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## **2015 ANNUAL ACCOUNTABILITY REPORT**

This is a summary of the Fremont County Environmental Health program **for calendar year 2015.**

### **County contract activity**

This is the contract between Fremont County and the Division of Environmental Health & Sustainability (DEHS), Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment (CDPHE) for inspections of retail food establishments (restaurants, grocery stores, etc.), schools and child care centers. **The DEHS contract runs from fiscal year to fiscal year, July-June.**

#### **Retail Food Establishments:**

(Most RFE's are inspected twice yearly, some once yearly and a few are every other year)

± 193 total establishments

221 Inspections completed, 90% completion rate for contract

- 204 regular and critical-item inspections
- 17 complaints (not counted towards contract completion)
- 33 follow-up inspections (not counted towards contract completion)
- 14 pre-opening inspections (not counted towards contract completion)
- 3 on-site trainings
- Printed and mailed approximately 200 RFE License Renewals
- Printed and mailed approximately 200 RFE Licenses

#### **Mobile Food Establishments:**

These are typically inspected once each year.

18 mobile food establishments

18 inspections completed, 100% completion rate for contract.

#### **Re-standardization with DEHS:**

4 joint re-standardization inspections with DEHS (not counted towards contract completion)

#### **Child Care Inspections:**

(Some Child Care Centers are inspected twice yearly, some once yearly, and some every other year)

19 facilities

20 inspections completed, 117% completion for contract

#### **School Inspections:**

(Schools are inspected yearly-high schools and middle schools, or every 3 years-elementary schools)

16 facilities total

9 inspections completed, 100% completion for contract

**Temporary/Special Event Food Establishments:**

(These are temporary food booths that are operated in conjunction with special events or celebrations, such as Blossom Parade, Whitewater Festival, Abbey Harvest Festival, Penrose Apple Day, etc. These are not part of the DEHS inventory and are not counted towards contract completion)

Approximately 20 licenses issued at events, additional inspections to verify licensing during these events

**Complaints:**

(The DEHS contract requires the investigation of complaints regarding mobile home parks and campgrounds, however these are not reported to DEHS and are not counted towards contract completion)

1 public accommodation complaint.

4 mobile home park complaints.

**Water System Inspections:**

(These are conducted under a separate contract between Fremont County and the Water Quality Control Division (WQCD), CDPHE)

4 inspections (this varies from year to year depending on which systems are assigned and due for inspection) including 1 joint inspection with a CDPHE inspector for a complicated water system at a campground (this system was later re-classified as a community water system which will subsequently be inspected by CDPHE only).

**Revenue:**

- 2015 DEHS Contract \$20,000.00 paid to Fremont County.
- Approximate revenues retained by Fremont County for Retail Food Establishment Licenses \$35,000.00 (this varies with the number of establishments for any given year).
- Approximate revenues retained by Fremont County for Temporary/Special Event Food Licenses \$3,000.00 (this varies with the number of events and food vendors).
- Retail Food plan review fees, changes of ownership, etc. \$315.00.
- Water system inspections approximately \$1000.00.
- Body Art Facilities \$150.00 for 1 regular inspection.

**Other miscellaneous activities:**

- Zoonoses
  - ✓ 9 bats submitted for rabies testing (all negative)
  - ✓ 2 horse brains submitted for rabies testing (both negative)
  - ✓ 4 cats submitted for rabies testing (all negative)
  - ✓ 3 dogs submitted for rabies testing (all negative)
  - ✓ 1 rabbit submitted for tularemia testing (negative)
  - ✓ Fleas submitted for bubonic plague testing (positive)

These were all processed and packed for shipment and submitted to the CDPHE lab; associated activities include bite reports, phone calls and follow-up phone calls or emails, visits to local veterinarian offices, etc.

- ✓ Hand delivered veterinarian-specific medical information regarding bubonic plague to most of the local vet clinics.
- Attended 4 quarterly Food Program Manager's meetings
- Attended annual Zoonoses Conference
- Attended 4 quarterly CSU Advisory Board meetings
- Attended 2 Headstart Advisory Board meetings.



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