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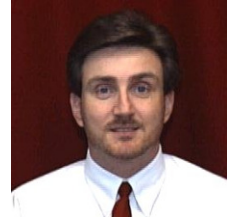
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President's Message

Thomas Jumalon, NCPHA EH Section President, 2007-2008



Well it certainly has been a fast year. I'm not really sure where the time has gone. This year North Carolina has been the host of two Food Safety Conferences...two. The section was very busy this past year with committee work, planning meetings, and let's not forget raising and spending money. The NCPHA organization was audited this year and found to be in good standing. The individual sections had random samples audited as well...those were also found in good standing. The Environmental Health Section was also audited by our internal audit committee. However, with the changes that have occurred, the committee could not audit completely because of record transition. NCPHA has requested historical information from three years past to keep on hand just in case there should be need for a governmental audit.

We have seen the retirement of two icons at our conferences. Charles McKenzie (The Picture Taker) seen everywhere taking all those pictures for us, and Robert Bennett, (Mr. Raffle) always dressed in outfits that had matching shoes, one sharp dressed man. We definitely will miss their contributions. But looking ahead, their retirements give someone else with a passion for committee work a chance to shine. We have also been busy trying to get the Manual or Procedures updated with the latest changes. Seems, with everything going on in past years, it really needed a face lift. Speaking of changes, the Environmental Health Specialist of The Year Award has been redesigned and renamed. It's quiet ironic, the name plate of past recipients reached its posting limit at the same time of the renaming....what timing.

This year the NCPHA conference will have some new things as well. *No dance!!* That's right. No dance. Instead, after the awards banquet this year, we will have a dessert bar and light jazz band ensemble playing music so that we can network. To me it's sort of like what the car makers are doing.....going back to what they started with. I call it "Nuevo-Retro", or bringing back the old in a new way, in a new package. After all, the purpose of these meetings is to learn, to meet, exchange ideas, and take back some new ideas.

Something brewing on the horizon is the 100th celebration of NCPHA which will be taking place in Asheville NC 2009. NCPHA actually had its first meeting there 100 years ago. There's lots of talk and planning now being done to make this NCPHA conference one to remember for the next 100 years. I hope that many of you will attend or at least participate in the planning and execution of this monumental meeting.

As I step into the role of Past President, let me say thank you to everyone. It was a privilege to represent North Carolina at the NEHA Conference in June 2008, Interstate Conference July 2008, and hopefully at the FDA Conference in October 2008. I trust that we continue to grow in number, reputation, and in professionalism. Remember, the only thing we have to give to the public that we serve is our passion for making sure that what we do makes a difference, if just for one. I leave you with a quote from the second Star Trek motion picture, *The Wrath of Kahn*....."The needs of the many, out weigh the needs of the few, or the one".....we have but one time to leave a lasting mark on the public we serve, so make the most of every encounter..

Awards Luncheon

If you plan to attend the Environmental Health AWARDS LUNCHEON on Thursday, **September 25**, contact Lynn Lathan at: lynn.lathan@mecklenburgcountync.gov. Include your preference if you desire vegetarian only option by **SEPTEMBER 12**. Cost only \$12.



2008 Annual Educational Conference

**Sheraton Riverfront
Convention Center**

**September 24, 25, 26
New Bern**

TUESDAY, September 23rd

9:00 a.m.-- 2:30 p.m.	Pre-Conference Workshop/Luncheon <u>Speaker:</u> Coleen Bridger, Health Director, Gaston County <u>Title:</u> Active Duty: Making Data, Policy and Politics Work for Public Health
3:00 p.m.-- 5:00 p.m.	Pre-registration
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Hospitality

