

**Environmental Health's
Top 10 of 2003
(In no particular order)**

Number 10...

- *We are getting ready for the move to downstairs
- *The EH people in Building III will all be together on one floor
- *The best part is that we will be on the same floor as the bathroom and the lunchroom

Number 9...

- *We had no West Nile Virus in Mason County
- *Environmental Health sent in 21 birds for testing, none were positive
- *8 batches of mosquitoes were sent in for identification
- *1 Horse was tested, it was negative for WNV

Number 8...

- *202 Group B and 31 Group A water system sanitary surveys were completed
- *13 variances were researched and issued
- *13 Group B water system plans were approved
- *50 public well site inspections, 118 private well construction inspections, and 8 well decommissionings were completed

Number 7...

- *We developed new and better partnerships with other county departments, state agencies and partner agencies
- *We were able to work on several grants including: LHC Pollution Identification Project, WRIA 14, WRIA 16, LHC O&M Project, Terry Husseman funds, Ecology solid waste and Department of Health drinking water projects

Number 6...

- *We tested 2,007 drinking water samples, 1,094 surface water samples, and ran 101 nitrate samples
- *Our new autoclave made cooking the water sample "garbage" and doing all of those dishes easier and not so smelly
- *We inspected 17 public swimming pools and spas

Number 5...

- *We have used the Hearings Examiner to process 39 cases to step up our solid waste enforcement activities and have written 116 civil infractions

*We received 235 new solid waste complaints and resolved 242 complaints, through October. and have about 180 open complaints currently (some carry over from year to year)

Number 4...

*We have representative to:

- The TRC committee helping to write the new state onsite sewage regulations
- the core food work group helping to write the new state food service regulations
- the WSALPHO Board of Directors and the legislative committee

Number 3...

*We added 2 new EH staff to increase our response to surface water issues

*Shellfish beds were reopened in North Bay and Lynch Cove

*Surface water projects are being conducted in all areas of the county in both fresh and marine water

Number 2...

*We permitted 265 food service establishments and conducted 448 routine inspections

*Approximately 2,002 food and beverage worker cards were issued

*The food program drove 10,726 miles through November (without accident)

Number 1...

*We issued 575 onsite sewage permits

*We licensed 84 onsite professionals: 17 pumpers, 59 installers and 8 O&M specialists

*5,270 LHC onsite records are in the O&M data system; 3,135 packets have been mailed to homeowners; of the 589 returns, 219 included pumping records from within the last 3 years, 85 appear to be a result of the mailing.

Public Health...

*Always working for a Safer and Healthier Mason County

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