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TO : Danbury Common Council

FROM: Jack Kozuchowski, Coordinator of Environmental & Occupational Health Services

RE: Monthly Status Report - Environmental Health Division  
October, 2004

<b>Key Indicators</b>	<b>This Month</b>	<b>Last Month</b>	<b># Difference</b>	<b>% Difference</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<i>Hazardous Materials Management (hours)</i>	104	91	13	14	333
<i>Wetlands / Water Resources Management (hours)</i>	106	145	(39)	(27)	457
<i>Natural Resource Management</i>	30	30	0	0	101
<i>Program Administration (hours)</i>	99	95	4	4.2	377
<i>Subsurface Disposal Evaluations (Septic Systems and Wells) (# of site visits)</i>	276	164	112	68	763



## Future Projects

Name	Rationale	Effect
None	Complete current projects before taking on new undertakings.	No new projects to be taken on – except for emergency assignments – due to program overload

### Narrative

The major project activities of the Environmental Health Division (EHD) for October, 2004 can be summarized as follows.

- **Hazardous Materials Management.** The State Health Department Bioterrorism grant activities for fiscal year 2004-2005 concluded on a very successful note for the City of Danbury. Among our accomplishments:
  - ◆ Prepared and submitted the City’s “Public Health Emergency Plan (PHEP)” for BT events in Danbury;
  - ◆ Designed and conducted a “tabletop exercise” of the PHEP for all emergency response departments;
  - ◆ Prepared a list of all supplies needed to operate a smallpox vaccination clinic and established a “rolling purchase order” that could procure supplies on short notice;
  - ◆ Participated in regional BT planning efforts, providing the Chairmanship over the regional council of Health Directors;
  - ◆ In October, the EHD concluded the BT grant period by evaluating all equipment needs and ordering instrumentation and personal gear necessary to respond to a BT event

The EHD also continued oversight over the “Phytoremediation demonstration” on Barnum Court. On October 8<sup>th</sup> the EHD and fellow researchers from Western Connecticut State University collaborated in a community presentation at the University’s “Science at Night” forum.

- **Environmental Impact Commission.** The staff of the Environmental Health Division continues to do the best it can to staff the EIC, splitting screening reports, conducting reviews of complex applications and inspecting problem sites that are in construction. The EHD staff is doing the best they can to maintain a reasonable turn-around period for reports, permits and site inspections.
- **Natural Resource Management.** Work continued on planning for the Ives Trail. On October 17, 2004, the EHD worked with the Danbury Music Centre, the Tarrywile Park Authority and the Danbury Museum in facilitating the opening of the “Foundation Section” of the Ives Trail, which starts at the Ives Birthplace Museum on Mountainville Road and connects to the Tarrywile Park trail system via a connector Trail that runs behind the Montessori School. The event was well attended and featured a guided walk around the Museum trails section that showcased the new signs that describe the life and music of Charles Ives. It also included a ribbon cutting ceremony and a walk up the connector trail behind the Montessori School.

The Ives Trail Task Force received a proposal from the Conway School for Environmental Design for an “at cost” environmental assessment of the entire length of the Ives Trail to identify sensitive habitats and/or species of special concern and to mitigate the effects of hiking through these critical environmental areas.



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**HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICE REPORT**

October, 2004

**INSPECTIONS**

	NUMBER							
	This Month	Last Month	Number Diff.	% Diff.	YTD	Last YTD	Number Diff.	% Diff.
A.	201	245	(44)	(22)	1082	1155	(73)	(6)
B.	61	64	(3)	(5)	241	230	11	5
C.	70	96	(26)	(27)	358	370	(12)	(3)
D.	69	83	(14)	(17)	475	546	(71)	(13)
E.	120	121	(1)	(1)	483	315	168	53
F.	22	28	(6)	(21)	95	90	5	6

- A. Total Housing Inspections
- B. Total Housing Inspections Common Areas
- C. Total Housing Inspections Dwelling Units
- D. Total Housing Inspections Nuisance
- E. Total Food Service Inspections
- F. Total General Nuisance/Miscellaneous Inspections



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Paul Schierloh  
Associate Director

## NARRATIVE FOR MONTHLY REPORT

### HOUSING AND FOOD SERVICES SECTION

Field activities for housing and food service functions conducted during the reporting period are reflected in the statistical summary attached. In addition to the normal administrative, inspection and enforcement activities associated with these functions, the section undertook the initiatives outlined below which would be deemed to be of special interest or importance.

The housing section made court appearances for one case in October. Several cases were also resolved prior to court appearances. Every effort is made to encourage cooperation in making needed improvements, but non-compliance leads to court action and possible penalties for contempt of court orders.

The department has continued annual nuisance sweeps in downtown neighborhoods in conjunction with Mayor Boughton's Blight Taskforce activities. The Department continues to investigate complaints throughout the city referred through the Mayor's Blight Hotline and other departments in addition to complaints made directly to the department. The department also participates in investigations by the Illegal Apartment Enforcement Team. The department has also received complaints and service requests through the City's Q-Alert program. Housing staff attended mandatory Lead Inspector Refresher Training to maintain certification during the reporting period.

The department has also continued working with the LAMPP Project, the agency sub-contracted by the State to administer lead poisoning prevention and remediation funds awarded to Connecticut by the Federal government. The City has been working with LAMPP to identify tenants and property owners who would be eligible to receive risk assessments as well as funds to abate lead hazards. This enables Danbury property owners to access funds available to abate lead paint, replace windows, doors and perform other repairs to make units lead safe. The department has continued outreach efforts in cooperation with the Mayor's Office. One Danbury property owner has received preliminary approval for assistance from LAMPP. Another Danbury property has received approval for funding from a LAMPP partner agency, the Community Renewal Team. The department made referral to LAMPP for lead assessments/education for one Danbury family during October, bringing the total number of referrals to 3.

The housing section also provides staff support for the Danbury Housing Partnership, the Community Reinvestment Taskforce, the Non-Profit Development Corporation of Danbury (NPDCD, Inc.) and the Danbury Fair Rent Commission. During the reporting period, the part-time fair housing officer handled 1 housing discrimination inquiry, handled 4 fair rent inquiries, processed 3 fair rent complaints, conducted 3 site investigations and attended 1 formal fair rent hearing. Staff also attended a

quarterly meeting of the Danbury Housing Partnership during October. The fair housing officer attended a quarterly meeting of the Fair Housing Association of Connecticut.