WEDNESDAY, September 24th

8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	<u>General Session (Greetings, All-Star Team Recognition, Election-New Officers, Recognition-New Members)</u>
10:00 a.m.-10:45 a.m.	Beverage Break with Posters and Exhibitors, Sponsored by RTI
10:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Poster Session, Sponsored by East Carolina University
11:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Overview of NCPHA
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	GSK Luncheon - Child Health Recognition Awards
1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Poster Session
1:30 p.m.-1:55 p.m.	Session 2: Epidemiology Section Workshop- <u>Speaker:</u> Jeff Engel, MD, State Epidemiologist <u>Title:</u> Annual State of Epidemiology <u>Objective:</u> To review the current epidemiology issues concerning the state and the nation.
3:30 p.m. - 4:10 p.m.	Session 6: Epidemiology Section Workshop – <u>Speaker:</u> Kim McDonald, MD, PHRST1 Team Leader <u>Title:</u> Influenza Vaccination Rates among Eastern NC Public Health Staff <u>Objective -</u> To measure if Public Health Workers are being good role models for getting influenza vaccinations.
4:15 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Session 9: Epidemiology Section Workshop- <u>Speaker:</u> Amy Bellflower-Thomas, MSPH, Pitt Co Public Health Preparedness Coordinator <u>Title:</u> A Template for Creating a County Level Preparedness Network <u>Objective:</u> Review the process and barriers to creating a local health preparedness network.
1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Session 3: Environmental Health Section Business Meeting
2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.	Beverage & Snack Break
5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Pig Picking - Hosted by the Snowden Company, New Bern Farmer's Market
7:30 p.m.	Free Night

THURSDAY, September 25th

7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast with the State Health Director- Showcasing Public Health Leaders
8:00 a.m.– 2:00 p.m.	Conference Registration
8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Exhibits Open
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.	Session 15: Environmental Health Section Workshop-Speaker: Mark H. Smith, Ph.D. Epidemiologist, Guilford County Department of Public Health, Dorothy Cilenti and Panel <u>Title:</u> Castleberry Recall Discussion <u>Objective:</u> To learn how the recall was handled and to devise new strategies in the event a similar situation arises.
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Session 16: Environmental Health Section Workshop--Speaker: TBA <u>Title:</u> Controlling Risk Factors in Foodservice Facilities <u>Objective:</u> To learn how to control risk factors that exist in food service facilities and to learn how to impact the correction of repeat critical violations.
10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Beverage Break/Exhibitors
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Session 17: Environmental Health Section Workshop-Speaker: Tom Ward <u>Title:</u> Preparedness and Environmental Health <u>Objective:</u> To learn what education, training, and contingencies are necessary in the event of a disaster.
12:00 noon - 1:15 p.m.	Session 23: Environmental Health Business Meeting/Lunch
1:30 p.m.-5:00 p.m.	Candidate Forum —Moderated by David Crabtree, Anchor, WRAL TV5, Raleigh, NC invited are candidates for US Senate, NC Governor's Race and Lieutenant Governor's Race
6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Awards Banquet
9:00 p.m.-1:00 p.m.	The Ovation - Dessert and After Dinner Bistro with entertainment by The Middle Street Moods Jazz Band

FRIDAY, September 28th

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.	UNC Breakfast
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Wood Lecture: <u>Speaker:</u> Scott Hagwood – America's Grand Master of Memory <u>Title:</u> Improving the Quality of Your Life by Developing a Clear and Sharp Mind
11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon	Closing Session/Business Meeting

Successfully Responding to Newly Mandated Private Water Well Rules



Guest Article

by Richard Dideriksen

Our NC public health community response is often initiated by a sudden emergency but occasionally the need to respond is dictated by new public health laws. The latter was the case when, in July 2006, the NC Legislature passed a law requiring every local health department in NC to implement a mandatory private drinking water well permitting, inspection and well water testing program to be administered and enforced by July 1, 2008. With more than 1 million individual private water wells serving NC citizens and 20,000 new wells being drilled annually, the local county environmental health specialists would be newly responsible for siting, permitting, & inspecting these wells. All these skills, and more, are being successfully taught to those attending the NC Environmental Health State of Practice (NC EH SOP) Committee's new three-day course "**Basic Private Wells: Groundwater Protection, Public Health and Authorization**".

The SOP *Basic Private Wells* authorization course is actually written into the NC well statutes and rules which name the State of Practice (SOP) Committee (or DEH/CIT training) as a primary provider of training (the SOP already provides mandatory training for the Lead Abatement and Child Care programs). The NC EH SOP Committee, through the North Carolina Institute of Public Health (NCIPH) Office of Continuing Education, is a practitioner-based committee that began in 1981. During FY 2007-2008, using more than 100 volunteer instructor professionals, the nationally recognized SOP Committee designed, developed, and delivered nearly 10,000 hours of hands-on environmental training to local health departments across NC. *Basic Private Wells* was just one series of the 22 courses taught by the SOP Committee in this fiscal year. The Committee first began training in wells with a series of basic courses in 1994, later adding an advanced wells course; teaching both until June of 2007. An SOP subcommittee, chaired by Connie Pixley, (EHS in Orange County's Wells program), took 10 months to redesign the wells courses by focusing on the new laws & rules to be implemented on July 1, 2008. The new series of three-day, face-to-face, on-site, hands-on training was begun in June 2007. It uses volunteer faculty, including EHSs from several locally experienced county well programs, professionals from Public Water Supply, Aquifer Protection, the State Lab, and the new Private Drinking Water Branch, and even professional certified well drillers. This helps to keep the cost of the courses—including a 3-inch reference manual, materials and breaks for each participant-- down to \$125 for three days of Board approved training for authorization or continuing education.

