

Whitman County Environmental Health



**Food
Protection
Program**

**Solid
Waste
Program**

**Drinking
Water
Program**

**Living
Environment
Programs**

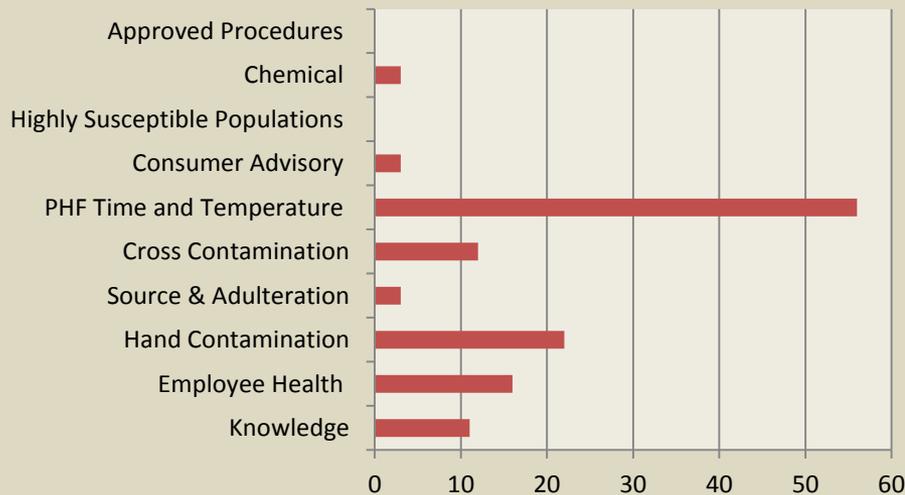
**Onsite
Sewage
Program**

2015 Board of Health Summary Presentation



Food Protection Program

**Red High Risk Factor Violation Citations
January –November 2015**



For 2015, the ability to properly hold food at the correct temperatures (less than 41^o F or greater than 135^o F) continues to be the primary violation observed. Educational strategies have been implemented to reduce the overall numbers. For the previous five (5) years, hand contamination was the number one occurring (and re-occurring) violation observed.

January-November Inspection Summary

Total Permitted Facilities-255

Re-Inspections- 32

Pre-Operational-15

Complaint-Based-7

Failed- 11

Educational-17

New Establishments/Permits - 11

2015 Temporary Events

- ✓ 246 Temporary Event Permits Issued
- ✓ June-August ~ 65% of permits

FDA Standardization

- ✓ Joint inspections with DOH/FDA
- ✓ Standardization of WSU EH&S

2016 Permits

- ✓ No increase in fees
- ✓ Process currently underway



Food Protection Program

Whitman County Environmental Health Food Advisory Committee



Recommendations for 2016 include:

- ✓ Color-coded and posted restaurant scores
- ✓ Online posting of Food Service Establishments inspection reports
- ✓ Stricter enforcement policy
- ✓ Ill employee requirements
- ✓ Electronic records management (HealthSpace)



Solid Waste Program



- ✓ Reemergence of issues previously thought resolved.
- ✓ Contact with property owners remains difficult.
- ✓ Identifying issues of health concern can be difficult with limited access to property.

- ✓ GIS Data Dictionary for all permitted Solid Waste Facilities and “illegal” landfills.
- ✓ Enforcement policy and legal limitations to be reviewed.
- ✓ CPG granted approval for legal assistance.





Solid Waste Program



2015 Solid Waste Handling Permits

- ✓ Carothers Road
 - New transfer station permitted for 2015.
 - HHW updates
- ✓ WSU Compost Facility
 - Updates to O&M
 - New digester
- ✓ Clark Inert Landfill
 - Removal of non-inert materials
- ✓ Atlas Sand and Rock
 - Increasing operations and materials received.
- ✓ Case/Kammerzall
 - Temporary inert landfill





