

Health Districts

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Southwest District Health
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Boise, ID 83704-0825
208-327-7100

South Central District Health
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Twin Falls, ID 83301-3156
208-734-5900

Southeastern District Health
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Pocatello, ID 83201
208-233-9080

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208-522-0310

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Boise Regional Office
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Pocatello Regional Office
444 Hospital Way, #300
Pocatello, ID 83201
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Idaho Falls Regional Office
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Assisting the Public in Understanding Joint Responsibility Between The Public Health Districts & The Department of Environmental Quality



***Your local Public Health District and the
Department of Environmental Quality
working together.***

This brochure outlines responsibilities for environmental programs identified in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in October 2007 by the seven Public Health Districts (PHD) and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). For further information, please contact your local Health District or DEQ Regional Office listed in this brochure.

www.deq.idaho.gov/rules/mous/deq_phds.pdf

Septic Systems

Health District Role:

- Issue permits for all septic systems or subsurface sewage disposal systems.
- Conduct the site evaluations for all septic systems, including evaluation for adequate number of test holes.
- May require ground water monitoring at sites with high water tables.
- Review plans and specifications for proposed wastewater systems of less than two thousand five hundred (2,500) gallons per day.
- Inspect systems during construction.
- Perform water tightness test inspections for septic tanks.
- Issue Installer Registration Permits and require bonding of Installers.

DEQ Role:

- Provide engineering reviews for experimental systems, community septic systems and large (over 2,500 gallons) soil absorption systems.
- Conduct plan and specification reviews for all septic tank designs.
- Maintain technical guidance manual and administer technical guidance committee for individual and subsurface discharge systems.

Public Water Systems

Health District Role:

- Provide inspection and technical assistance services to small public water systems (10 to 25 connections) and commercial systems on individual wells. This includes public schools, mobile home parks, small subdivisions, motels, restaurants, and businesses.

DEQ Role:

- Regulates public water systems larger than 25 connections and all surface water systems.
- Provides inspections and technical assistance to public water systems larger than 25 connections and to all surface water systems. Examples of public water systems include municipalities,

large subdivisions, rest stops, colleges, and forest service installations.

Solid Waste

(landfills, garbage, debris)

Health District Role:

- Approve operation, closure and post closure plans for solid waste facilities
- Issue conditional use permits, including but not limited to: transfer stations, processing operations, waste tire piles, and compost facilities.
- Conduct inspections of solid waste facilities.

DEQ Role:

- Review proposed solid waste management sites, conduct plan and specification review for solid waste facility designs.
- Review financial assurance plans for municipal solid waste landfills.
- Approve registration of Waste Tire Collection Sites.
- Review alternative operating plans (e.g. daily cover) and alternative closure and post-closure care plans (e.g. final cover) with recommendations forwarded to the Health Districts.

Water Pollution/Water Quality

Health District Role:

- Conduct surveys and provide technical support on private wells and septic systems at the request of the public and financial lending institutions.
- May require or conduct nutrient/pathogen studies to protect ground and surface water.
- Provide information on public water systems that will assist DEQ in performing source water assessments or communities or public water systems in developing wellhead protection plans.

DEQ Role:

- Upon request from the public or financial lending institutions, report the status of public drinking

water systems and central sewage collection systems.

- Ensure district involvement when developing source water protection plans for public water systems.

Pumpable Wastes

Health District Role:

- Permit and inspect pumpers trucks.
- Evaluate sites and operations for one-time application of domestic septage, non-domestic septage.
- Approve operation plans and provide inspections for approved domestic septage, non-domestic septage, and application sites.

DEQ Role:

- Approve sites used for community land application.
- Issue permits for municipal wastewater land application or central wastewater land application.
- Approve domestic and non-domestic sludge application sites

Sanitary Restrictions for Subdivisions

Health District Role:

- Sign off on subdivision plats to allow construction of water and wastewater systems.

DEQ Role:

- Provide certificate of approval for public drinking water systems and municipal wastewater systems.

Management of Complaints

The Health Districts and DEQ will work cooperatively in handling all complaints.