As of August 1, 2008, seven sessions have been taught around NC. They have, to date, taught 298 participants representing 78 local county health departments, 5 regional (district) health agencies, 15 other NC governmental agencies and 7 private agencies. Participants must successfully pass an authorization examination administered by the Private Drinking Water Branch regional staff at the end of the course. When combined with demonstrated field experience, they will earn their authorization to work in the newly mandated well program in their county. Courses in wells will continue through the end of this year and at least twice yearly in the foreseeable future.

By responding to the actual field needs of local health departments and their environmental health professionals since 1981, the Office of Continuing Education of NCIPH and the SOP Committee has developed a wide range of successful training opportunities. Providing 20 or more courses—in a variety of topics-- each year through the NC EH SOP Committee, they have now awarded more than 300,000 hours of professional, RS Board approved, environmental continuing professional education, and issued certificates to nearly 11,000 NC public health professionals. *Basic Private Wells* continues that tradition.

For the latest NC EH SOP Committee course offerings, go to <http://oce.sph.unc.edu/sop/calendar.htm> (reprinted on page 11 of this publication). For questions, comments, or suggestions for the NC EH SOP Committee, please email me at Richard.Dideriksen@unc.edu. (Note: Richard will distribute the most current course offerings for 2008 and 2009 at the September NCPHA conference in New Bern.)

Thank you, NC EH SOP committee members for your diligent, excellent work on behalf of all Environmental Health Specialists across the state!! Current Committee Members: Phillip Thompson, Chair; Connie Pixley, Vice-chair; John Nycamp, Secretary; Susan Cole, Anna B. Dean, Troy Dees, Richard Dideriksen, Len Gilstrap, Dawn N. Grant, Steve Hicks, William Hill, J. Thomas Jumalon, Jeff Knight, Charles McKenzie, Cindy Penland, Terry Pierce, Hubert Reaves, J. Michael Reavis, Courtney Silverthorne, J. "Doc" Thompson, Donna Wanucha, Robert Whitwam, Gene Young.

FDA Southeast Region

Alabama 🏠 Florida 🏠 Georgia 🏠 Louisiana 🏠 Mississippi
 North Carolina 🏠 Puerto Rico 🏠 South Carolina 🏠 Tennessee 🏠 Virgin Islands



FDA Southeast Region Food Safety Seminar to be Held in Asheville October 6-9th

Submitted by Donna Wanucha

North Carolina is the host state for the 2008 FDA Food Safety Seminar to be held at the Biltmore Doubletree Hotel in Asheville's Biltmore Village, October 6-9, 2008. This annual 2 ½ day meeting provides the most current information available on food safety and upcoming trends. The audience will include state and local regulators, industry representatives, and academia from states and territories throughout the Southeast region of the United States. The meeting will provide an ideal opportunity to network with your counterparts in other states and receive training on the most current science in

food safety.

In addition to the educational presentations at the seminar, the FDA Regional Retail Food staff will conduct a Grass Roots Meeting. It is important that all stakeholders in the FDA Southeast Region attend this session to provide your best advice into how the delivery of food safety effort should change over the next 10 years. The FDA is conducting this same type meeting through various forums across the United States and plans to give this collective input full consideration in its strategic planning for FDA's retail food safety operations.

For more information please contact Donna Wanucha, FDA Retail Food Specialist at 678-616-5600, Donna.Wanucha@fda.hhs.gov. OR, Contact Larry Michael, 919-715-0927, larry.michael@ncmail.net.