Solid Waste Program

State Department of Ecology Updates

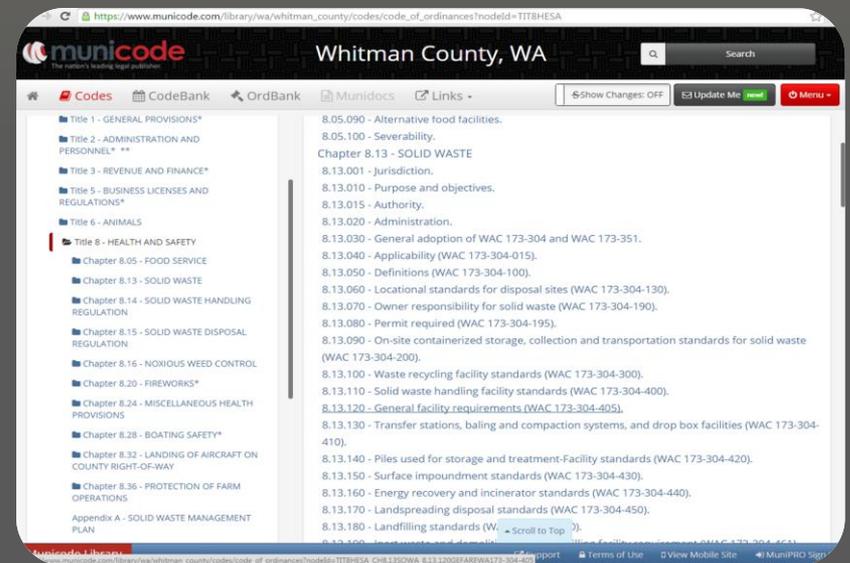
- ✓ WAC 173-351
- ✓ WAC 173-350

Whitman County Code Chapter Updates

- ✓ Whitman County Code 8.13-Solid Waste
- ✓ Whitman County Code 8.14-Solid Waste Handling Regulation
- ✓ Whitman County Code 8.15-Solid Waste Disposal Regulation

Whitman County Environmental Health

- ✓ Enforcement Policy and Procedures
- ✓ Legal requirements
- ✓ Increase use of GIS



Drinking Water Program



Joint inspections with Washington State Department of Health

- ✓ Lamont
- ✓ Palouse
- ✓ Klemgard County Park
 - ✓ Dusty
 - ✓ Colton
- ✓ Uniontown
- ✓ Evangelical Free Church (Pullman)

Drinking Water Program

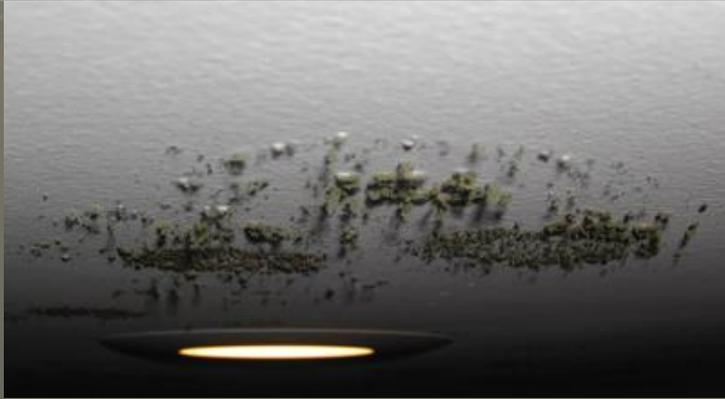


- ✓ **Active Members of the Office of Drinking Water Advisory Group**
 - **Alternative Water Supplies**
 - **Rule and Regulation Updates**
 - **Grant and Funding Options**
 - **Treatment Options and Approvals**
- ✓ **Regional Water Updates and Meetings**
 - **Local implementation practices**
 - **Local impacts of water use**
 - **Local resource requests**
- ✓ **Local Point of Contact**
 - **Regulation Interpretations**
 - **Quality Complaints**
 - **Testing Requirements**
 - **Technical Assistance**
 - **Individual Well Owner Information**





Living Environment Program



Mold in rental properties remains a big concerns in many areas.



Air quality complaints were at record highs in September 2015



Environmental Health staff received several requests for assistance for blue green algae.



Asbestos disposal in older buildings is a concern in Whitman County



Living Environment Program



2015 Recreational Waters Program

- ✓ 22 Recreational Water/Spa permits issued
- ✓ Certified Pool Operators on staff (22/10)
- ✓ Seasonal = 1-2 inspections per year
- ✓ Year-Round – 2 inspections (plus complaints)
- ✓ Assist with Plan Reviews



Onsite Sewage Program

OSS Permitting Summary (January-November 2015)

Total Number of Permits -25 (+ pending)

Failures/Repairs– 10

Site Evaluations- 35

Pump Reports– 80

Building Permits– 175/43

Planning Department

RHC's- 23 (+/- 4 large cluster developments pending)

RRSR-21

Conditional Use Permits-6/3





Onsite Sewage Program



Jeffrey Wilmoth (WCEH), Chris Skidmore, (WCEH), Michael Baker (WCEH), and Dave Jensen (Jensen Engineering) during final inspection of Port of Wilma's new onsite sewage system.

Non-Residential Sewage Systems Port of Wilma

- Completes replacement
- Originally identified in 2009
- Previous repair unsuccessful

Boyer Park Expansion

- New Plans approved October 2015
- 17 RV parking spots/ 7 Cabins
- Engineered timed dose system

Department of Transportation

- Replacement of small, failing tanks
- New tanks and pumps

Palouse Animal Clinic

- Combination residential and clinic
- Oversized with testing requirements



Environmental Health Staffing



Michael Baker, PhD, MSPH, CEHS/RS

- Director of Environmental Health
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response (PHEPR)
- 2003-Present



Jeffrey Wilmoth

- Environmental Health Specialist I
- Environmental Health Program Generalist
- 2014-Present



Christopher Skidmore

- Environmental Health Specialist I
- Environmental Health Program Generalist
- 2014-Present



Chelsea New Employee?

