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DESCRIPTION

General

The Environmental Health Manual (EHM) is issued by the Center for Environmental Health (CEH) to standardize the statewide implementation of Environmental Health Programs. The EHM is maintained by the Field Coordination Unit (FCU). EHM Items address and clarify Department policy, program implementation expectations, Center/Regional/District/Local Health Department roles and responsibilities, technical information, required forms, and relevant supplemental information, for local, district, regional and central health department staff. Program information that is appropriate for the regulated community and/or public will be provided in an alternate format (e.g., fact sheet). Development of an EHM Item is initiated and occurs within a specific CEH program area and content is reviewed at the Division and Center level before transmittal to the field. The FCU coordinates final review, transmittal and posting of EHM Items on the Health Commerce System (HCS).

Structure

Historically, the EHM has consisted of two parts: Procedures and Technical References, with a separate Table of Contents maintained for both EHM Item Procedures and Technical References. The 09_01 transmittal (02/20/09) of this Table of Contents combined the Table of Contents for both EHM Item Procedures and Technical References into a single reference document, grouped by program area, with EHM Items listed in ascending numerical order. Within the EHM, there are multiple functional sections, each relating to a specific environmental health program area. The nomenclature and designations for each of the functional sections have evolved to reflect consistency with changes to environmental health program areas and currently consists of the following functional sections:

Functional SectionDesignation*Environmental Health Protection AdministrationADMCommunity Environmental Health and Food ProtectionCEHFPWater Supply ProtectionWSPEnvironmental Radiation ProtectionRADEnvironmental Health AssessmentDEHAToxic Substances AssessmentBTSA

*Note: Some of the existing EHM Items within the EHM Manual depict the current designation indicated for the corresponding functional section, and may reflect a historical designation (e.g., CSS, CSFP, PWS). As individual EHM Items are revised and (re)-issued, the current designation will be applied.

The functional section designation forms the trunk of the EHM Item number. Some EHM Items are further distinguished by the designation of PR (Procedure) and TR (Technical Reference) as part of the EHM Item number, particularly if they were revised and reissued between 2006 -2008 for either the WSP or CEHFP program areas. This nomenclature was used to facilitate location of a particular EHM Item within the EHM. Beginning in 2009, the distinction between Procedures and Technical References will be eliminated for EHM Items that are revised and/or reissued, or for new EHM Items that are issued.

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