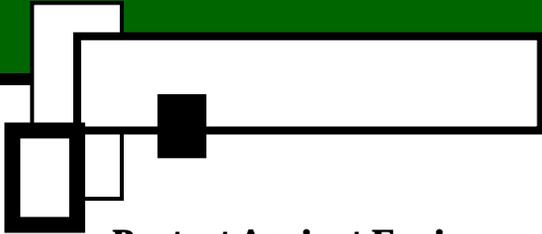


Protect Against Environmental Hazards (EH)



Protect Against Environmental Hazards (EH) - The control of environmental and sanitary living conditions is a foundation of public health practice. Protect Against Environmental Hazards Standards focus the need for the public health system to have established procedures in place for monitoring and controlling sanitary living conditions. The standards emphasize the importance of monitoring environmental conditions of risk and enforcing health rules and regulations that minimize or eliminate those risks.

Standard EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.

Standard EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.

Standard EH 3: Assure staff are capable of providing environmental public health services.

Total Local Criteria: 8

Total State Criteria: 9



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STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1a-L Provide core environmental health inspection and consultative services.	1. Inspection reports.	Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the core environmental health services are provided.
		Significance: The core environmental health services are services required to be performed by law.
		Guidance: For each of the core services, the agency shall provide one example of an inspection report, including any necessary follow-up documentation. Core services include non-public water wells, on-site wastewater, public health nuisances, time of transfer inspections for on-site wastewaters, vector control, and an animal control protocol for rabies cases.

STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1b-L Provide or assure provision of supplemental environmental health inspection or consultative services.	1. Inspection reports or documentation of correspondence with supplemental environmental health provider.	Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the health agency is providing or is aware of who is providing supplemental environmental health inspection of consultative services.
		Significance: Regardless of whether or not the local health agency is providing these services or not, the health agency should be aware of what is happening in their communities in these supplemental areas.
		Guidance: For each of the supplemental services provided the department shall provide one example of an inspection report,

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		including any necessary follow-up documentation. If the agency does not perform the supplemental services, proof of correspondence (email, meeting minutes, letters, reports,) seeking information about supplemental environmental health programming should be submitted. Supplemental services include food safety/lodging, childhood lead poisoning prevention, pool safety, indoor air quality, tattoo, tanning beds, and other programs determined by the local board of health.
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STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1c-L Annually report environmental health activities to the local board of health and the public.	1. Documentation of report to the local board of health. 2. Documentation of report to the public.	Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that a summary of environmental health activities is regularly presented to the local board of health and to the public.
		Significance: The local board of health needs to be aware of environmental health activities going on in their jurisdiction.
		Guidance: The report shall include at a minimum the number of inspections and investigations conducted and the number of resolved and unresolved cases. Documentation that the report has been shared with the board of health should include a copy of the report and board of health meeting minutes. Documentation of sharing the report with the public may be a community presentation (include presentation and attendees), an informational fact sheet (include where the fact sheet has been shared), or may be posting the annual report online.

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STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1d-L Maintain a policy and procedure manual for all environmental health services provided. The manual must address minimum required components and be reviewed at least every three years.	1. Policy and procedure manual.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that policies and procedures for every environmental health service provided are in place.</p> <p>Significance: Having policies and procedures in place is a good business practice and is necessary in the event of a legal challenge.</p> <p>Guidance: The policy and procedure manual should be submitted as documentation. The minimum required components for each section of the policy and procedure manual include complaint handling, permit process, license process, inspection requirements, investigation procedures, fee requirements, enforcement protocols, appeal process, record keeping and documentation, and contractor and service provider competency and certification requirements.</p>

STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1a-S In coordination with lead state agencies, provide minimum inspection criteria and guidance for core and	1. Inspection criteria for core and supplemental environmental services. 2. Guidance for core	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is coordinating with other state agencies to provide minimum inspection criteria and guidance for core and supplemental environmental services.</p> <p>Significance: The core and supplemental environmental services do not all fall under the authority of the department.</p>

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supplemental environmental services.	and supplemental environmental services.	However, the department should serve as the convener of other state agencies who do have the authority for core and supplemental environmental services to provide minimum inspection criteria and guidance to assure consistency across the state.
	3. Proof of collaboration with other state agencies.	Guidance: Documentation may be current tool kits, a list of criteria, guidance documents, meeting minutes, emails, agendas, or policies and procedures.

STANDARD EH 1: Provide comprehensive environmental health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 1b-S In coordination with lead state agencies, provide guidance for local policy and procedure development.	1. Guidance for policy and procedure development. 2. Proof of collaboration with other state agencies.	Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is coordinating with other state agencies and the state hygienic laboratory to provide guidance for local policy and procedure development.
		Significance: The core and supplemental environmental services do not all fall under the authority of the department. However, the department should serve as the convener of other state agencies who do have the authority for core and supplemental environmental services to provide guidance for local policy and procedure development.
		Guidance: Documentation may be guidance, training, checklists, templates, meeting minutes, emails, agendas or toolkits on the website.