Conference Hotels

Doubletree Biltmore 115 H'ville Rd 828-274-1800 1-800-222-TREE	Room	Single Rate	Double Rate	Triple Rate	Quad Rate
	2 Double Beds,	\$129	\$129	\$139	\$149
	1 King Bed, Non-smoking	\$139	\$139	\$149	\$159
	Room	Rate		Sleep Inn Biltmore 117 H'ville Rd 828-274-1800	
	1 Queen Bed Non-smoking	\$69			

► Rates do not include 4% occupancy and 6.75% sales taxes.

HURRY! – Rates only guaranteed until **September 5, 2008.**

Doubletree Biltmore Hotel - 115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, North Carolina - October 6 - 9, 2008

FDA Southeast Regional Annual Food Safety Seminar

AGENDA

FDA SOUTHEAST REGION ANNUAL FOOD SAFETY SEMINAR

Doubletree Biltmore Hotel, Asheville, NC

October 6-9, 2008

MONDAY

OCTOBER 6

4:30 – 7:30 REGISTRATION

6:30 – 8:30 RECEPTION

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 7

7:30 REGISTRATION

MORNING REGULATORY SESSION

8:00 Opening Welcome and Announcements

Moderator

Larry Michael, NC Division of Environmental Health

8:25 FDA SE Region Update

Key Welcome Speaker, NC Representative

Mary Woleske or Malcolm Frazier, District Director/RFDD, FDA Southeast Region

9:00 CFSAN Update

Glenda Lewis, Team Leader, National Retail Food Team, CFSAN

BREAK

9:45 Review of Requirements for Maintenance of Standardization

Dan Redditt, FDA Regional Retail Food Specialist

10:00 Food Code Interpretation Session

Regional Retail Food Specialists, FDA Southeast Region, Glenda Lewis, Team Leader, FDA Retail Food Team, CFSAN
State Regulatory Officials

10:15 State Reports

11:45 LUNCH RECEPTION

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:15 Modifying Food Worker Behaviors by Speaking Their Language

Alan Tart, FDA Regional Retail Food Specialist

2:00 Litigation and Foodborne Illness in the News

Bruce Clark, Marler and Clark, LLC

2:45 Break

3:00 2008 CFP Update- Hot issues from this year's meeting

Bill Hardister, Local Representative, CFP Executive Board

3:30 Better Communication During Regulatory Inspections

Susan Cole, Supervisor, Mecklenburg Co Food Program
Sylvia Daniel, Food & Facilities Sanitation Manager, Mecklenburg Co (NC)

4:30 ADJOURN

WEDNESDAY

October 8

7:30 REGISTRATION

MORNING GENERAL SESSION

8:00 FDA Town Hall Meeting- A grassroots meeting with all stakeholders

Concurrent Sessions- Industry, State, Local and Academia

9:30 BREAK

9:50 FDA Town Hall Meeting continued

12:00 LUNCH- on your own

AFTERNOON GENERAL SESSION

1:15 Vibrio parahaemolyticus Initiative

David Wiggins, FDA Regional Shellfish Specialist

2:00 ROP and Sous Vide Discussion and Demo

Glenda Lewis, CFSAN, Industry Rep tba

3:00 BREAK

3:15 Perception vs. Reality

Thomas Jumalon, Supervisor, Wake Co Health Dept., NC

4:00 CDC Update

Carol Selman, CDC Environmental Health

4:45 ADJOURN

THURSDAY

October 9

MORNING SESSION

8:00 FDA Public Affairs and You

JoAnn Pittman, FDA Public Affairs Specialist
Stuart Watson, FDA Public Affairs Specialist

8:30 Produce Safety Initiatives to Encourage Food Safety from Farm to Fork

Greg Pallaske, Director, Food Safety and Quality Assurance, Monarch Food Group/US Foodservice

9:15 BREAK

9:30 EHS Net

Sandra Coleman, Georgia EHS Net

10:15 Recalls- A Retailer's Perspective

Brenda Bacon, Quality Assurance, Harris Teeter

11:00 New Critical Designations in the 2009 Food Code

Kim Livsey, FDA Regional Retail Food Specialist

11:45 ADJOURN

See you next year in Myrtle Beach, SC!

