



# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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The Environmental Health Division of Public Health continues to progress toward the strategic initiative to digitize Land Use, Solid Waste, and Consumer Protection files. Once completed the public and regulated facilities will benefit from faster access to records, enhanced transparency, and service delivery even as the department operates with reduced staffing.

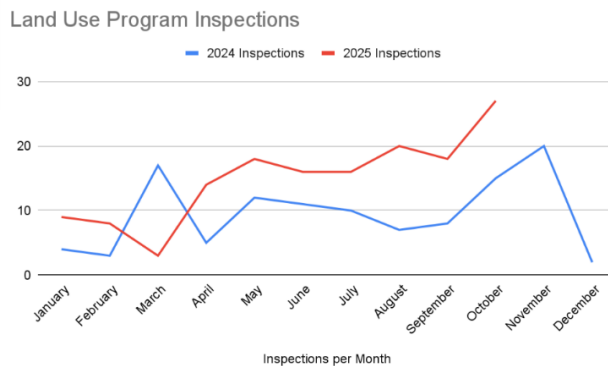
The division is split between two offices, one coastal and the other inland. Full staffing for the division historically included 12 inspectors, 5 administrative staff, and 4 management staff. Over the past 2 fiscal years Environmental Health has received support to fill vacant fee-supported positions, but very few qualified candidates applied to fill the various vacancies. Current staffing includes 6 inspectors, 3 administrative staff, and 3 management staff. As a result, staff resources are being shifted internally to assist with program mandates prioritized by public health risk factors. Field inspectors are conducting multiple program inspections when on-site to utilize time more efficiently. Management staff are assisting with field work assignments as well as project plan reviews. All staff are supporting the public administrative needs whether that is via email, at front counters, or on the phone.

## Land Use Program

### Land Use Report YTD

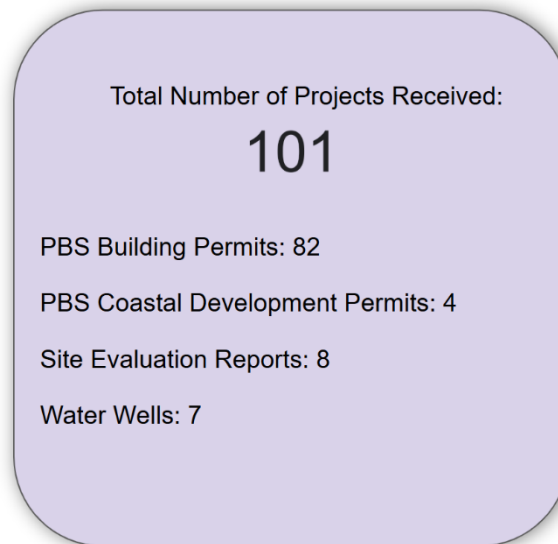
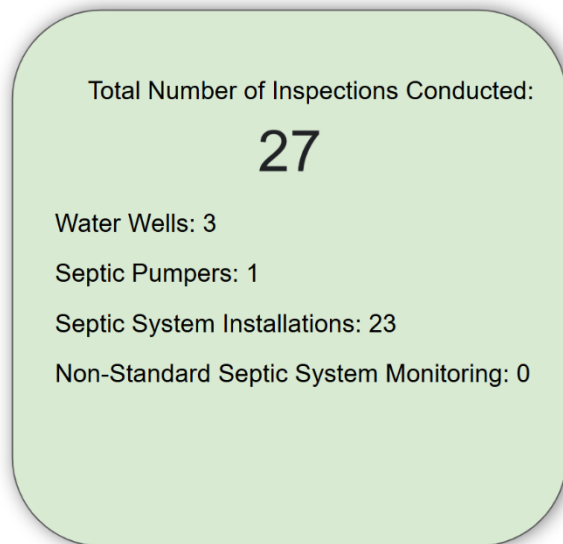
Percent of Year Complete	83%
Current Staffing (FTE):	2

Water Well Permits (WW)	66
Site Evaluation Reports (SER)	103
Inspections (Septic & WW)	149
PBS Projects and Permits	636



