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Welcome C. Russell Rader, Jr., Director of Environmental Health Services with the WV Bureau for Public Health

A BIG WEST VIRGINIA WELCOME HOME TO RUSS RADER

For the last 6 ½ years Russ has served as the Chief Public Health Engineer for the State of Louisiana.

He returned to West Virginia on September 10, 1997 as the Director of Environmental Health Services.

Russ offers this advice to all, "Don't ask me a question, unless you are prepared for the answer!"

GOOD LUCK RUSS!

A Note From Your President

I am pleased that the newsletter is back on-line and that so many have contributed information. Keep up the support.

I hope to see everyone at the Mid-Year meeting at Cedar Lakes. An Environmental update and business meeting begins at noon on May 4th followed by the picnic that evening. The following training looks to be an excellent program See you there!(See page 2)

Submitted by Joe Wyatt, RS

Congratulations!

Just a short note to recognize those sanitarians who have had recent success on the PES exam. All deserve a big round of applause for their accomplishment. The following list should cover the past year's worth of successes:

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| Dwight Phillips | Cabell-Huntington |
| (8/96) | |
| Kirk Powroznik | Monongalia |
| (9/96) | |
| Jeff Fowler | Mason |
| (12/96) | |
| Todd Powroznik | Monongalia |
| (4/97) | |
| V.J. Davis | Taylor |
| (4/97) | |
| Mike Sale | Fayette |
| (4/97) | |
| Josh Marsh | Putnam |
| (6/97) | |
| James Meade | Boone |
| (8/97) | |
| Brian Bogden | Monongalia |
| (8/97) | |

Submitted by Karol Wallingford, RS

Congratulations to fellow RS Nada Beneke from the Ohio County Health Department. She recently earned her Masters of Science degree from WVU in Community Health Education. Way to go, Nada Beneke, RS, MS!!!!

Submitted by Jolene Zuros, RS

Notes from the Sanitarian Training Center

Yes, we do have some new sanitarians in need of training. But, some might argue that we have some veteran sanitarians in need of training (ha ha, only kidding!) For the next few months at least, we hope that all of the vacancies have been filled. As most of you probably know, we held one week of the training course in November. It was quite successful with all in attendance gaining new information. We will be continuing with the training course during the Spring of 1998 and hope to see all of the trainees back to finish their training.

The newly hired sanitarians expected to attend and complete training this year are: Anthony Corbin, Berkeley County; Amy Mayo, Cabell County; Joshua Snider, Harrison County; Amanda Grimm, Mercer County; Jared Beard, Mercer County; and Christina Mickey, Monongalia County. We also would like to welcome Dowell Gray back to the state. Dowell has joined the environmental health staff at the Cabell-Huntington Health Department.

Submitted by Karol Wallingford, RS

Interstate Environmental Health Seminar

The 1998 Interstate Environmental Health Seminar will be held at Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort, Cumberland, Maryland on July 22-24, 1998. Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort is approximately 78 miles east of Morgantown, West Virginia on Interstate 68. The facility is brand new and still under construction as I write this report. The resort will open in April of 1998. The resort is nestled in a beautiful setting on the lake at Rocky Gap State Park, with a backdrop of breathtaking mountain scenery in Western Maryland. From spectacular golf to boating to sunbathing, Rocky Gap Lodge and Golf Resort will revitalize, relax, and renew your spirit.

The executive planning committee met on November 5, 1997 to plan the meeting. Serving on the committee for West Virginia is Gary Epling, RS, Jackson County Health Department; and Clarence Christian, RS, Beckley District Office of the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health. The committee has planned an excellent conference. The following topics are tentatively planned: Pfistera, GIS Technology, State Registration and Authorization of Sanitarians, Local Health Department Needs Assessments, Marketing Environmental Health, Terrorism, Bagel Processing, Public Health Concerns of Cheese Manufacturing, Food Irradiation, Rabies, The Green Card Effect, Emotion Support Service Animals, Fight-Back Campaign, Non-Point Source Grant/GIS Record Keeping, CDC's Private Well Survey, Training Site For On-Site Sewage Systems, Effects of El Nino, Arbovirus Testing, and Swimming Pool Legal Issues and Entrapment.

Maryland, the host state, is planning a banquet on the first evening and buffet lunch on Thursday to be

included in the registration fee. Georgia will host the hospitality reception Thursday evening.

