

COMPLIANCE ADMINISTRATION

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This Administration insures that health care services are effectively utilized.

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This Administration develops and maintains systems for the prompt and accurate reimbursement of claims submitted by approved providers of health care services.

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The mission of the Environmental Health Administration is to foster and protect the public health and well-being by providing an environment free of the uncontrolled release or disposal of toxic, hazardous, or undesirable substances or emissions, and by affording the consumer safe and wholesome food, drugs, and other consumable products. In order to pursue these program goals, the Administration is organized into five major program units and an administrative services unit.

The Toxic Substances Control Program coordinates State activities with federal and local programs in establishing appropriate control methods for toxic and carcinogenic substances. It protects the public health through regulation of the manufacture, distribution, and sale of drug products and regulates controlled dangerous substances or drugs with abuse potential. The unit plans and develops regulations, strategies, and standards for the control of toxic substances and serves as a technical statewide resource for this purpose.

Community Health Programs assures safe and wholesome products and protects the public health through regulation of the distribution and sale of milk, food, and other consumer products. It provides for the safe collection and disposal of solid waste. The unit regulates the control of dangerous emissions through ionizing and non-ionizing radiation sources. Through regulation and inspection, the unit protects the public against dangerous levels of noise pollution.

Air Quality Programs develops air resource management plans and program strategies. It develops and enforces regulations for control of emissions from stationary and other sources. The unit maintains a comprehensive statewide air monitoring system to provide current knowledge of ambient pollutant levels in order to institute regular and emergency procedures for their control.

The Construction Grants and Planning Program reviews and revises plans for sewerage control. It conducts needs surveys and devises priority listings for construction of sewerage facilities. It awards federal and State grant funds for construction of treatment facilities, reviews and approves design plans for water and sewerage treatment construction, and conducts initial and final inspections of such construction. In addition, training is provided for treatment plant operators.

The Water Sewerage Control Program is responsible for the development and implementation of programs to provide safe and adequate public drinking water. The unit is responsible for the identification and abatement of sources contributing to the pollution of shellfish growing waters and recreational waters. It insures that migrant labor camps, recreational camps, and swimming pools meet safety and health regulations, and monitors the proper operation and maintenance of sewerage treatment plants.