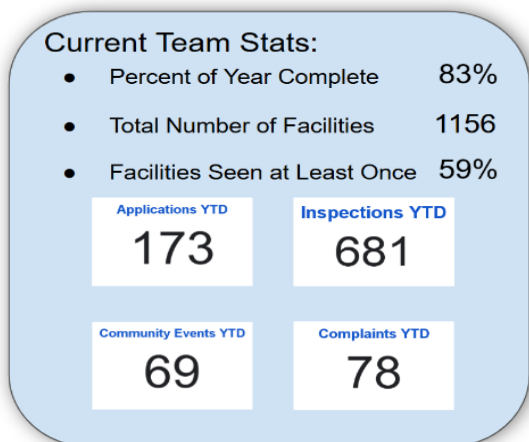
The Land Use Program has completed 83% of the year with two full-time staff, both currently working 32-hour schedules while completing coursework for their professional licenses. Full staffing for the land use program workload has historically included 4 inspectors. Despite reduced staffing levels and hours, the program continues to maintain steady activity levels. Year-to-date, the program has received 66 water well permits, 103 site evaluation reports, 636 Planning and Building Services (PBS) projects and permits, and completed 149 inspections. Septic Site Evaluation Reports currently average 55 days from review completion which is 4 days faster than the previous month. PBS referrals average 25 days which is 1 day longer compared to last month. Over 66% of the septic site evaluation reports received have been approved, and 72% of PBS building applications have been approved, indicating consistent program productivity and progress. In October alone, 27 inspections were conducted, and 101 new projects were received.

## October Snapshot

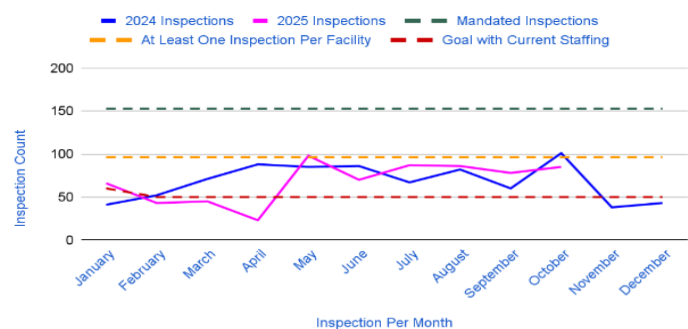


## Consumer Protection Program

## Consumer Protection Report

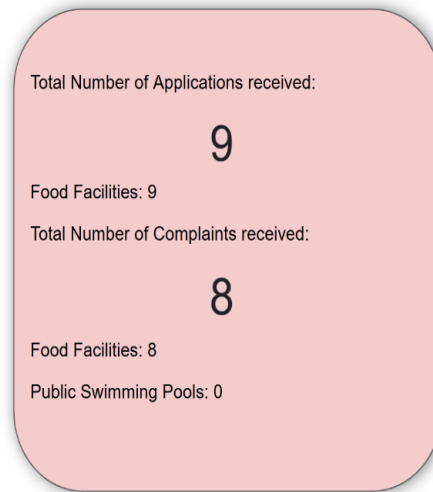
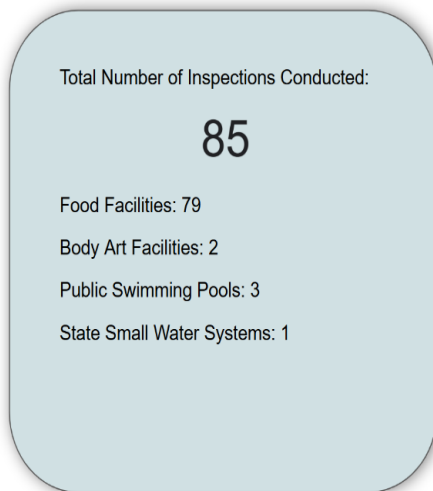


### Total Inspections for Consumer Protection



Consumer Protection’s staffing resources remain steady but short of the workload demands at 50%, or two FTE. Full staffing for the consumer protection program workload has historically included 4 inspectors. This month the program lost a position from the position allocation table due to being unfilled for 12 months. The program is continuing to improve in year-over-year programmatic comparisons despite the reduced staffing levels. With 83% of the year complete, two inspectors have successfully inspected 59% of the 1,156 regulated facilities at least once. Year-to-date a total of 681 inspections have been conducted, 173 applications processed, and 69 community events applications received. Year-to-date they have also received 78 complaints. For the month of October, the program received 9 food facility applications. Consumer Protection received 8 complaints, accounting for 47% of all complaints received by Environmental Health for the month of October. Depending on future resource availability, additional inspectors could allow program inspection goals to be met.

