

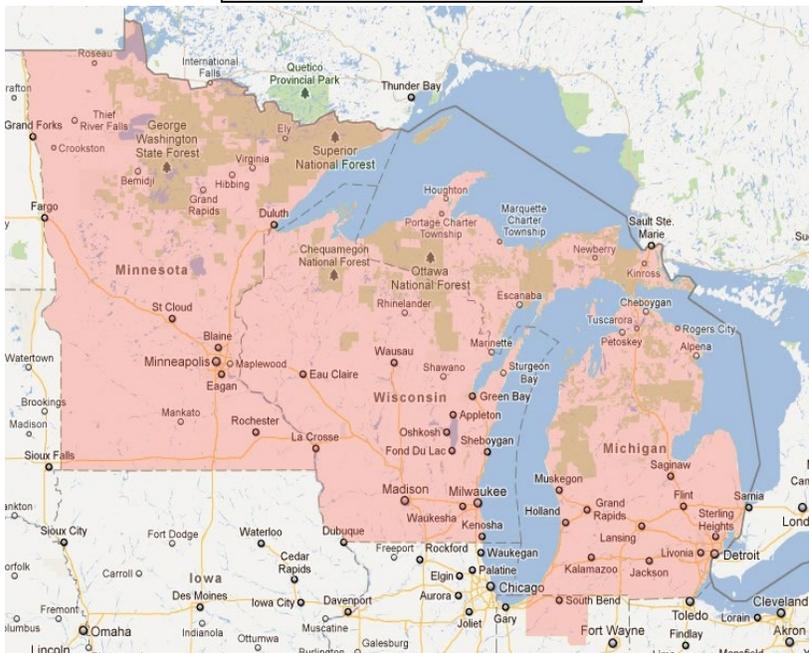
Bemidji Area Indian Health Service Division of Environmental Health Services

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## Our Program's Mission:

*"Through shared decision-making, we will champion the systems change necessary to create vital, healthy tribal communities by preventing environmentally related diseases and injury through environmental health practices"*

### Bemidji Area IHS Coverage



### IHS DEHS National Focus Areas:

- Children's Environment
- Food Safety
- Healthy Homes
- Vector-borne and Communicable Disease
- Safe Drinking Water



### DEHS Services:

- Surveys of the built environment (homes/facilities)
- Investigations/special studies
- Samples, tests, monitoring
- Technical assistance
- Training
- Policy development
- Program support
- Facility plan review assistance



### DEHS Program Components:

#### General Environmental Health

- Food safety, Pools/spas/water parks, Solid waste & wastewater management, Environmental Sustainability, Vector-borne disease prevention, and more.

#### Institutional Environmental Health

- Healthcare facilities, schools, jails, residential care facilities, Radiation protection, Dosimetry, Indoor air Quality, Emergency management

#### Injury Prevention

- Epidemiology, Coalition Development, Training, Project Development, Advocacy, Etc.



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Available Training:

- IHS Food Handlers Training - <https://www.ihs.gov/foodhandler/>
- ServSafe Manager/Instructor Courses
- OSHA 10- & 30-Hour Courses
- Housekeeping/Infection Control Training for Healthcare Personnel
- Environmental Health and Safety Training for Head Start and Childcare Personnel
- More available via the IHS Environmental Health Support Center - <https://www.ihs.gov/ehsc/>

Special Project Awards:

The Bemidji Area IHS, Division of Environmental Health Services, focuses on assisting tribes in developing their capacity to implement public health strategies throughout their communities. Currently, DEHS is providing special project funding, up to \$10,000, for projects that align with DEHS priorities. As of 2021, the DEHS funding priorities are:

- Environmental Sustainability
- Injury Prevention

Requests for proposals (RFP's) are generally released at the end of each calendar year, and are due back to DEHS within the first couple months of the next calendar year. If you would like to be contacted when the RFP's are released, please contact CAPT Timothy Duffy or our District Environmental Health Specialists (see below).

Federal Codes & Standards Utilized During DEHS Surveys:

- [FDA 2017 Food Code](#)
- [29 CFR 1910 Occupational Safety and Health Administration \(OSHA\) General Industry Regulations](#)
- [National Fire Protection Association \(NFPA\) Codes & Standards](#)
- [Head Start Performance Standards – DHHS Administration for Children & Families](#)
- [Caring for Our Children: Health and Safety Foundations for Early Care and Education – DHHS Administration for Children & Families](#)
- [Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care \(AAAHC\) Best Practices](#)
- [Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations \(JCAHO\) Standards](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – 2018 Model Aquatic Health Code](#)

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