



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF
**HEALTH &
SENIOR SERVICES**

Bureau of Environmental Health Services Partnership with LPHAs

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Topics to Discuss

- Environmental Health – Need to know
- Environmental Health Operational Guidelines (EHOG)
- LPHA – BEHS Partnership

Environmental Health – Need to know

192.280 – It shall be the duty of the county health officers to enforce the rules and regulations of the department of Health and Senior Services.

The State Investment in Local Public Health Services indicates a LPHA shall support the Department in the delivery of public health services guided by Department standards.

Environmental Health – Need to know

The Environmental Health Operational Guidelines are standards by which LPHA Environmental Health Programs must operate according to the State Investment in Local Public Health Services.

The Bureau of Environmental Health Services (BEHS) is the unit within DHSS that oversees Environmental Health in Missouri.

Environmental Health – Need to know

192.300 – County Commissions and County Health Center Boards may promulgate orders, ordinances, rules and regulations to enhance public health, but they cannot be in conflict any DHSS rules and regulations.

Knowing if Environmental Health work is being done under local or state authority is essential.

EHOG

- The Environmental Health Operational Guidelines (EHOG) is the handbook of an Environmental Health Specialist.
- This 219-page manual contains practices, processes and procedures for providing the services expected of an Environmental Health Program in Missouri.
- Designed to maintain consistency throughout the state by establishing clear minimum standards for operations.

Environmental Health Operational Guidelines



This manual is designed to set the minimum standards by which Local Public Health Agencies performing environmental health services in cooperation with the Bureau of Environmental Health Services will operate.

What is in the EHOG

What services does the EHOG cover?

- Environmental Health Fundamentals
- Food Safety
- Lodging, Safety and Sanitation
- Emergency Response
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment
- Environmental Childcare
- Drinking Water
- General Environmental Health

Environmental Health Fundamentals

- Using the EHOG
- Fundamentals of Environmental Public Health
- Bureau of Environmental Health Services
- Environmental Public Health Specialist
- Legal Authority
- Forms and Documentation
- Documentation
- Inspection Fundamentals

Food Safety

- Retail Food Protection and Enforcement Guidelines
- Farmers Markets, Fairs, Festivals and Temporary Events
- Recall Procedures
- Food Borne Illness Investigations
- Special Approval Process
- Collection of Food Samples for Laboratory Analysis
- Product Tampering
- Summer Food and At-Risk Inspections

Lodging, Safety and Sanitation

- Sanitation and Safety Guidelines
- Requirements for Licensing
- Sanitation/Housekeeping
- Life Safety
- Fire Safety
- Swimming Pools/Spas
- Plumbing/Mechanical
- Heating, Venting and Air Conditioning Equipment
- Enforcement Guidelines

Emergency Response

- Communication between LPHA and BEHS
- Preparedness
- Distressed Food
- Standards for Determining Food Safety
- Distressed Drugs and Pharmaceuticals
- Potable Water under Emergency Conditions
- Wastewater Treatment Systems after Flood
- Mass Feeding Centers/Emergency Shelters
- Sanitation Guidelines for Childcare and Lodging
- Disaster Recovery

Onsite Wastewater

- Complaints and Malfunctioning Systems
- Wastewater Treatment at DHSS Regulated Facilities
- Application Review and Permitting Process – only done by contract LPHAs, or those with ordinances
- Interpreting Site/Soil Evaluation Reports
- Variance Guidelines
- Illegal/Non-complaint Installations
- Registration/Licensing of Professionals
- Closer or Abandonment of Onsite System

Childcare

- Only done by LPHAs with Participation Agreements with BEHS
- Childcare Guidelines
- Urgent and Non-Urgent Special Circumstance Inspection
- Animal Interactions
- Disease Investigations
- Reimbursement

Drinking Water

- Water Supply Types
- Domestic Water
- Regulated Facilities
 - Public Water
 - Non-Community Public Water
 - Private Water

General Environmental Health

- Healthy Indoor Air
- Recreational Water
- Vector Control
- Animal Bites
- Mattresses or other Bedding
- Nuisance Complaints
- Lead

LPHA - BEHS Partnership

BEHS is responsible for overseeing and providing Environmental Health Services in Missouri. BEHS does this in partnership with LPHAs. BEHS role is to provide guidance, training and technical direction to LPHAs.

