

AEC Public Affairs Committee Report

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This past year has been a very busy one for all of us. We continue to provide recommendations to the Ohio Department of Health through the Ohio Public Health Advisory Board by addressing emerging and historical issues in environmental health. In addition, The Association and the Board of Directors continue to monitor issues that are important to members and respond appropriately with guidance from technical committees. Current issues under review include, but are not limited to Food Program survey methodology, addressing dogs on patios of food service operations, private water systems, swimming pools, and body art. President Paul Depasquale and Board of Directors have done an excellent job sharing the progress that was made on behalf of the Ohio Environmental Health Association through regular emails and at an update meeting in February of this year. Also, our legislative liaisons at Hicks Partners continue to play a vital roll in monitoring issues and being our voice with the general assembly. I would encourage all members to stay connected by remaining on the email list, frequently visiting the website, and becoming active on various technical committees. Please contact myself or a member of the Board of Directors should you have any questions or would like to provide feedback.