

Board of Sanitarian Registration Moving to Ohio Department of Health

As you may now know, the Governor's Budget Bill (HB 49) was signed into law on June 29, 2017. As part of that legislation, the Board of Sanitarian Registration was abolished and the administrative functions related to the registration of sanitarians in Ohio will be moved to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). This change becomes effective on September 29, 2017. The entity formerly known as the RS Board will now be known as the Sanitarian Advisory Board. As part of this consolidation, the physical location of the office will be moving to 246 North High Street, Columbus, Ohio, within the ODH Bureau of Environmental Health and Radiation Protection (BEHRP).

While our name and office location will change, many things will remain the same, including Stephanie Youst continuing to serve as the Program Administrator for the Sanitarian Advisory Board. The law has not changed with respect to the requirements to be a Registered Sanitarian or Sanitarian in Training meaning that:

- Individuals are still required to renew their registration on an annual basis;
- The definition of the practice of environmental health has not changed;
- There is no change in the educational requirements to become registered;
- There is no change in the testing requirement;
- There is no change in the continuing education requirement; and
- The licensure portal (eLicense) will continue to be used for all application and renewal processes.

To facilitate a smooth consolidation, a Transition Team has been formed that consists of several current Board members, staff members at ODH, Stephanie Youst and Chad Brown representing OEHA. The Transition Team is working very hard to ensure a smooth transition and will keep you informed of the progress along the way through notifications in *OJEH* and postings on the OEHA and Boards websites (www.sanitarian.ohio.gov).

Obviously there is much work to be done in a very short period of time. Our goal is to provide you with uninterrupted service during the transition and to maintain the high levels of customer service you have become accustomed to when dealing with the Board. We look forward to your continued support during this transition. If you have any questions regarding the upcoming changes, please do not hesitate to contact the Board office.