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STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2a-L Engage partners and community stakeholders in reviewing environmental health data and recommending further action.	1. Documentation of collaboration with partners or community stakeholders.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that partnerships are in place to monitor environmental conditions and develop action plans to implement environmental health strategies.</p> <p>Significance: Collaboration with partners to address health issues is an important role of public health. Collaboration can provide additional resources and opportunities for improvement.</p> <p>Guidance: The work with at least two community stakeholders should be provided as evidence. New program efforts, new policy direction, or education activities are examples of collaboration. Documentation may include work plans, meeting minutes or products developed by the partnership. The collaborative effort does not have to be ongoing.</p>

STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2a-S In coordination with lead state agencies, the state hygienic laboratory, and local environmental health programs provide criteria for data collected by local environmental	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Criteria for data collected. 2. Proof of collaboration. 	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is coordinating with other state agencies, the state hygienic laboratory, and local environmental health programs to provide criteria for data collected by local environmental health programs.</p> <p>Significance: A standard set of criteria will assure consistent reporting across the state.</p> <p>Guidance: Criteria may be included in a template or tool kit provided by the department, or on the department's website.</p>

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health programs.		Proof of collaboration with another state agency or the state hygienic laboratory and local environmental health could include emails, meeting minutes, or agendas of meetings.
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STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2b-S Maintain web-based databases for environmental health programs administered by the state public health department.	1. Web-based databases for swimming pools and spas, tattoo parlors, and tanning salons.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that department maintains web-based databases for environmental health programs administered by the department.</p> <p>Significance: Web-based databases provide the public an opportunity to view inspection results for swimming pools and spas, tattoo parlors, and tanning salons they are considering visiting.</p> <p>Guidance: Submit screen shots of web-based databases for the three programs.</p>

STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2c-S Review, share, and use applicable environmental health research.	1. Documentation of use. 2. Documentation of sharing.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is reviewing, sharing, and using applicable environmental health research.</p> <p>Significance: The department should regularly be reviewing, sharing, and using applicable environmental health research to improve its own programs and assist partners in understanding potential threats.</p> <p>Guidance: The department shall submit two examples of research use and two examples of research sharing within the last</p>

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		three years. The examples used do not have to be the examples shared. The department should review research on evidence based and or promising practices.
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STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2d-S Provide consultation, technical assistance, and resource referral on environmental health.	1. Examples of technical assistance.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is providing consultation, technical assistance and resource referral on environmental health.</p> <p>Significance: As the state governmental entity the department should provide consultation, technical assistance, and resource referral.</p> <p>Guidance: Five examples of technical assistance. Examples may be phone logs, website information, trainings, webinars, emails, meeting minutes, or site visits.</p>

STANDARD EH 2: Monitor for environmental health risks and illnesses.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 2e-S Establish and use environmental health indicators to measure the impact of state and local environmental health programs.	1. Indicators. 2. Examples of use.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is establishing and using environmental health indicator to measure the impact of state and local environmental health programs.</p> <p>Significance: It is important to monitor the impact of state and local environmental health programs in order to plan effectively to meet the needs of Iowans.</p> <p>Guidance: The department shall submit the indicators and two example of use of the indicators during the past two years.</p>

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STANDARD EH 3: Assure staff are capable of providing environmental public health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 3a-L Assure environmental health staff members attend a minimum of twelve hours of environmental health-related training per year as approved by the Iowa Environmental Health Association's registration program.	1. Proof of membership on IEHA registry.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the environmental health workforce is receiving continuing education.</p> <p>Significance: Continuing education is necessary in public health due to new technology, developed best practices, and advances in science.</p> <p>Guidance: Training may be completed through formal training, in-services, and online, for example. The environmental health practitioner should consider training related to the "Core Competencies to Practice Environmental Health," May 2001.</p>

STANDARD EH 3: Assure staff are capable of providing environmental public health services.		
CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 3b-L Demonstrate expertise in providing environmental health services.	1. Documents and statements of qualifications.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure a qualified environmental health workforce.</p> <p>Significance: Without a qualified workforce environmental hazards may go unmitigated and continue to be a threat to the public's health.</p> <p>Guidance: Documentation may include: REHS certificate, documentation of on the job training, risk communication training, audits, programmatic evaluations, case reviews or peer reviews. Training may be completed through formal training, in-services, or online. All environmental health employees</p>

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		providing direct services should provide proof of qualifications.
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STANDARD EH 3: Assure staff are capable of providing environmental public health services.

CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 3a-S Provide in-person orientation on the programs referenced in Standard EH 1 within 45 working days of notice of hire for a local Environmental Health Coordinator/Supervisor.	1. Listing of dates of notification of hire and dates of visit.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is providing in-person orientation to local Environmental Health Coordinators/Supervisors within 45 working days of notice of hire.</p> <p>Significance: It is important to provide onsite orientation with new Environmental Health Coordinators/Supervisors to assure they have necessary knowledge and resources to begin their work.</p> <p>Guidance: Listing should cover the last twelve months.</p>

STANDARD EH 3: Assure staff are capable of providing environmental public health services.

CRITERIA	REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION	
EH 3b-S In coordination with other state agencies, state hygienic laboratory, and professional organizations, to assure training opportunities on technical skills and core competencies.	1. Proof of coordination. 2. Training agendas.	<p>Purpose: The purpose of this criterion is to assure that the department is coordinating with other state agencies, the state hygienic laboratory, and professional organizations to identify training and assure training availability on technical skills and core competencies for the environmental health workforce.</p> <p>Significance: Training is needed to maintain competencies, and address new and emerging issues.</p> <p>Guidance: The department shall provide evidence of coordination like meeting minutes, work plans, or joint advertisements for training. Provide at least two training agendas</p>

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		developed within the last two years. One shall be in partnership with the state hygienic laboratory; the other shall be in partnership with another state agency or a professional organization.
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