

Chicago Department of PUBLIC HEALTH



BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH *Office of Environmental Permitting & Inspection*

OUR MISSION

The Office of Environmental Permitting & Inspection is committed to protecting the environment by reducing the environmental hazards that affect community health, safety, and quality of life.

CDPH TAKES ACTION TO IMPROVE THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENT

CDPH partners with community members and welcomes their input on important decisions and policies that affect their neighborhoods.



PERMITTING

CDPH issues permits for certain types of equipment and industrial operations to ensure that they are meeting Chicago's strong environmental and public health requirements.

INSPECTIONS AND ENFORCEMENT

Our team of environmental inspectors visit permitted facilities across the City every day, routinely monitoring to make sure they comply with City, State, and Federal regulations to address air, water and land threats. When they don't, we issue citations to hold them accountable.

HAZARD RESPONSE & REMEDIATION

Our team protects residents from exposure to hazardous materials and toxic pollutants by cleaning up contaminated sites, monitoring major events for environmental threats, and collecting household materials and electronic waste.

POLICY & INNOVATION

We continue to strengthen business regulations to reduce community impacts - and we are on the cutting edge of using data to drive our environmental health strategy.

IMPACT

500,000+
Pounds of E-waste & Hazardous Waste
Collected Annually

7,000-8,000
Inspections Conducted Annually

1,000
Permits Reviewed Each Year

Adopted new rules for rock crushing facilities, large recyclers, and bulk materials.



RESOURCES

Sign up for environmental news and learn about opportunities for public engagement at:

CHICAGO.GOV/ENVCOMMUNITYINFO



Submit an environmental
complaint: CALL 3-1-1
or visit 311.CHICAGO.GOV



THE BUREAU OF COMMUNITY HEALTH includes the Offices of Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion, Community Planning & Equity Zones, Environmental Permitting & Inspection, Epidemiology & Research, and Health Equity in All Policies

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