### October Snapshot



### CUPA Program:

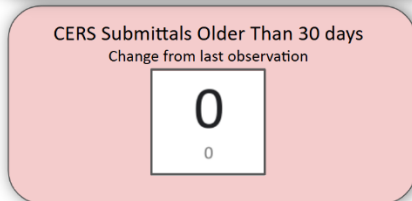


## CUPA Team Results Summary



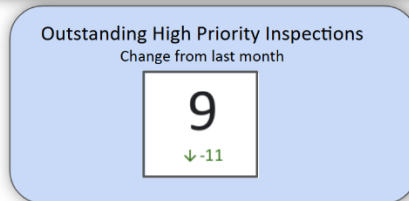
**Monthly**

HMMP Inspections Completed this month	29
HMMP Inspection Goal this Month	53
Shortfall this Month	↓ -24
Current CUPA Vacancy Rate	65%



**Yearly**

Inspections Completed	598
Inspections Goal for the Year	1120
Percent completed	53.4%
Percent of the Year Passed	83.3%
Efficiency Percentage	64.1%



Through the end of October, the CUPA program has completed 598 inspections toward a year-to-date goal of 933. Full staffing for the CUPA program has historically included four inspectors but the program currently operates with two FTE. Despite operating at 50% staffing level the two current inspectors have sustained high activity levels, resulting in generally positive progress toward regulatory benchmarks. The program manager is pursuing certification to provide additional programmatic support. The team is prioritizing high-risk facilities to maintain essential oversight to mitigate immediate risks. As resources allow in the future, additional inspectors would allow the program inspection goals to be met.

**LEA Program:**

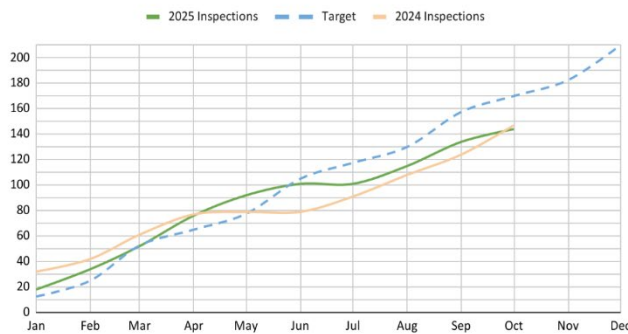


## LEA Program Summary



Total LEA Inspections

Monthly + Quarterly + Annually 2025



Total Inspections Completed	144
End of the year Target	210
Percentage completed towards yearly goal	68.6%
Percentage of the Year passed	83.3%
Percentage completed this moment in time	84.7%

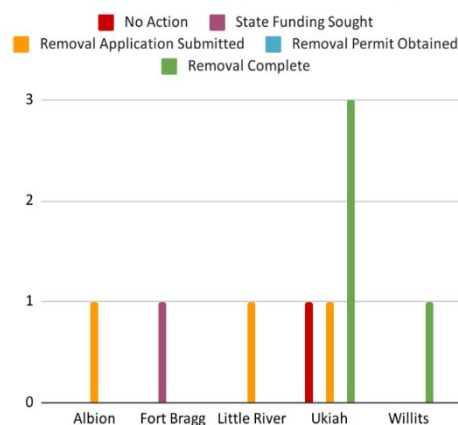
The LEA program has completed 144 inspections year-to-date toward a target of 175. October saw a reduction in inspector availability temporarily, slowing progress but not altering overall capacity. The program remains on course toward its regulatory benchmarks, with continuous inspection activity supporting waste management oversight and environmental health protection within the county.

**Single-Wall Underground Storage Tank (SWUST) Removal:**

### Single Walled Underground Storage Tank Report

Per CCR Title 23 Chapter 16 §2672 all single-walled petroleum underground storage tanks must be removed on or before Dec 31, 2025

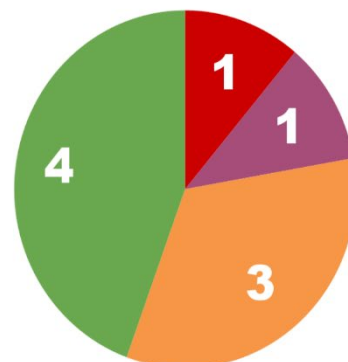
Single Wall UST Facility Status by City



Single Wall Underground Tank Facility Progress

Facilities must remove tanks by Dec 31st 2025

- No Action Observed by Facility
- State Funding Sought
- Removal Application Submitted
- Removal Complete



As of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025, the UST Program has maintained steady progress, with eleven tank removals now completed. Within the single-wall UST program the number of tanks with no action observed decreased this month. Additional UST facilities advanced into the application and removal stages, including one facility moving from the “no action” category to the “permit application” category, see chart below.

### Single Wall Underground Storage Tank Removal Progress 2025

Number of Tanks by Status

