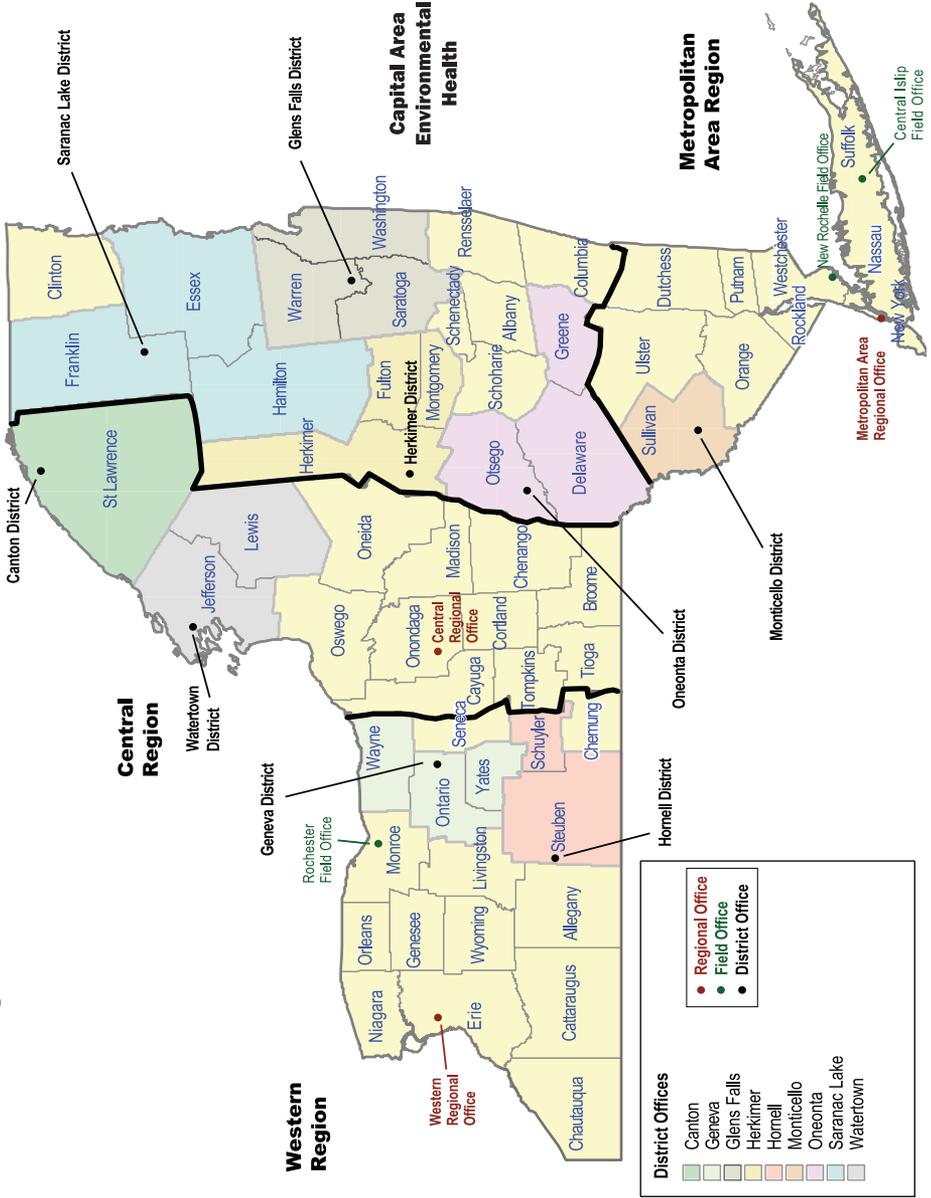
County Health Departments

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

NYSDOH Regional and Field Structure





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