REGISTRATION FORM

2008 FDA SOUTHEAST REGION ANNUAL FOOD SAFETY SEMINAR
DoubleTree Biltmore – Asheville
October 6-9, 2008

NAME: _____

AGENCY/COMPANY: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

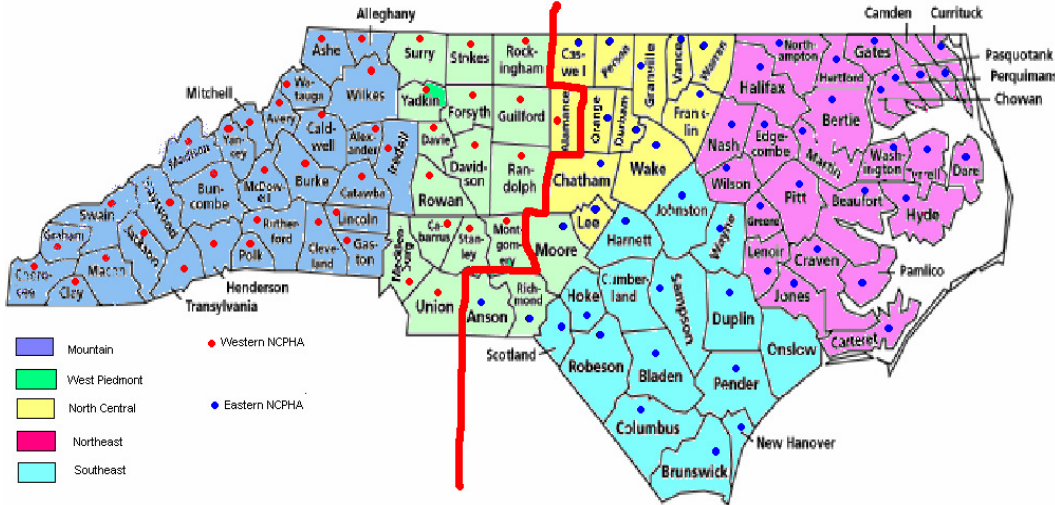
Make checks payable to **NCPHA-EHS** and return registration form to:

Teresa Abbott
 NCDENR/EHSS
 1632 Mail Service Center
 Raleigh, NC 27699-1632

Deadline for Pre-Registration is <i>Sept. 5, 2008</i>	<u>Enclosed Amount</u>
Pre-Registration Fee – \$125.00	_____
Registration Fee after Sept. 5, 2008 – \$150.00	_____
Single Day Registration: Tuesday – \$50.00	_____
Wednesday – \$50.00	_____
Thursday – \$50.00	_____
*Guided Evening Tour of Biltmore House	
Tuesday Evening – \$44.00 per person	_____
<i>TOTAL ENCLOSED:</i>	_____

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EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT NEWS

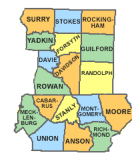


FIND YOUR COUNTY TO SEE WHICH PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATIONS SERVE YOU. WESTERN AND EASTERN NCPHA OPERATE INDEPENDENTLY OF NCPHA. THE EDUCATIONAL DISTRICTS FOR NCPHA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION ARE MOUNTAIN, WEST PIEDMONT, NORTH CENTRAL, NORTHEAST AND SOUTHEAST. IN ANSON COUNTY, NCPHA AND WEST PIEDMONT EDUCATIONAL DISTRICT, AND EASTERN NCPHA ARE YOUR ASSOCIATIONS. JOINING IS INEXPENSIVE AND HELPS WITH CONTINUING ED HOURS FOR RS RENEWAL.

Items of Note from the July 2008 NCPHA Quarterly Newsletter

- NCPHA is in the final stages of securing a new membership database. Membership renewals and applications will be able to be done on-line. NCPHA's goal is to have the database online in the fall of 2008. Check the webpage at www.ncpha.com for updates.
- NCAPHA (North Carolina Alliance for Public Health Agencies) is hosting a luncheon at the annual conference in New Bern on September 25, 2008, for the PH Leadership Section.
- NCPHA will celebrate its 100th Anniversary SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2009, at the Grove Park Inn and Resort in Asheville, NC. Mark your calendars now!!
- In case you've forgotten to write it down, NCPHA offices are located at 7424 Chapel Hill Road, Suite 102, Raleigh, NC 27607 and can be reached at 919-233-4677.

Check out the changes to the NCPHA Environmental Health Section's *Manual of Procedures* on NCPHA's website.



West Piedmont ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SECTION N.C. PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION, INC.

is composed of 18 counties located in the central part of the state.

Section dues are \$5 or \$10 if not current. First year interns and retirees dues are free.