- Environmental Health Specialist I
- Environmental Health Program Generalist
- 2014-2015



Board of Health Updates

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Whitman County Board of Health
 Commissioner Art Swannack
 Commissioner Dean Kinzer
 Commissioner Michael Largent

The Board of Whitman County Commissioners also serves as the Whitman County Board of Health in accordance with the public health and safety chapter of the Revised Code of Washington (RCW 70.46.050). The Board has broad legal authority and the responsibility to protect the community's health and to enforce local, state and federal laws and regulations. By selecting and overseeing leadership, working with staff to set policy and priorities, approving the annual operating budget, and enacting health policies through local public health regulations, the Board establishes the overall direction of the Public Health Department. The Board of Health exercises final authority over all matters pertaining to the preservation of the life and health of the people within Whitman County.

Board responsibilities include:

- Enforcement of state public health statutes and the rules of the state board of health and secretary of health
- Supervision of health and sanitary measures for the provision of the public health
- Enacting local rules and regulations to preserve, promote, and improve public health and provide enforcement as necessary
- Control and prevention of any dangerous, contagious or infectious disease within the county
- Prevention, control and abatement of nuisance detrimental to the public health
- Secure financial support needed to maintain foundational public health services
- Establishes fee schedules for issuing or renewing licenses or permits, or for other such services

Appointment of a Public Health Officer (RCW 70.05.070)

The Board of Health meetings are held at 2:00 PM the 3rd Tuesday of every other month, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the main floor of the Whitman County Courthouse. The courthouse is located at 400 North Main Street in Colfax, Washington. All Board of Health meetings are open to the public and we encourage your attendance and participation. To request reasonable accommodations, please contact us prior to the meeting date.

Board of Health Presentations		
Board of Health Presentation: Introduction to Public Health in Whitman County		
Board of Health Presentation: Roles and Responsibilities of the Board of Health		

2015 Board of Health Reports		
Date	Environmental Health Report	BOH Minutes
January 20, 2015	EH Programs Goals-Discussion Only	January 2015 BOH Minutes
March 18, 2015	March EH Report	March 2015 BOH Minutes
May 18, 2015	May EH Report	May 2015 BOH Minutes
July 20, 2015	July EH Report	July 2015 BOH Minutes
September 21, 2015	September EH Report	September 2015 BOH Minutes
November 17, 2015	November EH Report-End of Year Summary	November 2015 BOH Minutes

WHITMAN COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BOH REPORT

Food Protection Program

2015 Data

- 20 Total Inspections
- 18 Sites Not Inspected
- 79 Routine Inspections
- 2 Future Inspections
- 2 New Establishments
- 2 Compliance Inspections
- 10 Mobile FAC

Red High Risk Factor Violation Citations FY 2015

Approved Inspection	Control	Repeat	Immediate Action
All but the establishment	1	1	0
Commercial	1	1	0
Food & Beverage	1	1	0
Food Preparation	1	1	0
Food Storage	1	1	0
Food Service	1	1	0

Inspection Results

- 24 (60 Passed) (93.8%)
- 4 (10 Failed) (4.3%)
- Average of 3.54 points in Red violations
- Average of 1.7 points in Blue violations
- Average of 4.6 Compliance points

Red High Risk Factor Inspection Violations cited from January to May 2015: Child building is the leading red factor with 25.7% of inspections cited for in 2015 were violating red building regulations. Adequate food wash sinks remain an issue in Whitman County with 12.5% of inspections cited for having inadequate food wash sinks.

School Gardens

The Whitman County Environmental Health Department is partnering with the Commercial Center (CAC) and the Fresh Food For Kids Program for a USDA Farm to School Grant to provide support services for Jefferson Elementary School, Lewis Middle School and Community Child Care Center's Head Start Program.

The program will assist with health education through the school garden development. Maintenance, soil testing, composting classes, and will offer support for teachers who would like to use the garden to enhance curriculum.

Goals of the program include:

- To provide school garden produce in the breakfast and lunch program
- To increase our student's consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables
- To improve food literacy among children
- To report positive change in how children think about fresh food

Board of Health Report May 16, 2015

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EH Highlights

- Environmental Health completes first year
- 2015 Food Advisory Committee
- OSU Codes updated to reflect WHC 246-272A
- OSU Advisory Committee Reformed
- Water System Change
- OSU involved in all EH programs
- School Gardens immediate initiative

- ✓ Board of Health Summary Reports added to Whitman County Environmental Health website
- ✓ All reports from July 2014-Present
- ✓ Includes Whitman County Commissioner Minutes
- ✓ Viewable/Printable as PDFs



2016 Environmental Health

- ✓ Development and support for School Inspection Program
- ✓ Increase use and working relationships with GIS and GIS users countywide
- ✓ Implementation of productivity (information-tracking) software for environmental health professionals (HealthSpace)
- ✓ Increased training/certifications for Environmental Health staff
- ✓ Regular meeting and updates to Whitman County Prosecutor
- ✓ Assist small operators in identifying and applying for grants and funding to improve facilities/services.





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