The room cost will be \$89.00 plus tax for a total cost of approximately \$100.00 per night. The registration fee has not been established at this time. Last year the cost was \$60.00 for early registration and \$75.00 for late registration.

Additional information will be provided as soon as it becomes available. We hope everyone who can will take advantage of attending this education conference.

Submitted by Clarence Christian, RS



Mid Year Meeting Plans

The Mid Year Meeting for 1998 looks to be fairly well set (Noon Monday, May 4th thru Thursday, May 7th). We are expecting FDA's State Training Branch to conduct a 2 ½ day course entitled "Effective Enforcement". At present, the course is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, May 5th and run through Thursday, May 7th. We will, of course, be hold this training session at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV. As more information becomes available, we will pass it along. We hope to see everyone at Cedar Lakes in May. FDA always provides excellent courses and this one should be no different.

Submitted by Karol Wallingford, RS

Cabell-Huntington In-Service

Cabell-Huntington Health Department hosted the Regional In-Service for November. The morning agenda included an update on public water supplies by Vic Wilford. In the afternoon Dr. Carl Berryman mesmerized the crowd with the most current information on rabies. It is great to have resources like Dr. Berryman to help us through the tough times.

Submitted by Karen J. Hall-Dundas, RS

Radon

The 6 Northern Panhandle Counties have been awarded a Radon Grant from the WVBPH announced Joe Golebiewski, RS, Marshall County Health Department. Funds will be used to obtain Radon detection kits for each Northern Panhandle Health Department to distribute for free. Lab fees for analysis may not be covered by grant funding. Other funds will be used to purchase educational material and a Radon Education display will be developed and used in conjunction with the existing lead display that is available to be used by all 6 counties.

Submitted by Jolene Zuros, RS

Family Resource Network Lead Grant

The FRN serving Ohio, Marshall, and Wetzel Counties with assistance from Lead Guru, Joe Golebiewski, RS and District VI Health Education Howard Gamble have applied for a \$15000.00 Lead Education Grant. Money will be used to education medical professionals, Realtors, landlords, contractors as well as the general public in the three county area.

Submitted by Jolene Zuros, RS

News From Jefferson County

There have been some big changes at the Jefferson County Health Department since our last newsletter. Beau Ouimette who had been a sanitarian with this department for 6 years quit in May, 1997. He and his brother have gone together and started a business in Frederick, Maryland called Frederick Precast. They are making concrete manholes. We wish Beau a lot of luck.

However, the Health Department had to operate for 6 months without a full staff. On top of that, housing sales were on the increase this year. Our records show we had a 30% increase in work during the 1st quarter of this physical year compared to last year. Lisa Dunn and Randy DeHaven really had their hands full. So we were really happy when Jim Kinder joined our staff in mid-December. Jim had previously worked in Hampshire County.

The food service industry is always changing in Jefferson County which keeps Judy Rice and Lisa Dunn hopping. This year we saw the re-opening of the Charles Town Races under the new ownership of Penn National Racing. They have added video lottery to the racetrack and with that have totally redone their food service operations. Judi continues to work with them as they remodel little by little. This has been quite a project and has taken a lot of her time. She says that besides the numerous food service operations at the racetrack, there have been approximately 15 other new food service establishments that have opened within 6 months in Jefferson County.

A major addition to the county was the opening of the Walmart Supercenter in Charles Town in October. Lisa Dunn worked with Walmart representatives throughout the year on their plans for

the grocery store, bakery, deli, and Radio Grill. During the month of October, weekly visits were made to the store and she taught two food service worker educational classes for the employees with almost 200 people attending. Jefferson County requires that all retail food store workers attend one educational class per year and have a tuberculin skin test once every 3 years. This includes everyone from managers to cashiers and baggers.

Several of our sanitarians have been involved in committees throughout the state. John Cooper is a member of the Board of Registration and the West Virginia Association of Local Health Department. Randy DeHaven has joined the West Virginia Sewage Advisory Board and Lisa Dunn has become a member of the WVAS Reclassification Committee.

We are looking forward to a good second half of the year. Plans are already in the works for some new activities to promote Public Health Week in April.

Submitted by Lisa Dunn, RS



Jefferson County Health Department held the Area In-Service

The Jefferson County Health Department held the area in-service meeting in December. Pat McBrayer, from the West Virginia Department of Personnel, presented a program on

time management. He gave the group a lot to think about, not only for our work but in our personal lives as well. The funniest thing was that although most of the area sanitarians attended the meeting, a few could not attend. One person's reason: They didn't have the time!

