

**Environmental  
Protection  
Agency**

September 7, 2023

Bethany Brown  
Health Commissioner  
Sandusky County Public Health  
2000 Countryside Drive  
Fremont, Ohio 43420

**Re: Sandusky County Public Health  
Director's Authorization  
Approval  
Health District Partners  
Sandusky County  
HD7200**

**Subject: Placement on the director's approved lists  
Solid & Infectious Waste Programs  
C&DD Programs**

Dear Ms. Brown:

On June 29, 2023, the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) completed its annual survey of your health district regarding your Solid and Infectious Waste Programs and Construction and Demolition Debris Programs in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-37-08. The annual survey included the time period between March 15, 2022, and June 29, 2023.

Upon review of the survey findings, I have determined that the Sandusky County Public Health is in substantial compliance and I hereby place the Sandusky County Public Health on my approved lists of health districts authorized to administer and enforce the solid and infectious waste and construction and demolition debris laws and rules in accordance with Sections 3734.08 and 3714.09 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Additionally, you are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to ORC Section 3745.04. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio." The Commission, in its discretion, may reduce the fee if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney

General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

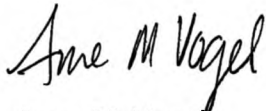
Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
30 East Broad Street, 4th floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

I consider our agencies regulatory partners and appreciate the efforts of your dedicated staff. The role your agency plays is invaluable to the effectiveness of achieving our shared mission of protecting public health and the environment. If at any time Ohio EPA can provide assistance to support these programs, please encourage your staff to contact Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office.

Enclosed please find a copy of the annual survey evaluation report for your health district, which includes an assessment of administrative and field activities. If you have questions or comments regarding the manner in which our agencies administer these programs, please contact me or Nichole Lemin, Chief of the Division of Materials and Waste Management.

If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Tyler Madeker of Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office by telephone at 419-373-3078.

Sincerely,



Anne M. Vogel  
Director

Enclosure: 2023 Annual Survey Evaluation Report

cc: Brian Dearth, DMWM-CO  
Alexander Santiago, DMWM-CO



# Environmental Protection Agency

## Annual Survey Evaluation Report

Ohio EPA's Delegation of the Solid & Infectious Waste and Construction & Demolition Debris Programs to Local Health Districts

<p><b>Health District:</b> Sandusky County Public Health 2000 Countryside Drive Fremont, Ohio 43420</p> <p><b>Core ID:</b> 437279</p> <p><b>Secondary ID:</b> HD7200</p> <p><b>HC Email:</b> BBrown@scpublichealth.com</p>	<p><b>Survey Period:</b></p> <p><b>Start Date:</b> 3/15/2022 <b>End Date:</b> 6/29/2023</p> <p><b>Ohio EPA Inspector:</b> Tyler Madeker</p>
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### Administrative Review

A health district either meets program requirements (Y), does not meet program requirements (N), or requirements are not applicable (N/A). Upon review of health district records and other documentation, Ohio EPA made the following conclusions:

	Solid & Infectious Waste (ORC 3734)			Construction & Demolition Debris (ORC 3714)		
	Y	N	N/A	Y	N	N/A
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(1) and (D)(1)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Applications for licenses are on file for each licensed solid waste, infectious waste treatment, or C&DD facility in the health district.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(2) and (D)(2)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Applications are properly completed with all required information.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(3) and (D)(3)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
All known solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and C&DD facilities operating in the health district do hold valid and unexpired licenses.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(4)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
No license has been issued for any new solid waste or new infectious waste treatment facility prior to the director's issuance of required permits and approval of required detail plans.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(5) and (D)(4)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Certification of inspection and compliance has been made to the director within thirty days after issuance of any license.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(6) and (D)(5)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The health district inspects solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and C&DD facilities with sufficient frequency to ensure substantial compliance.						

	Solid & Infectious Waste (ORC 3734)			Construction & Demolition Debris (ORC 3714)		
	Y	N	N/A	Y	N	N/A
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(7) and (D)(6)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The health district maintains a file of information relating to each licensed solid waste, infectious waste treatment, and C&DD facility throughout each facility's operation and applicable closure periods. Each file includes applications for licenses, certification records, inspection records, approved plans, litigation information (except that privileged by the attorney-client relationship), and other pertinent information.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(8) and (D)(7)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The health district undertakes appropriate actions against persons whenever necessary to bring about substantial compliance with Chapters 3734. and 3714. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(9) and (D)(8)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The health district takes immediate action to abate serious hazards to the public health resulting from violations of Chapters 3734. and 3714. of the Revised Code and rules adopted thereunder.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(10) and (D)(9)</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The health district complies with applicable facility licensing procedures.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(11) and (D)(10)</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The health district seeks legal assistance from appropriate state and local agencies as necessary to carry out its assigned responsibilities.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(D)(11)</b>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Each health district staff person possesses either a registered environmental health specialist or environmental health specialist-in-training certificate, the equivalent educational background required, or two years adequate work experience inspecting waste facilities.						
<b>OAC Rule 3745-37-08(D)(12)</b>				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
The health district maintains a file of information relating to each C&DD exemption and license special term/condition. The file includes a copy of each exemption order issued and each license issued that contains special terms and/or conditions, as well as the health district's written justification for each action.						

