

Environmental Health Monthly Report for September 2015

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Food Safety

Karim Baroudi, RS, Food Safety Program staff with Ohio Department of Health, and I completed development of a Level 1 certification course in food safety. Course materials were submitted to ODH in Columbus on October 7 for review and approval. The first presentation of the course is scheduled for October 23.

Karim and I will spend October and November developing procedures and protocols for achieving compliance with laws or enforcement actions (PHAB 6.3.1(2)); developing a risk-based protocol or algorithm for scheduling food safety inspections (PHAB 6.3.2(1)); developing a reporting template for the food program's annual reports that summarizes complaints, enforcement action, and compliance (PHAB 6.3.4(1)); and developing a process improvement system for food safety program enforcement action (PHAB 6.3.4(2)).

Food facility inspections have been scheduled based on risk thus far, with facilities having the highest number of critical violations in the last license year coming first. Risk remains moderate (4-5 criticals documented) at 3 facilities, and high at 6 facilities (6 or more criticals documented). Additional education and oversight is planned in an effort to reduce risk.

Oktoberfest was held in Galion on September 24-26. Thirty-three food vendors were part of the festivities. The vast majority did well during a brief visit to each unit, with 29 having no critical violations observed.

General Environmental Health

Advance planning for Oktoberfest 2016 will be spearheaded by health department staff in coming weeks in order to facilitate smooth operations.

Public Health Nuisances

Three new public health nuisance cases were reported in September, all of them solid waste.

Crawford County Municipal Court activity summary:

355 Cherry Street –

Defendant pled guilty on 09/29/15, \$200/\$200 fine suspended costs payable, and case was closed

436 Hensley Avenue –

Defendant pled no contest on 09/29/15 to a 2nd offense, was fined \$50 plus costs, and case was closed

516 Second Avenue –

Defendant achieved compliance by review hearing on 09/15/15. Nuisance abated.

Respectfully submitted,

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