Submitted by Lisa Dunn, RS

WVAS Executive Council Meeting

December 8, 1997. The following information is edited from Lee Thompson's minutes along with the editors notes.

Kay Howard was supposed to be in attendance to inform the council how to move legislation through her office more quickly, however, she had to cancel.

Charles Saber advised that he would contact Earl Burgess and try to set up a meeting with DHHR Secretary Ohl regarding review of legislation for the Bureau of Public Health. He also relayed information regarding some possible legislative interest of other groups, a state wide indoor air regulation, and utility hook-up bill. General consensus of the group was that there is a need for body piercing and tanning bed legislation.

Michelle Cochran reported for the Salary/Reclassification committee. Job descriptions and pay scales are proposed for entry level at Pay Grade 10 for SIT (\$18,000/year) with a 4 step jump to Pay Grade 14 for a RS (\$24,240 - \$39,342/year). Four other levels were proposed at Pay Grade 16 (\$27,700-\$45,100/year) for Environmental Health Registered Specialist with 80% of the work time spent in a specialty program (Radon, Infectious Waste...). Pay Grade 17 (\$29,700 - \$51,700/year) for

Environmental Program Administrator (Chief Sanitarian); and Pay Grade 19 for District Sanitarian. Job descriptions will be written similar to DEP's with specific requirements for equipment experience and educational degrees. Years of experience would not be allowed to substitute for education. This proposal is still in the early stages and the committee will continue to meet. Comments or questions can be directed to this committee, listed on page 8.



RABIES IN-SERVICE

Gail Harris with Mid-Ohio Valley submitted the following information about the Rabies In-Service at Jackson's Mill. This article has been edited due to the amount of information that was sent. The entire paper can be attained by calling or faxing the editor.

There are currently two strains of rabies virus identified in WV. One is Bat, the other Raccoon. Rabies virus infects animals and can be transmitted to humans and affect the nervous system via the brain. Once clinical symptoms occur, rabies is almost always fatal.

In wild or stray animals and in pets, a change in "expected" behavior is the most consistent sign of rabies. The three forms of rabies are:

1. Prodromal rabies: the animal may become shy or hide-or be unusually approachable. This may be followed by sluggishness, confusion or depression.

2. Furious Rabies: the animal may become excitable, irritable, and aggressive. At times it may seem confused and calm, then suddenly attack when approached. It may lose all caution for natural enemies.
3. Dumb rabies: coma, paralysis and then death.

Rodents such as squirrels, chipmunks, rats, mice, etc... and rabbits are rarely, if ever, rabid. With the exception of groundhogs, none have ever been found to carry rabies in WV.

Carnivorous wild animals (especially skunks, raccoons, and foxes) and bats are animals most often infected with rabies and are the cause of most indigenous cases of human rabies in the United States since 1960.

Rabies can be prevented in humans if they (humans) stay away from wild, unfamiliar, or stray animals, and vaccinate ALL CATS, DOGS, and FERRETS. If you are bitten or seriously scratched, immediately wash the wound with soap and water, see your doctor, and call your local health department. A risk analysis will then clarify the potential risk.

Since 1979, an epizootic (an animal epidemic) of rabies (raccoon virus strain) has been moving up the east coast. For several years the epizootic has involved the eastern panhandle counties, and Preston, Pocahontas, Greenbrier, and Monroe counties. In 1995 rabid raccoons were identified in Monongalia and Summers counties. In 1997, a rabid raccoon was identified in RITCHIE county.

The rabies case recently in Cabell County involved a bite to a housewife from her pet cat. The barn cats were unvaccinated. Since cats tend to be nocturnal or night hunters they are easily exposed to wild animals and may become infected with the rabies virus.

In Roane county the Health Department has seen an increase in animal bites in the last few years. In 1997, 44 animal bites were reported to the Roane Service Center Health Department. To date (10-22-97) 37 animal bites have been reported to the Roane Service Center Health Department.

Prevention of rabies includes the following:

1. Vaccinate
2. Promote leash laws
3. **Public education**
4. Pre-exposure vaccine if you are likely to come in contact with exposed animal (veterinarians, animal control officers, lab workers).

Respect the environment of wildlife

- a. Do not feed wildlife
- b. Do not leave pet food or trash out for wildlife.
- c. **KEEP YOUR DISTANCE** from wildlife--Look **DON'T** touch.

