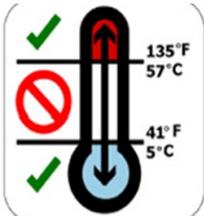


ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Whitman County Board of Health Summary

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Environmental Health Programs and Services



Food Protection Program



Onsite Sewage Program

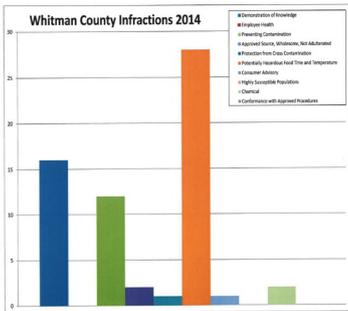


Water Recreation Facilities



Drinking Water Program

Food Protection Program



- All Environmental Health staff completed FDA Standardization training and inspections.
- Increase in-person trainings
- Job shadowing at SRHD. WSU events.
- Updates to database and permitting
- 150+ Food Services Establishment Inspections
- 44 Temporary Events and Inspections (95 in 2014)
- 13 New establishments/permits (20 in 2014)
- 2 scheduled Health Officer meetings (October 2nd)

Onsite Sewage Program



- 18 Completed (near completed) OSS projects
- 19 Permits Issued
- 14 OSS permits for failures
- 5 Engineered plans under review
- 28 Site Evaluations
- Building/Planning– Review of 24 permits and RHCs

Water Recreation Facilities



- 16 Water recreation facility inspections
- 2 closure due to critical violations
- Compliance schedules implemented for 2015 permitting
- Additional training in Walla Walla

Drinking Water Program



- Joint inspections with Department of Health
 - * City of Steptoe
 - * Port of Wilma
- Citizen Complaints
- Drinking water quality test kit now available for staff
- Serve on Drinking Water Advisory Group



Environmental Health

Report of large fish die-off (2,000) and Blue-Green Algae in South Fork Palouse near Schmuck Park. Washington State Department of Ecology is currently developing a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) study to address dissolved oxygen (DO) and pH. Primary pollutant of concern to be addressed in the Department of Ecology report is nitrate.

Primary areas to be addressed: leaching from nearby fields and nitrates as a result of failed or failing septic systems.

The Environmental Health Department is currently developing a State mandated operation and maintenance (O&M) program to improve system functionality, identify and address maintenance needs, and to ensure compliance with regulations and permits

