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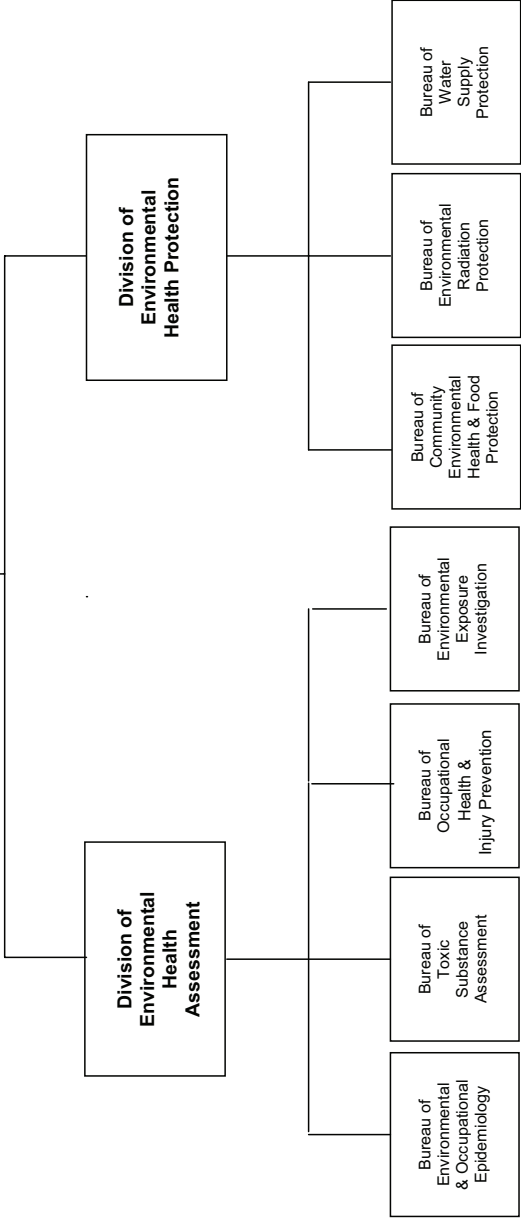


Department
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Regional Offices
District Offices Provide environmental health services to 21 counties without full-service health departments

Outreach & Education Group

CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Office of the Director



Center for Environmental Health

New York State Department of Health
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Health can be affected by the air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat and the contaminants we touch. Chemicals, radiation, germs, or anything in the physical world has the potential to affect health.

Our scientists, engineers, sanitarians, physicians, educators, researchers and other public health professionals work to help reduce New Yorkers' risks and prevent injuries at home, work, and school, indoors and outdoors. Use this directory to learn more about our offices and to contact us.

See pages 10-11 for contact information for our regional and district offices as well as county health departments. If you live in the New York City area, please contact the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene at www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index or call 347 396-4100, 212 639-9675, or 311 within New York City.

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After-Hours Duty Officer: 866-881-2809

A duty officer is available during non-working hours (holidays, nights, and weekends). The duty officer can refer official communications from the Governor's Office, New York State Police, NYS Office of Emergency Management, or other agencies. The duty officer also handles calls from the general public reporting urgent public health concerns.

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CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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Vacant

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

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Director

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Gena Gallinger, MS

The Outreach and Education Group works with Center staff to raise awareness, increase understanding, and respond to concerns about environmental health issues.

Responsibilities

- Coordinating the Center's public response to 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 and conducting audience evaluation projects to better understand preconceptions, beliefs, and behaviors to improve public health
- Developing communication plans, key messages, and designing and preparing materials
- Working with the State Health Department's Public Affairs group on graphic design, promotional items, media campaigns, printing, and distribution for all materials targeted for the public
- Managing the Environmental Health Infoline and the center mail log
- Overseeing the Hudson River Fish Advisory Outreach Program
- Managing teams to maintain the Centers materials on the Department's

website

Division of Environmental Health Assessment Room 1619

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Director

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Kevin Malone, MPH

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The Division evaluates the health effects from exposure to chemical, physical and microbes like germs and bacteria 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 identifies and studies disease practices that put New Yorkers at risk. The Division maintains environmental disease registries and uses these data to conduct research and design public health interventions. The Division uses mapping and other tools to display data 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 them.

Bureau of Environmental & Occupational Epidemiology

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Neil Muscatiello, PhD

Sarah Fisher, MPH

Bureau staff study, monitor, and evaluate the effects of exposure to toxic substances and other risk factors at home, work, and in the community.