Interstate Travel

Did you know that there is a Division of FDA that regulates Sanitation on interstate travel conveyances such as buses with restrooms, and trains? The regional person to contact to obtain further information is: Mr. Bruce Kummer. He can be reached at 410-962-4052.

Submitted by Jolene Zuros, RS



Update on West Virginia Public Health Transitions Project & The Region VI Public Health Partnership Project

In late Spring of 1997 the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health and several local partnerships began work on the West Virginia Turning Point Program. Following the acceptance of West Virginia's letter of intent the Turning Point Program invited WV and three local partnerships, Potomac Highland Health Department, Monongalia County Health Department, and Region VI Public Health Partnership, to submit a full application to the Turning Point Program.

The foundation sent notice in August, 1997, that they would not be funding WV and the local partnerships. However, the West Virginia Bureau for Public Health and the local partnerships agreed to move forward with the project. The project was renamed the West Virginia Public Health Transitions Project. The WV project and local partnerships have been working on several key initiatives, including public health services/functions and public health reporting.

Two of the local partnerships, Monongalia County Health Department and the Region VI Public Health Partnership Project, were asked to submit a application to the Rural Health Systems Program, Office of Community and Rural Health. These applications will provide funding for the local partnerships to carry-out and complete goals, objectives, and activities outlined in the partnership's original proposals.

The purpose of the Region VI Public Health Partnership Project is to improve the performance of public health functions. The objectives of the project include; the creation of a

regional public health plan which will strengthen public health throughout the region and WV, improve opportunities for public health staff development and training, and conduct a managed care study focusing on the relationship between managed care and the effect on public health functions, services, and structure. The project will also continue to work and support the West Virginia Public Health Transitions Project.

The West Virginia Public Health Transitions Project is coordinated by the Office of Community and Rural Health. A Grant Operations Team, "Go Team", has formed that is comprised of twenty two individuals which represent staff from the Bureau for Public Health, Public Health Officers Association, Center for Rural Health Development, WVU Prevention Center, and Association of Local Health Departments. The Go Team will be assisting with the on-going guidance of the project including communications, budget, and personnel for the project and will develop a state and community transitions plan for public health in the state. The Project Coordinator is Susan Griffith.

An advisory committee, consisting of individuals from state government, businesses, employers, civic groups, legislators, public health departments, hospitals, primary care centers, physicians, EMS, minority populations, consumers, boards of health, HMOs, economic development, university systems, clergy, labor, behavioral health, health promotion specialists, prevention research, and voluntary organizations has also been formed.

Submitted by Howard Gamble, District VI Community Health Educator

News from the Northern Panhandle

The following information has been edited from the article submitted by Jolene Zuros. Meetings previously reviewed in previous articles have been omitted so as not to be repetitive.

April 2 - FDA Teleconference on FDA/USDA Regulatory Initiatives

May 14 - Morning tour of Broad Run Cheese House in Dover, Ohio hosted by Tom Konst, RS from Carroll County, Ohio Health Department. Afternoon tour of the Brietenbach Winery in Dover, Ohio.

July 11 - Tri-State Environmental Health Association meeting hosted by George Sobota, RS, Marshall county Health Department. Howard Gamble, District VI Community Health Educator, familiarized attendees with Clean Indoor Air Ordinances for WV, Ohio, and Pennsylvania.

September - Tri-State Environmental Health Association Meeting. The session was on Rabies. They toured the Wheeling Water Plant and then heard a presentation on WV's LaCrosse Encephalitis. Ohio and Marshall Counties were 2 of the counties in the state that participated in the CDC Mosquito Study. Results are not available yet.

November - Tri-State Environmental health Association Meeting. Morning tour of Wheeling Sewage Treatment Plant and afternoon program about tattoo parlor safety and operation.

December - Meeting hosted by Howard Bertram, RS from Brooke County Health Department, focused on reports from local sanitarians who serve on various committees. Dr. Carl Berryman presented the afternoon program about Rabies. They are still puzzled (and pleased) as to why the Norther Panhandle has been spared.

For Your Information

The State Building Code was Emergency filed August 27, 1997. It became effective September 4, 1997. It still has not made it's way through the legislative process. If you remember last year it was rescinded and did not pass. They have applied an exception which may allow for this rule to pass this year. If you want a copy of the entire rule, I can mail or fax it to you. Those codes to be adopted are as follows. (I suggest you see the entire Rule because of the exemptions.)