BEHS does this via:

- Maintaining and Updating the EHOG
- Virtual/Field Training for Environmental Staff
- Technical Bulletins/Information Releases
- Providing staff for support and guidance

LPHA BEHS Partnership

The EHOG is a living document that the bureau updates every 3 years in coordination with State Investment in Local Public Health Services.

Updating the EHOG routinely ensures that the practices and procedures within the document are as effective and realistic as possible.

Most of the changes within the EHOG revolve around either clarification or rule and regulation changes/interpretations.

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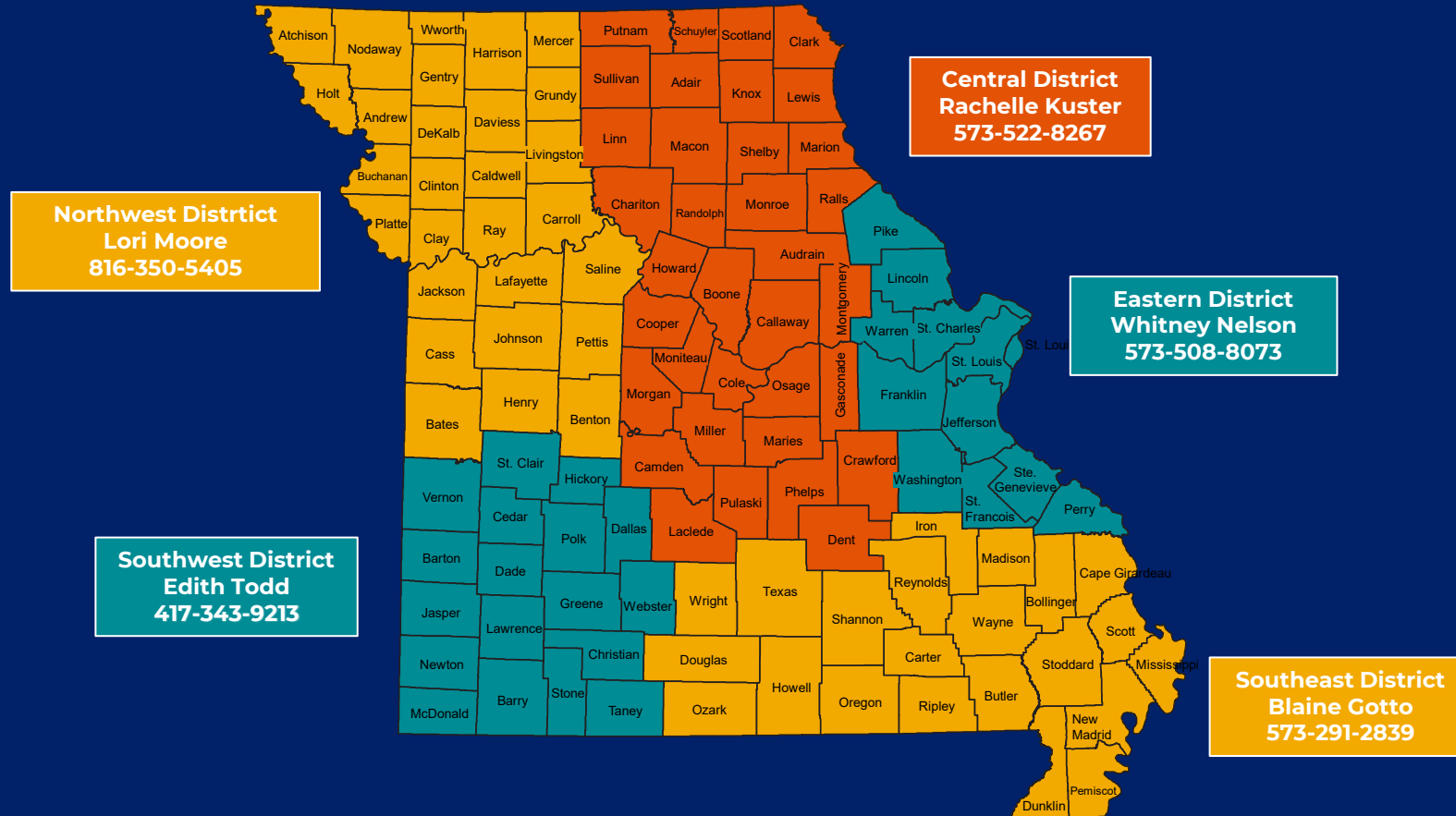
BEHS provides multiple training methods and opportunities for the Environmental Health Specialist (EHS).

Field Training is provided to LPHAs by BEHS Regional Specialists and District Supervisors.