Responsibilities

- Chronic disease surveillance and epidemiological studies to identify health risks
- Surveillance, epidemiological studies, and health services research for birth defects and muscular dystrophies
- Supporting Center efforts by providing GIS and data analysis of disease and risk factors
- Conducting exposure investigations, including biomonitoring in communities to assess exposure to contaminants
- Managing the New York State Birth Defects Registry and registries of people exposed to health risks from the environment to monitor their health status over time
- Providing public education, data, and information about birth defects, environmental/occupational exposures and environmental/occupational health risks to the public and professionals

The Bureau has the following sections/units:

**Community Environmental Health
Surveillance**

Steven Forand, MA, MS

Birth Defects Registry Data Modernization and Evaluation Unit	Adrian Michalski, MPH
Birth Defects Registry Operations and Data Quality Unit	Amanda St. Louis, MS
Birth Defects Lifespan Studies	Aida Soim, PhD
Birth Defects Research	Marilyn Browne, PhD
GeTSMarT CEH Resource	Sanjaya Kumar, MS

Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment

Room 1743

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518 402-7800

Director

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Roy Irving, PhD

Charlotte Bethoney

Bureau staff assess the potential for exposures and risks from contact with toxic substances through air, water, soil, and food.

Responsibilities

- 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 for anglers and hunters
- 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 emergency oil spill relocation program
- Provide information for responding to instances of chemical and biological releases/exposures
- Manage programs to improve children's environmental health at home and school

The Bureau has the following sections:

Prevention and Sustainability

Henry Spliethoff, MS

**Exposure Characterization
and Response**

Nicole Vitillo, MPH

Risk Assessment

Kaycee Cole, MS

School Environmental Health

Michele Herdt, MPH, PhD

Bureau of Occupational Health & Injury Prevention Room 1325

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518 402-7900

Director

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Michael Bauer, MS

Bureau staff monitor and address both work-related and nonoccupational illness and injuries. Worker health staff provide work-site consultation services and oversee a statewide network of health clinics specializing in diagnosis and prevention of work-related illness. Injury prevention evaluate why injuries occur across the state and use this information to develop prevention programs.

Responsibilities

- Conducting programs to address work-related illness, injury, death, and related hazards
- Certification and training of asbestos-removal workers
- Maintaining environmental disease registries:
 - heavy metals exposures (lead, arsenic, cadmium, mercury)
 - occupational lung diseases (asthma, asbestosis, silicosis, etc.)
- Preventing injuries associated with:
 - vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle safety
 - fall prevention
 - children's health and safety
 - teen driver education
 - suicide prevention

The Bureau has the following sections/units:

**Asbestos Safety Training
Programs Section**

Karen Cummings, MPH

Epidemiology and Surveillance Section

Alicia Fletcher, MPH

Industrial Hygiene and Fatality

Anne Marie Gibson

Surveillance Unit

Injury Epidemiology and Surveillance Unit

Leah Hines, MPH

Injury Prevention Programs Section

Jennifer Hogan, MS

Bureau of Environmental Exposure Investigation

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518 402-7860

Director

Assistant Director

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Christine Vooris, PE

Wendy Kuehner, PE

Bureau staff investigate the potential for exposure to environmental contaminants from inactive hazardous waste sites and brownfield sites. A Bureau specialist is assigned to coordinate and communicate health-related activities for each site. 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 New York State in nine New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) regions:

DEC Regions 1,5

DEC Regions Bronx County 4, and 8

DEC Regions 3,6

DEC Regions 2 Excluding Bronx

DEC Regions 7,9

Reporting & Management Unit

Stephanie Selmer

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Melissa Doroski, MPH

Scarlett McLaughlin, PG

Sara Bogardus

Kate McLaughlin

DEC Regions



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Assistant Director

Field Coordination

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Christine Westerman, MPH

Darby Greco, MPH

Jim Maurer

The Division oversees the Center's regulatory programs to help minimize environmental health threats and provides policy directives and guidance to health departments across the state. Programs protect New Yorkers by enforcing health and safety regulations for 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

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Eric Wiegert, MPH

Vacant

Bureau staff develop regulations and guidance to ensure that core environmental health program standards are achieved for the program areas below. Staff research public health issues and provide training to local health departments and district offices. Bureau staff oversee illness and injury incident investigations associated with regulated facilities and respond to questions and concerns from the public.

