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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 while 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 two 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

The Land Use Program has completed 92% 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 5 inspectors. Despite reduced staffing levels and hours, the program continues to maintain steady activity levels. Year-to-date, the program has received 68 water well permits, 107 site evaluation reports, 692 Planning and Building Services (PBS) projects and permits, and completed 163 inspections. Septic Site Evaluation Reports currently average 57 days from review completion. PBS referrals average 29 days. Over 68% of the septic site evaluation reports received have been approved, and 80% of PBS building applications have been approved, indicating consistent program productivity and progress. In November alone, 14 inspections were conducted, and 62 new projects were received.

November Snapshot

Total Number of Inspections Conducted:

14

Water Wells: 5

Septic Pumps: 0

Septic System Installations: 9

Non-Standard Septic System Monitoring: 0

Total Number of Projects Received:

62

PBS Building Permits: 51

PBS Coastal Development Permits: 5

Site Evaluation Reports: 4

Water Wells: 2

Land Use Report YTD

Percent of Year Complete 92%

Current Staffing (FTE): 2

Water Well Permits (WW) 68

Site Evaluation Reports (SER) 107

Inspections (Septic & WW) 163

PBS Projects and Permits 692

Land Use Program Inspections



Consumer Protection Program

Consumer Protection's staffing resources remain steady but short of the workload demands at 50%, or 2 FTE. Full staffing for the consumer protection program workload has historically included 4 inspectors. The program is continuing to improve in year-over-year programmatic comparisons despite the reduced staffing levels. With 92% of the year complete, two inspectors have successfully inspected 64% of the 1,156 regulated facilities at least once. Year-to-date a total of 738 inspections have been conducted, 187 applications processed, and 73 community events applications received. Year-to-date they have also received 93 complaints. For the month of November, the program received 14 food facility applications. Consumer Protection received 15 complaints, accounting for 94% of all complaints received by Environmental Health for the month of November. Depending on future resource availability, additional inspectors could allow program inspection goals to be met.

Consumer Protection Report



Current Team Stats:

- Percent of Year Complete 92%
- Total Number of Facilities 1156
- Facilities Seen at Least Once 64%

Applications YTD

187

Inspections YTD

738

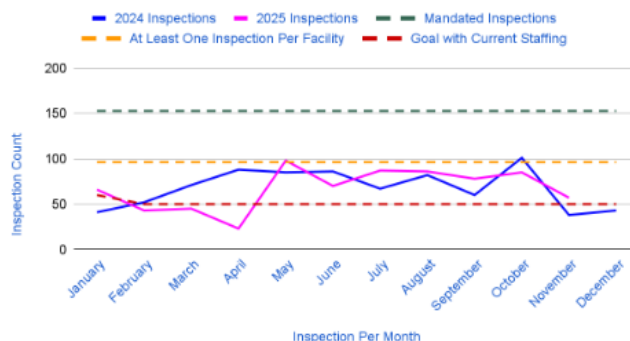
Community Events YTD

73

Complaints YTD

93

Total Inspections for Consumer Protection



November Snapshot

Total Number of Inspections Conducted:

57

Food Facilities: 54

Body Art Facilities: 1

Public Swimming Pools: 2

State Small Water Systems:

Total Number of Applications received:

14

Food Facilities: 14

Total Number of Complaints received:

15

Food Facilities: 13

Foodborne Illness: 2

CUPA Program:

Through the end of November, the CUPA program has completed 633 inspections toward a year-to-date goal of 1,027. Full staffing for the CUPA program has historically included 4 inspectors but the program currently operates with 2 FTE. Despite operating at 50% staffing level, the two current inspectors have surpassed their personal production goals. 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.



CUPA Team Results Summary



Monthly

HMMP Inspections Completed this month	20
HMMP Inspection Goal this Month	53
Shortfall this Month	↓ -33
Current CUPA Vacancy Rate	65%

CERS Submittals Older Than 30 days
Change from last observation

0

0

Yearly

Inspections Completed	633
Inspections Goal for the Year	1120
Percent completed	56.5%
Percent of the Year Passed	91.7%
Efficiency Percentage	61.7%

Outstanding High Priority Inspections
Change from last month

10

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LEA Program:

The LEA program has completed 144 inspections year-to-date against a November goal of 193. The program is currently unstaffed following a recent separation of the only assigned inspector. While the year-to-date figures demonstrate inspection activity to this point, no additional inspections are anticipated this year. The program manager is currently performing the administrative program functions. Reestablishing inspection capacity is necessary to resume regulatory oversight for solid waste facilities.



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	91.7%
Percentage completed this moment in time	78.9%

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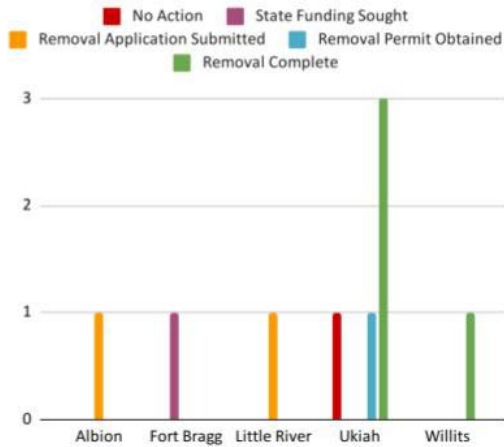
Single-Wall Underground Storage Tank Removal:

In November one facility that had previously applied for removal successfully obtained a permit, marking progress toward their final compliance. However, several facilities are still behind schedule to meet the December 31 deadline. Any facility not in compliance on January 1, 2026, will automatically be in violation. All single-walled components will be red tagged and decommissioned from use. The program will then take enforcement actions necessary to maintain public safety and compliance with new state regulations.

Single Walled Underground Storage Tank Report

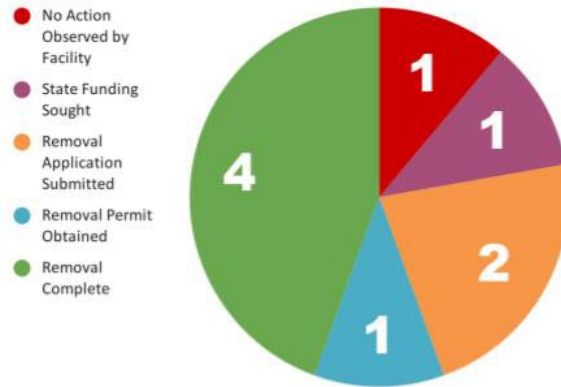
Per CCR Title 23 Chapter 16 §2672 all single-walled petroleum underground storage tanks must be removed on or before Dec 31, 2025

Single Wall UST Facility Status by City



Single Wall Underground Tank Facility Progress

Facilities must remove tanks by Dec 31st 2025



Single Wall Underground Storage Tank Removal Progress 2025

Number of Tanks by Status