The BOCA National Building Code, Thirteenth Edition, 1996
EXCEPTION TO 1014.6 Treads 7 Risers: Design and Construction to be in accordance with 1993 BOCA National Building Code, Twelfth Edition for one & two family dwellings.

The BOCA International Plumbing Code, First Edition, 1995

The BOCA International Mechanical Code, First Edition, 1996

The BOCA National Property Maintenance Code, Fifth Edition, 1996

This Maintenance Code may be rejected at the option of the local jurisdiction.

The BOCA National Energy Conservation Code, Seventh Edition, 1993

The CABO One - and Two-Family Dwelling Code, 1995 Edition
EXCEPTION to 314.2 Stairway: Design and Construction of Stair to be in accordance with the 1992 CABO one- and two-family dwelling code.

Submitted by Charlene DeBord, RS

Drinking Water Sample Holding Time

For your information! In a recent memo to Don Kuntz from Tom Ong of the Office of Laboratory Services, better known as the State Hygienic Lab, it was confirmed that compliance samples must be received for analysis within thirty (30) hours of collection. Any compliance samples received after 30 hours of collection will be rejected and replacement samples will be requested. A notation reminding all to complete history forms in ink is also included. But guess what? The history form is being revised. Yes, you will soon be looking at a new history form for water samples. The new form will include information relating to chain of custody in addition to the information requested on the current form. Hopefully, we will be able to have some training on the new form, or at least a detailed set of instructions to follow once the new form is in use.

Submitted by Esther Taylor, RN



How Under Funded Is Public Health?

Well, we in the business of Public Health have been telling people for years that we need more funding in order to do our jobs and do them well. At this point, most of the legislators, commissioners, and others who control the purse strings, are tired of hearing us whine. But this little gem might get them to start taking us a bit more seriously. We've all heard about cuts at some of the health departments across the state due to funding problems, positions being lost, even cutting back work hours, but this is a new approach. It has been rumored that one local health is in such financial straits that the county vehicle has over 220,000 miles on it, breaks down daily, and finally the car's exhaust system exploded. Yes, the story is that the car actually had flames shooting out from under it and a portion of the exhaust system tried to make its way through the floor board. Was this an attempt to get rid of those pesky sanitarians or do we need to add auto mechanic to our list of jobs. Consider that topic for your next In-Service Meeting and we'll consider adding a few hours to the Sanitarian Training Course.

Submitted by Karol Wallingford, RS



For Your Information

Approximately 250 million people in the U.S.!

25-30 million cases of food poisoning each year.

10,000 deaths per year from food poisoning (Elderly and young (children)).

\$74,000 is the average cost of a case of food poisoning:

*doctor bills *hospital bills
*lost wages *legal issues

54% of the general public don't wash hands after toilet, after taking out garbage or smoking, etc.

Generally 3 types of sanitizers--chlorine, quats, iodine (*test strips needed).

Gloves are highly recommended for ready-to-eat food and must be changed when soiled.

The intelligent consumer will--if the food is not cooked--talk to manager.

Controllable factors of bacterial growth -- time and temperature.

E.Coli bacteria was responsible for 440,000 lbs of meat being recalled.

Submitted by Howard L. Bertram RS

For Your Files

Allen McCroskey in Webster County has written seasonal health information that can be submitted to a local newspaper. He has generated 47 articles and hopes to finish up to 52 so they could be used weekly. He has these available to Sanitarians on disk, fax or hard copy. Call Allen at 304-847-5483 or Fax 304-847-2362 for details.

**From the Editor
(Legislative Issues)**

The Executive Council requested that the newsletter inform Sanitarians about the status of the new Sewage Rule. I had the opportunity to speak with Max Fisher who has been involved with this legislation from the beginning. The Rule was Emergency Filed in March 1997 and is effective until this Legislative Session. It has made it out of the Legislative Rule Making Committee and now goes to the House and Senate for review. The committees that are to review it have not been assigned as of this date. After the Rule comes out of committee and all the changes have been made, then the Design Standards can be submitted. They want the Design Standards to coincide with the final rule.

Transition Project

An update on the Transition Project previously mentioned on page 5. There was 4.3 million dollars written in the state budget as the Transition Line Item Improvement Package. Four million dollars was allocated for Local Health Basic Public Health Services. It is recommended by the Lobbyist that Sanitarians contact their Legislators about the affects of HMOs, less dollars for medicare Home health Services and the basic money crunch health departments have been under. What the Local Health Basic Public Health Services actually are and how these monies will be divided are under discussion now by the Legislative Public Health Group.

