

Regulation 61-29

Environmental Health Inspections and Fees

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A. Purpose. The Department of Health and Environmental Control (Department), to prevent disease and protect the environment, is required by various state laws and regulations to conduct environmental health inspections at facilities licensed, regulated, or registered by other state agencies. The Department also is requested by various state and federal agencies by policy or program guidelines to provide general environmental health inspections of specified facilities. These inspections cannot be provided unless funds to defray the cost of conducting the inspections and administering and operating the program are made available.

B. Inspections. The Department may conduct environmental health inspections for agencies which have developed inspection standards. These inspection standards shall be approved by the Department prior to performance of environmental health inspections. Requests for inspection shall be made by the agency on forms prescribed by the Department and shall contain all information requested on the form. The Department shall report the results of the inspection to the facility and to the requesting agency.

C. Facilities. Facilities subject to these inspections include, but are not limited to: Private and Public Child Day Care Centers, Child Day Care Centers Operated by Religious Bodies or Groups, Private and Public Group Day Care Centers, Family Day Care Homes, Residential Child Caring Institutions, Residential Group Caring Facilities for Children, and Spouse Abuse Shelters under the jurisdiction of the Department of Social Services (DSS), and Child Development Centers under the jurisdiction of the Department of Mental Retardation (DMR).

D. Fees. The fee for conducting environmental health inspections is sixty dollars (\$60.00) per facility, and shall be remitted to the Department by the agency requesting the inspection, or in such other manner as approved by the Department, prior to the inspection.

E. Enforcement Provisions. The Department shall conduct follow-up inspections and provide consultation and assistance to owners/operators of facilities with violations of statutes and regulations enforced by the Department (e.g., water, sewage, swimming pools, and lead). Follow-up inspections to ascertain compliance with other inspection standards noted by the Department are the responsibility of the requesting agency. The Department shall cooperate with the requesting agency in the resolution of problems arising from health inspections. Other follow-up inspections shall be conducted only upon written application and payment of a fee as prescribed above.