Program Areas

- Children's camps
- Restaurants and other food service establishments
- 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 and primary prevention
- Campgrounds and agricultural fairgrounds
- Public health nuisances
- Mobile home parks
- Mass gatherings

The Bureau has the following sections:

Food Protection

Jessica Egan, MPH

Recreational Environmental Health

Amanda Tarrier, MPH

Housing Hygiene

Megan Hughes, MPH

Tobacco Enforcement

Steve Martin, MS

Program Standardization Evaluation

Sheri Ford

Illness Investigation and Research

David C. Nicholas, MPH

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Director

Kristine Wheeler, PE

Assistant Director

Tina Hunt, PE

Assistant Director

N. Scott Alderman, PhD, PE

Bureau staff regulate 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, oversee the implementation of the Protection against *Legionella* and the Lead Testing in School Drinking Water regulations and conduct research on emerging drinking water issues.

Responsibilities

- Responding to concerns associated with 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
- Identifying 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
- Recreational bathing facilities design
- Oversight of NYC's Filtration Avoidance Determination
- Harmful algal blooms
- *Legionella* and Legionnaires' Disease outbreaks

The Bureau has the following sections:

Design Section Chiefs

**Dave Phillips, PE,
Brock Rogers, PE,
Monika King, PE**

Operations

Steve Gladding, PhD, PE

**Residential Sanitation &
Professional Certification**

Stephen Marshall, PE

Water System Control & Analysis

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New York City Watershed

Patrick Palmer, MPH

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Alexander Damiani, MS, MPH

Charles Burns

The Bureau regulates the public health aspects of ionizing radiation and is the lead state program for responding to radiological emergencies.

Responsibilities

- Registering and inspecting facilities that use radiation producing equipment
- Licensing and inspecting facilities using radioactive materials
- Licensing and registering radiologic technologists
- Outreach and support for radon testing and mitigation
- Addressing concerns about radiation, including electromagnetic radiation
- Assessing potential public health threats from radiologically contaminated sites
- Responding to radiation emergencies or incidents

The Bureau has the following sections:

**Radiation Equipment and Radiologic
Technology**

Trevor Thayer

Radioactive Materials Licensing

Nathaniel Kishbaugh

**Radiological Emergency Response and
Radon and Environmental Radiation**

Cynthia Costello, MS, MPH, CHP

Inspection and Enforcement

Sara Heim, MBA, CNMT

NYSDOH Field Offices and Local Health Departments

State Health Department 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. District Offices identify, investigate, and resolve health hazards. Regional Offices provide technical and program support and evaluate environmental health protection programs in District Offices and local health departments within their jurisdiction. See p. 12 for a map of the regional and field offices across the state.

Western Region Buffalo, Rochester 585 423-8004

Regional Environmental Health Director Anita Bonamici

Geneva District Office Michael Vaccaro 315 789-3030
(Ontario, Wayne, Yates)

Hornell District Office Michelle Donovan 607 324-8371
(Steuben, Schuyler)

County Health Departments

Allegany	585 268-9766	Livingston	585 243-7270
Cattaraugus	716 701-3386	Monroe	585 753-5564
Chautauqua	716 753-4481	Niagara	716 439-7444
Chemung	607 737-2019	Orleans	585 589-2855
Erie	716 961-6800	Seneca	315 539-1945
Genesee	585 344-2580	Wyoming	585 786-8894

Central Region Syracuse 315 477-8150

Regional Environmental Health Director John Strepelis, ME, PE

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

Watertown District Office Brandon Cooney 315 785-2277
(Jefferson, Lewis)

County Health Departments

Broome	607 778-2847	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) 518 402-7500

Regional Environmental Health Director

Edward Bartos

Glens Falls District Office

(Saratoga, Warren, Washington)

Rebecca Bussert

518 793-3893

Herkimer District Office

(Fulton, Herkimer, Montgomery)

Kate Morse

315 866-6879

Oneonta District Office

(Delaware, Greene, Otsego)

Liliana Morgan

607 432-3911

Saranac Lake District Office

(Essex, Franklin, Hamilton)

Kristen Sayers

518 891-1800

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

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New York City

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Regional Environmental Health Director

Kelly VanDerVliet, MPH

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New Rochelle Field Office

914 654-7000

Central Islip Field Office

631 851-3084

Middletown District Office

(Sullivan)

Andrew Kalter

845 794-2045

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Dutchess 845 486-3404

Rockland

845 364-2608

Nassau 516 227-9723

Suffolk

631 854-0100

Orange 845 291-2331

Ulster

845 340-3010

Putnam 845 808-1390

Westchester

914 864-7331

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NYSDOH Regional and Field Structure

