

Program Environmental Health	Program Supervisor Richard Ziesenis, RS, BA	FTE's Assigned 4.0																					
Program Description The Environmental Health program focuses on the health interrelationships between people and their environment, promoting human health and well-being, and fostering a safe and healthful environment. The following activities assist the program in accomplishing these goals. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timely investigation of complaints. • Thorough inspection of regulated industries and activities. • Promotion of environmentally responsible behaviors through education and outreach. • Development and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. 																							
Program Goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annually inspect all schools, septage waste haulers and cereal malt beverage license holders. • Inspect at least monthly all public swimming pools and spas. • Administer and enforce the Douglas County Sanitary Code. • Respond to all environmental health complaints and technical assistance requests. • Provide public education and community outreach on environmental health issues. 																							
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Program Impact Story <p>Recently Jim, one of our environmental health specialists, received a request from the Bloom family. The Bloom's had always lived in Lawrence but had recently moved to a rural home. Mr. Bloom wanted to know how to properly maintain their septic system. Jim helped the Bloom family by going out to their home to show them what needed to be done to maintain their septic system.</p> <p>Occasionally, more often than we like, staff will go out on inspections and be greeted by people who are not always welcoming. It helps to know that this isn't always the case as evidenced by the Bloom family who say "they don't know what they would have done or who they would have gone to if not for Jim's help. Luke Bloom says, "I didn't know a lot of things that needed to be done or what living in a rural area would mean for us. The Health Department staff person really helped us better understand a lot of things we had no idea about. We're glad someone was there to help us out."</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Names have been changed.</i></p>																							