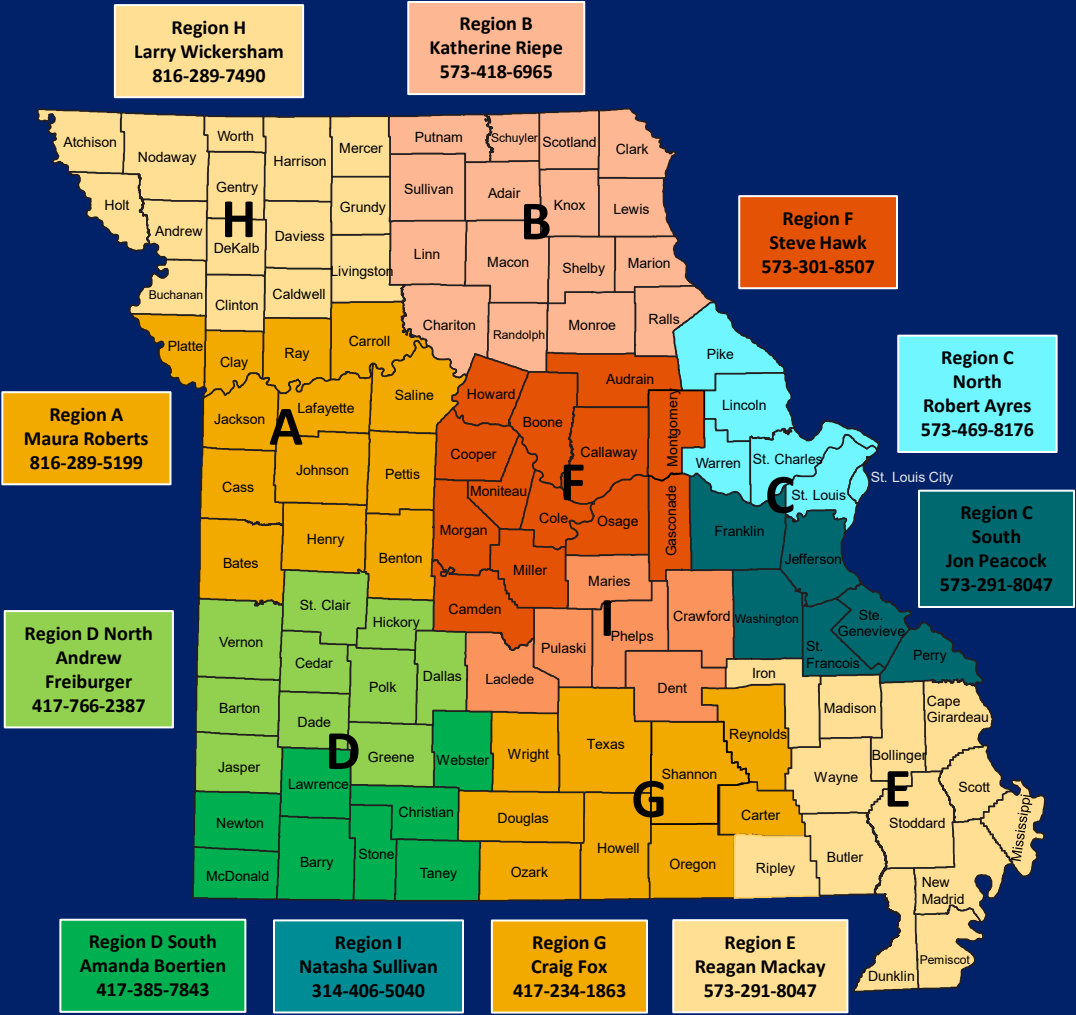
New EHS take precedence, but BEHS staff attempt to conduct field training with every LPHA every 8-10 weeks.

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BEHS Regional Environmental Health Specialist Coverage Map



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Virtual Training is one of most efficient means for BEHS to provide education to LPHAs.

Currently BEHS provides:

- Webinar Learning Series
 - A monthly education series on EH topics
- District Virtual Office Hours
 - Monthly office hours for LPHA inspectors/administrators to discuss EH issues as a group

LPHA - BEHS Partnership

Technical Bulletins and Information Releases are used to provide LPHA timely communication on issues.

- Technical Bulletins are used to provide clarification on BEHS rules, regulations, and standards and are incorporated into the EHOG during updates.
- Information Releases are used to provide LPHAs with information on EH issues that fall outside the EHOG.



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