WPEHS has had good turnout for the first two quarterly meetings of the year and has planned an upcoming outdoor meeting at Dan Nicholas Park in Rowan County on September 18th, 2008. This outdoor meeting will be held at a large covered shelter w/ a catered Bar-B-Q picnic lunch fundraiser for the section. Also, there will be a short time to participate in some of the activities the park has to offer (volleyball, tennis, etc.) All eighteen section counties are invited to attend. This would be a great opportunity to check out your local section and become involved. The last quarterly meeting is scheduled for December 4th, 2008 as we will return to a popular venue from last year – Bass Pro Shops in Concord, NC. We also want to recognize Barbara Davis of Rowan County who received 2007's Rookie Environmental Health Specialist award presented at the summer meeting in Forsyth County. If you are new to the profession or just haven't been in a while, we encourage everyone to come and network with friends and colleagues.

Submitted by Tony Williams, President

Mountain Environmental Health Section

The following 29 counties are in the Mountain District: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Iredell, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

Annual dues are only \$5.00.

Reserve WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2008, for the final quarterly meeting of the Mountain Section. Meeting location will be announced by e-mail later this year.

Terrell Jones, President



NEHA Update
Thomas R. Ward, R.S.
NEHA Region 7 Regional Vice President

72nd Annual Education Conference.

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) held its 72nd Annual Education Conference at the Westin La Paloma Lecture Hall in Tucson, Arizona from June 22-25, 2008, providing over 130 hours of professional continuing education. A learning lab at the Hilton Tucson El Conquistador included opportunities to participate in round-table discussions, hands-on activities, and interactive learning.

NEHA presented five pre-conference workshops free of charge thanks to grant partnerships with CDC (Centers for Disease Control), ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry), and EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). These included:

- ◊ Biology and Control of Insects and Rodents Workshop
- ◊ Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response
- ◊ EPI-Ready Team Training-Foodborne Illness Response Strategies Workshop
- ◊ Environmental Public Health Performance Standards Workshop: Building Local and National Excellence
- ◊ Guidance on Moisture and Mold: A Workshop for Environmental Health Professionals and Health Providers

For the first time, NEHA awarded the Excellence in Sustainability Award, recognizing members of NEHA who are solving environmental challenges using innovative and environmentally sustainable practices or creative partnerships. The award can be given to local, state, or federal organizations as well as private companies and Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs). The first award was presented to representatives of the City of Plano, Texas. Information on the award can be found on the NEHA web site.

The Journal of Environmental Health's (JEH) Harry Bliss Editor's Award was presented to John Barry for his long work as Technical Editor of the JEH. The 2008 Walter F. Snyder Award was presented to Capt Craig A. Shepherd for his significant contributions to the field of environmental health during his nearly 30 year career as a U.S. Public Health Service Officer. The 2008 Samuel J. Crumbine Consumer Protection Award for Excellence in Food Protection was awarded to the County of Sacramento Environmental Management Department. The 2008 Sabbatical Award was presented to M.L. Tanner, Environmental Health Manager with the Bureau of Environmental Health, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. She will be traveling to England in the Spring of 2009 to work with environmental health practitioners who deal with childhood lead exposures. M.L. was formerly employed by NC DENR Environmental Health Section, Children's Environmental Health.

The 2008 Mangold Award, NEHA's highest award, was presented to John M. Barry of North Carolina. John had distinguished himself as the Director of the Mecklenburg County Department of Environmental Protection. John served as NEHA President 1993-94. He has also been the technical editor of the *Journal of Environmental Health* for the last ten years. John was a part of the North Carolina Planning Committee for the 1990 NEHA AEC that was held in Charlotte.

The AEC Keynote was a panel discussion chaired by NEHA President, Rob Blake entitled "A Discussion Within the Profession: Who Are We and Who Do We Want To Be?" In addition to Rob, the par-

ticipants included Scott Holmes of the Lincoln-Lancaster Health Department in Nebraska, David Ludwig, of the Maricopa County (AZ) Environmental Services, Lisa Conti, EH Director for the Florida Department of Health, Michelle Chuk of NACCHO, Justin Malan, California Conference of EH Directors and Stan Meiburg, EPA Liaison at CDC.

At the President's Banquet, Rob Blake was honored for his work as NEHA President. Rob turned the gavel over to new NEHA President, Dick Pantages.