Public Health Transition Project

- ▶ Define Public Health Mission & Basic Services.
- ▶ Develop performance based standards.
- ▶ Assess each local health department's organizational, financial, and service capacity.

- ▶ Streamline reporting between BPH and Local Health.
- ▶ Develop funding options for local health departments and public health services statewide.
- ▶ Review and revise state health code as appropriate.

Submitted by Charlene DeBord, RS

BPH Update

Legislative Issues that The BPH with Dr. Taylor are interested in for 1998

- ▶ Transitions Project as a way to improve the financial base for Local Health Departments.
- ▶ Children's Health Insurance (Title XXI).
- ▶ EMS Licensure and System refocusing
- ▶ Technical Corrections to DWSRF
- ▶ Lead Abatement Licensure
- ▶ Vital Statistics Code Changes.
- ▶ HIV Spousal Notification
- ▶ Elimination of Marital Blood Test
- ▶ Mandatory Birth Scoring
- ▶ Designation of Hep B as an STD
- ▶ Tobacco Tax
- ▶ Helmet Law
- ▶ Tanning Beds

Legislative information was acquired thru conversations with Charles Saber, Earl Burgess, and Max Fisher. Specific questions could better be answered by these people in lieu of myself.

Submitted by Charlene DeBord, R.S.

THE HEALTH INSPECTOR MAN

There are times when I get weary of
this day-in day-out grind.

There are times when I'm disgusted
and think I'll lose my mind.

Then there are times when money's
scarce, and these times become more
frequent.

My account's overdrawn, my savings
shrunk, and my bills are delinquent.

Now I've a little girl named Sue.

She's about the age of eight.

She has a lot of playmates, and in my
yard they congregate.

The other day I overheard quite a
lengthy conversation,

On the merits of different fathers,
primarily occupation.

There were bankers, welders, airplane
drivers, doctors, lawyers, deep-sea
divers.

Then silence fell as Sue began, "My
daddy's a health inspector man."

The other girls grew open eyed and
silent as a cat.

Then Sandra spoke the mind of all,
"Just what in the world is that?"

"Well, without my dad you couldn't
eat a solitary bite,

Unless you took the chance of being
very sick all night.

You couldn't drink a glass of milk, or
eat a piece of pie,

'Cause if you did you might get sick,
and maybe even die.

And you couldn't go in swimming.

Who'd see if the water was nice?

You couldn't have an ice cream cone,
or eat a piece of ice.

The streets and alleys would be a mess
with garbage everywhere,

And things would be really smelly if
my daddy wasn't there."

"Course I might be exaggerating.

Things might not be that bad,

But they certainly could happen if it
weren't for men like my dad.

Oh, there's lots an lots of other things
my daddy has to do.

But it takes too long to tell them, so
I've only these few."

I looked down at my shirt cuffs. They
were frayed just like my collar.

I looked around at the furniture. It was
worthless as a dollar.

Our car out in the driveway - it's
completely second-hand.

But I have my badge of honour. I'm a
health inspector man.

For if our kids live longer in the world
that we safeguard,

That's worth more than money and will
be enough reward.

So now I stand up straighter with my
shoulders squared away.

My step is sure, my eyes are bright as I
go out to face the day.

And if you really care to, step up and
shake the hand

Of a guy that's really proud to be a
health inspector man.

Author Unknown

Submitted by Francis Holton, RS

**Health Related Web Sites**

Centers for Disease Control &
Prevention
www.cdc.gov

Food & Drug Administration
www.fda.gov

Health Resources and Services
Administration
www.hrsa.dhhs.gov

National Center for Health
Statistics (NCHS)
www.cdc.gov/nchswww.nchshome.htm

National Health Information
Center
nhic.nt.health.org/

National Institutes of Health
www.nih.gov

President's Council on Physical
Fitness and Sports
www.dhhs.gov/progorg/ophs/pcpfs.htm

Substance Abuse and Mental
Health Services Administration
www.samhsa.gov

FSIS Reading Room
www.usda.gov/fsis/foia/readroom.htm

FSIS Product Recall
www.usda.gov/fsis/ophs/recalls

1997 Food Code Home Page
www.fda.gov

Food Allergies
www.foodallergy.org

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www.FoodTechExpo.com

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