**Comments:**

**OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(8) and (D)(7):**

Sandusky County Public Health inspects registered facilities and investigates complaints and notifies facility operators and landowners in writing of observed violations and performs follow-up inspections until violations are abated. During the annual survey period, Sandusky County Public Health received zero complaints alleging violations of Ohio's solid waste or construction and demolition debris regulations.

**OAC Rule 3745-37-08(C)(9) and (D)(8):**

No serious public health hazards resulting from violations of the solid and infectious waste rules were on record for this survey year.

Facility Name	Facility Type & Minimum Inspection #	Comprehensive Inspections Completed	"Other" Inspections Completed
Clyde Compost Facility	Composting Facility (Class IV) (1)	1	0
Gibsonburg Compost Facility	Composting Facility (Class IV) (1)	1	0
Village of Lindsay	Composting Facility (Class IV) (1)	1	0
Universal Landscaping	Composting Facility (Class III) (1)	1	0
Woodville Vegetation Site	Composting Facility (Class IV) (1)	1	0

### Field Survey

*Ohio EPA's field survey evaluation is focused on the health district inspector's familiarity with program rules and policies, the ability to recognize and document violations, and thoroughness of communication with an owner/operator.*

**Facility Type:** Composting Facility (III)

**Facility Name:** Universal Landscaping

**Location:** 219 E Stahl Road Fremont, OH. 43420

**Inspection Type:** Comprehensive

**Facility Representative(s):** Doug Crowell

**Health District Sanitarian(s):** Nina Johannsen

**Ohio EPA Inspector(s):** Tyler Madeker

**Date:** June 29, 2023

### Findings/Recommendations:

During the inspection, Ms. Johannsen made the following observations: the log of operations and weekly inspection reports were complete and static piles of in process compost and finished compost were separated and free of prohibited materials; no odors, dust, leachate, or scattered litter were observed.

No violations were noted at the time of inspection.

Ms. Johannsen was asked to summarize her findings to Ohio EPA. At the time of the inspection, Ohio EPA acknowledged the inspector's findings and made no additional recommendations. After receiving and reviewing a copy of the inspection letter, dated June 30, 2023, Ohio EPA determined that the inspector adequately documented the inspection of June 29, 2023.

**Facility Type:** IW Large Generator

**Facility Name:** Lab Services by Quest Diagnostics

**Location:** 1479 N. River Road Fremont, OH. 43420

**Inspection Type:** Comprehensive

**Facility Representative(s):** Kristen Bringer

**Health District Sanitarian(s):** Nina Johannsen

**Ohio EPA Inspector(s):** Tyler Madeker

**Date:** June 29, 2023

**Findings/Recommendations:**

During the inspection, Ms. Johannsen made the following observations: the infectious waste was placed in approved containers; the storage room was labeled with a biohazard sign; sharps containers were noted at multiple locations; and, shipping papers were on file.

No violations were noted at the time of inspection.

Ms. Johannsen was asked to summarize her findings to Ohio EPA. At the time of the inspection, Ohio EPA acknowledged the inspector's findings and made no additional recommendations. After receiving and reviewing a copy of the inspection letter, dated July 5, 2023, Ohio EPA determined that the inspector adequately documented the inspection of June 29, 2023.

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**Solid and Infectious Waste Programs Summary**

Sandusky County Public Health conducts inspections at registered facilities within its jurisdiction to ensure compliance with the solid and infectious waste regulations. Additionally, I observed no deficiencies during the annual survey.

It is the role of Ohio EPA to provide oversight and education to Sandusky County Public Health in each of the programs outlined in this letter. Sandusky County Public Health's ability to recognize, identify and cite violations in all program areas, as well as familiarity with the regulations during all types of inspections is critical to complete thorough site evaluations and enforcement of the regulations. Sandusky County Public Health staff periodically called or emailed Ohio EPA's staff with any questions within the program areas. Ohio EPA will continue to provide technical assistance to Sandusky County Public Health as necessary.

**Construction and Demolition Debris Programs Summary**

Sandusky County Public Health does not have any licensed construction and demolition debris sites, but Sandusky County Public Health responds to complaints.

**Post-Survey Conference**

On June 29, 2023, I held a post-survey conference with Nina Johannsen, Director of Environmental Health, to summarize the annual survey findings. During the post-survey conference, we discussed Sandusky County Public Health's compliance with ORC Sections 3734.08 and 3714.09. Additionally, I shared my intention to recommend Sandusky County Public Health remain on the approved lists.

*This Annual Survey Evaluation Report (Report) is for internal use to perform a preliminary assessment of approved health districts. It is not to be used as an indication of a health district's overall compliance with OAC Rule 3745-37-08, which is a determination of the director of Ohio EPA. This Report and any accompanying information will be forwarded to the director for consideration and to determine substantial compliance with Rule 3745-37-08 of the Administrative Code.*

Tyler Madeker

August 28, 2023

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*Signature*

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*Date*

Tyler Madeker

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