THE THREE CORE PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS
And the Essential Public Health Services

<u>Assessment</u>

❑ Monitor health status to identify community health problems

❑ Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community

❑ Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services

<u>Policy Development</u>

❑ Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts
❑ Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
❑ Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

<u>Assurance</u>

❑ Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable

❑ Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce

❑ Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues

❑ Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems

Essential Service: Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Determine and monitor water quality
- ❑ Monitor water wells
- ❑ Monitor wastewater treatment and disposal
- ❑ Identification of water-quality problems
- ❑ Mosquito surveillance
- ❑ Immunizations
- ❑ STD/HIV testing and counseling
- ❑ Food-borne illness investigations
- ❑ Bio-emergency preparation and coordination
- ❑ Tracking of number of wells, abandoned wells
- ❑ Screening for diabetes
- ❑ Needs assessment
- ❑ Collection of child oral health data
- ❑ Child lead-poisoning surveillance

Essential service: Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Medical examiners
- ❑ Epidemiology
- ❑ TB
- ❑ HIV/AIDS
- ❑ Investigation and evaluation of nuisance complaints
- ❑ Wellhead assessments and site evaluations

Essential Service: Inform, educate and empower people about health issues

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Community health education and health promotion

- Public health education through the media, presentations, the Internet, displays, etc.
- HIV/AIDS risk reduction curriculum
- Child-abuse education
- Domestic violence education
- WIC educational programs
- Informing, educating parties involved in nuisance investigations
- Public education about well construction

Essential Service: Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- Tobacco-free coalitions
- Bio-emergency regional collaboration
- Collaborative efforts with private industry to combat domestic violence
- Community partnerships with law enforcement, county attorneys, community betterment groups, housing authorities
- Referrals and collaboration with health-care providers
- Collaboration with WIC, public health nursing, special-population advocates to meet the needs of special populations

Essential service: Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- State board of health oversight and regulatory functions
- Local board of health oversight and regulatory functions
- Public hearings
- Administration of state and local public health departments
- Monitoring of contractors/providers
- Community health planning
- Strategic and performance planning
- Development of a plan to address housing needs
- Updating of health and nuisance ordinances
- Development of policies on investigations, police assistance and trespass and safety issues

- ❏ Board of health adoption of rules that require better management of water systems in small, rural subdivisions
- ❏ Determination of need for community water supplies
- ❏ Development of variance procedures
- ❏ Establishment of procedures for water well permits
- ❏ Establishment of civil citation authority
- ❏ Establishment of procedures to deal with contaminated or high risk sites
- ❏ Establishment of financial assistance for well sampling, plugging or rehabilitation

Essential service: Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❏ Hazardous materials and sites inspections and certifications
- ❏ Milk inspections
- ❏ Professional licensure and regulation
- ❏ Food inspections
- ❏ Tanning and tattoo inspections
- ❏ Enforcement of state/county/local health-related rules and ordinances

Essential service: Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❏ TB program
- ❏ Public health nursing services
- ❏ Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program
- ❏ Maternal and child health
- ❏ WIC
- ❏ Critical Access Hospitals
- ❏ Linkages to regional landfills for disposal options
- ❏ Informing the public on useful nuisance-abatement web sites

Essential Service: Assure a competent public and personal health-care work force

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Food-service worker Safety Certification Course
- ❑ Public health certification
- ❑ Learning management system
- ❑ Regional bio-emergency meetings
- ❑ Public health practitioner performance evaluations
- ❑ Sanitarian, water-contractor training
- ❑ Certification of environmental health professionals

Essential service: Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Data management
- ❑ Performance-plan monitoring
- ❑ Public health contract requirements
- ❑ Health needs assessments
- ❑ Tracking responses to complaints
- ❑ Permit issuance for nuisances
- ❑ Ensuring that wells drilled by certified people
- ❑ Sealing unused, unsafe wells

Essential service: Research new insights and innovative solutions to health problems

Activities by state and/or local public health agencies

- ❑ Health needs assessments
- ❑ Bio-emergency survey participation
- ❑ Lighten Up survey participation
- ❑ Customer service evaluations
- ❑ Promotion of recycling and composting
- ❑ Study of successful public health programs in other jurisdictions
- ❑ Research on water-treatment methods