Raw Milk Sale or Distribution: Earlier this year, the NEHA Board of Directors adopted a position paper regarding the Sale or Distribution of Raw Milk. This issue was brought to NEHA's attention as a result of the "Cow Share" bill introduced into the NC legislature. NEHA sent a letter of support to the NC Division of Environmental Health opposing the bill. NEHA found that other states had faced the same issue when natural food advocates found a state legislator willing to support the proposal to allow individuals to purchase the production of a portion of a dairy cow's raw milk. The interstate movement of milk is regulated by the Federal Pasteurized Milk Ordinance (PMO) while intrastate movement of milk is regulated by each individual state. NEHA has joined with a number of public health organizations to oppose the sale or distribution of raw milk because of its inherent danger. All of NEHA's position papers can be found at the NEHA web site www.neha.org.

Educational Opportunities and Scholarships:

NEHA has two educational opportunities made possible by a grant from EPA. Both are fully funded and cover all costs including air fare, food and lodging. The Asthma Triggers and IAQ Issues Workshop will be presented in Washington, DC from November 11-13, 2008. Applications for the 30 available slots have to be received by October 7, 2008. The IAQ Tools for Schools National Symposium will be held December 4-6 at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC. The deadline for the 15 available scholarships is October 12, 2008. Application details can be found at www.neha.org. The NEHA contact person for these training opportunities is Susan Jerles, (847) 563-8242, sjerles@neha.org.

Sustainability, Marketing and Workforce Development: The NEHA Board of Directors has adopted a number of strategic directions or areas of special interest for the future. Currently these include Sustainability, Marketing and Workforce Development. Activities in Sustainability led to the establishment of the NEHA Award For Excellence in Sustainability and a Sustainability Resource Library on the NEHA webpage. NEHA made concerted efforts to achieve a "green" AEC this year by finding ways to reduce paper and by distributing tote bags made from recycled materials. Rob Blake established the Marketing Committee to develop ways to market environmental health to the public and to decision makers on the local, state, and federal level. NEHA has established a Workforce Development Committee to deal with issues relevant to the environmental health workforce including support for accredited schools of Environmental Health workforce development including leadership workshops. NEHA was a part of the development of the CDC's [National Strategy to Revitalize Environmental Public Health Services](#).

The 73rd NEHA Annual Education Conference will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from June 21-24, 2009. The location for the 2010 conference has not been decided but under consideration is Washington DC, Baltimore, MD or Chicago, IL.

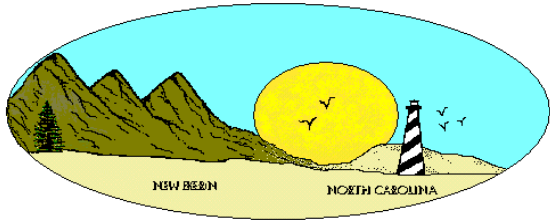
NEHA

73rd Annual Education Conference

Atlanta, GA

June 21-24, 2008

2008 Interstate Environmental



Health Seminar



The Sheraton New Bern Hotel and Marina, directly adjacent to the New Bern Riverfront Convention Center.



Attendees check out the exhibitors displaying their products and services during the Seminar.



Lenesto Page, Philo Walker, and Leo Mitchell of Mecklenburg County Environmental Health, relax during a break between speakers.



Well-attended seminars at Interstate included “CSI of Temporary Food Stands”, hosted by North Carolina, and “Body Art Tattoo”, hosted by Tennessee. Finding out the perspective of other states around us is one of the great reasons to attend Interstate!

A special thanks to Marie Meidenbauer of Mecklenburg County EH for these pictures from IEHS.



Interstate Seminar A Great Success!

North Carolina was the host state for the 62nd Interstate Environmental Seminar, I.E.H.S, in New Bern, July 23-25, 2008. States that participate in I.E.H.S are Tennessee, South Carolina, West Virginia, Alabama, Maryland, Georgia, Kentucky, and North Carolina. Members of the local planning committee are Warren Richardson, chair, Charlisa Davis, Jon Harrison, Kristi Nixon and Melissa Ham.

Most attendees and exhibitors arrived late Tuesday to the historic New Bern water front. How fortunate we are to have such great convention facilities in New Bern. Wednesday evening Tennessee hosted a hospitality hour for the attendees and their families. The agenda for the conference covered topics of emerging issues in Environmental Health for generalists, food protection, on site waste water and water supplies. Break sessions held door prize drawings and emphasized visiting exhibitors. Many of the counties in North Carolina contributed door prizes for the seminar. Dinner Thursday night, hosted by North Carolina, was provided by Flounder’s Seafood as the “Feast Down East”.

