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DOH ACKNOWLEDGES ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEEK

TALLAHASSEE — The Florida Department of Health (DOH) and the Division of Environmental Health recognize Environmental Health Week 2006, September 11-15.

DOH Environmental Health programs protect Florida residents and visitors from health risks found in the natural and built environment. Statewide, the Division administers a variety of programs and services designed to promote health and prevent illness. The Department's comprehensive monitoring and inspection services include checking facilities for proper equipment and sanitary practices, installing and maintaining onsite sewage systems, examining drinking water wells for contamination, inspecting for radioactive sources and investigating zoonoses, food and waterborne disease outbreaks and responding to natural or man-made disasters.

"The Division of Environmental Health leads the way with effective environmental prevention efforts and educational campaigns," said Secretary of Health M. Rony François, M.D., M.S.P.H., Ph.D. "The concerted efforts of our experienced professionals safeguard the health of Florida residents and its millions of visitors."

"The men and women in environmental health programs throughout the state are a dedicated team working tirelessly to prevent disease and promote health," said Division Director Lisa Conti, DVM, MPH, CPM. "A century ago, environmental health programs were principal in improving health through simple sanitation. Now, we are seeing how important it is to plan our built environment in a manner that encourages family friendly, walkable communities and assures a positive legacy for our children."

DOH promotes and protects the health and safety of all people in Florida through the delivery of quality public health services and the promotion of health care standards. For more information about DOH programs, please visit the Department of Health's Web site at www.doh.state.fl.us. To discover how the Division of Environmental Health impacts the everyday lives of Floridians, please visit <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/index.html>.

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