I remark on behalf of the planning committee that this was a great success and wonderful opportunity to illustrate how strong and dedicated we are in North Carolina to the Environmental Health profession. We have received numerous positive comments back from exhibitors and attendees on the organization, expertise of speakers and enjoyment of the seminar. I encourage all Environmental Health Specialists of North Carolina to find out more about I.E.H.S and plan to attend next year. Next year’s I.E.H.S is planned for Memphis, Tennessee. It’s a great time to get continuing education, network with other states, and fellowship with other Environmental Health professionals. You will never regret participating in this seminar, I promise.

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Catalog of Courses

Training by Specialists...for Specialists

Course dates and locations subject to change. Call 919-966-4032 to verify.
**Italicized workshops* are conducted by other organizations. Please contact them to register or for more information.

Programs highlighted in yellow cost only **\$125 for the first person and only \$99 for each additional person** that you register for that same site. **Single Day Workshops' (December) registration fee is \$90 per day.**

September 2008	CE Program	Location	Approximate Credit Hours
10-12	Child Care Sanitation: New Rules, Plans, and Roles	Winston-Salem	18
23	NC Environmental Health State of Practice Committee Meeting	New Bern	
October 2008	CE Program	Location	Approximate Credit Hours
1-3	Revised North Carolina Environmental Health Law and Ethics	Winston-Salem	18
2	<i>RS Board Meeting (see www.rsboard.com for details)</i>	Morehead City	
3	<i>RS Examination (call 910 608-0196 or see NC State Board of Sanitarian Examiners for details)</i>	Morehead City	
7-9	<i>FDA Southeast Regional Food Safety Seminar (contact Cindy Penland, 828-524-0415, cindy.penland@ncmail.net)</i>	Asheville	
15, 17	Basic Private Wells Authorization Training: Groundwater Protection and Public Health	Black Mountain	18
November 2008	CE Program	Location	Approximate Credit Hours
5-7	Seafood Safety Workshop 2008	Pine Knoll Sh's	18
12-14	Lead Investigation and Remediation for Authorization	Winston-Salem	18
December 2008	CE Program	Location	Approximate Credit Hours
10	NC Environmental Health State of Practice Committee Meeting	Chapel Hill	
11	<i>RS Board Meeting (see www.rsboard.com for details)</i>	Raleigh	
17	State of Practice Single Day Workshop: Food *	Winston-Salem	6
18	State of Practice Single Day Workshop: Pools *	Winston-Salem	6
19	State of Practice Single Day Workshop: Onsite Water and Sewage Issues *	Winston-Salem	6
2009	Planned CE Program (Courses still in planning; additional dates & courses TBA)	Location	Approximate Credit Hours
February 4-6	Keeping Swimming Safe and Healthy	Winston-Salem	19.75
February 18-20 May 27-30 August 5-7	Basic Private Wells Authorization Training: Groundwater Protection and Public Health	<i>tba</i>	18.0
April 8-10	Inspire, Influence & Inform: Improving your communications skills	<i>tba</i>	>15
April 22-24	Institutional Sanitation: Let's Get It Right Before We Have to Move In	Greensboro	19.75
May 13-15 October 14-16	2009 NC Environmental Health Law & Ethics	<i>East West</i>	17.75
May 20-22 July 22-24 September 2-4	Basic Food Short Course Revised (NEW)	<i>tba</i>	>15
June 10-12	Repairing Basic On-site Sewage Systems	<i>tba</i>	18.25
June 24-26	Zoonotic Diseases: Was That a Monkey, a Chicken, or Me Coughing? (NEW)	<i>tba</i>	18.0
August 19-21	Pump Controlled On-site Wastewater Systems: Sewage Under Pressure	<i>tba</i>	17.25
September 16-18	Child Care Sanitation: New Rules, Plans and Roles	<i>tba</i>	18.0
October 28-30	Seafood Safety Workshop 2009	Pine Knoll Sh's	17.5
November 18-20	Lead Investigation and Remediation for Authorization	<i>tba</i>	17.75

The practitioner-based State of Practice (SOP) Committee has since 1981, provided more than **593** workshops & courses, awarding over **310,967** hours of professional, RS Board approved, environmental continuing education, to public health professionals. See <http://oce.sph.unc.edu/sop/calendar.htm>.