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Dear Van,

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is proud to report that the Registered Environmental Health Specialist/Registered Sanitarian (REHS/RS) examination has been updated. The new examination content outline is attached along with the updated list of recommended study references.

Periodically, a credential needs to be re-evaluated to ensure it is still measuring the right content in order for an individual to perform competently, this is referred to as the Job Task Analysis. In December 2005, the REHS/RS Job Task Analysis was re-evaluated via survey for relevancy and validity to the environmental health field. A survey was conducted to validate the content areas, tasks, and knowledge statements. About 500 surveys were issued randomly to those holding the NEHA REHS/RS credential. In the survey, respondents rated:

- The frequency with which they personally performed each task and the criticality of each task;
- The percentage of time they spent in each of the 14 content areas of practice; and
- The frequency with which they used each knowledge statement in their own work and the criticality of each knowledge statement.

The results from the survey represent the new exam content outline. The new REHS/RS examination will be effective as of May 1, 2006. Please make available to your candidates the new content outline and list of recommended study references.

Thank you for choosing the National Environmental Health Association's examination for use in your state's credentialing program. By uniting behind one credential examination, we are all contributing to a unified standard for what competence means in the practice of our professional field. That movement will in turn result in a strengthened profession and presumably a heightened respect for our credentialed people.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the state REHS/RS examination please do not hesitate to call, (303) 756-9090 ext. 339. Thank you again for your efforts to elevate the regard accorded to our profession and for the pleasure of working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Heidi J. Shaw".

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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nelson Fabian".

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REHS/RS Exam Content Outline

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Task/ Knowledge Statement	% of Exam (# of Questions)
I. GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH	14% (35 questions)
A. Conduct Environmental Health Investigations, Inspections, and Audits	
B. Conduct Epidemiological Investigations	
C. Collect Samples and Specimens for Lab Analysis	
D. Perform Routine Field Tests and Measurements	
E. Plan Land Use	
F. Review Construction Plans	
G. Environmental Microbiology	
H. Contamination Control	
II. FOOD PROTECTION	14% (35 questions)
A. Inspection and Investigation of Food Establishments	
B. Food Safety, Protection, Quality and Storage	
C. Temporary Events with Food Service	
D. Transportation of Food	
III. WASTEWATER	8% (20 questions)
A. Conduct Investigations of Wastewater Management Systems	
IV. SOLID AND HAZARDOUS WASTE	4% (10 questions)
A. Knowledge of Waste Management Systems	
B. Conduct Waste Management Investigations	
C. Public Education	
V. POTABLE WATER	8% (20 questions)
A. Conduct Sanitary Surveys of Potential or Existing Water Systems and Watersheds	
VI. INSTITUTIONS AND LICENSED ESTABLISHMENTS	12% (30 questions)
A. Understand the Health Hazards and Sanitation Problems of Institutions	
B. Conduct Epidemiological Investigations of Institutions	
C. Conduct Investigations of Facilities, Institutions and Licensed Establishments	
VII. VECTORS, PESTS AND POISONOUS PLANTS	6% (15 questions)
A. Develop Controls for Vectors, Pests, and Poisonous Plants	
VIII. SWIMMING POOLS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES	8% (20 questions)
A. Inspect Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas	
B. Inspect Natural Recreation Areas and Facilities	
C. Amusement Parks and Temporary Mass Gatherings	

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IX. STATUTES, REGULATIONS, AND STANDARDS	6% (15 questions)
A. Knowledge of Source and Nature of Legal Authority	
B. Knowledge of Law Concerning Inspections (search warrants, right of entry, seizures, etc.)	
C. Knowledge of Lawfulness of Agency Administrative Actions	
D. Evaluate Compliance with Appropriate Federal Laws	
E. Knowledge of Standards (ISO, UL, NSF, etc.)	
X. HOUSING	6% (15 questions)
A. Conduct Investigations of Public and Private Housing	
B. Conduct Investigations of Mobile Home and Recreational Vehicle Parks	
XI. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	2% (5 questions)
A. Conduct Investigations of Hazardous Materials	
XII. RADIATION PROTECTION	2% (5 questions)
A. Conduct Investigations of Radiation Hazards	
XIII. OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH	2% (5 questions)
A. Conduct Investigations of Work Sites	
XIV. AIR QUALITY AND NOISE	2% (5 questions)
A. Assess Ambient Air Quality	
B. Survey Noise Control	
XV. DISASTER SANITATION AND EMERGENCY PLANNING	6% (15 questions)
A. Prepare in Advance for Disasters	
B. Assist with Management of Disaster Situations	
C. Assist with Post-Disaster Management	
TOTAL	100% (250 questions)

REHS/RS Recommended Reference List
***Updated March 2006**

1. *Environmental Engineering*, 5th Edition, 2003. J.A. Salvato, N. Nemerow, F. Agardy #58
2. *NEHA REHS/RS Study Guide*, 3rd Edition, 2006. NEHA #517 (Available Spring 2006)
3. *2005 FDA Model Food Code*, FDA
4. *The Public Health Law Manual*, 3rd Edition, 2005. Frank Grad, APHA #565
5. *The Handbook of Environmental Health and Safety (Vol. I and II)*, 2003. H. Koren and M. Bisesi #215
6. *Environmental Law Handbook*, 18th Edition, 2005, Government Institutes #615
7. *Principles of Food Sanitation*, 5th Edition, 2006, N.G. Marriott and R.B. Gravani #126
8. *Essentials of Food Safety and Sanitation*, 4th Edition, 2005. D. McSwane, N. Rue, and R. Linton #924
9. *Essential Epidemiology: Principles and Applications*, 2002. William Oleckno #1052
10. *Control of Communicable Diseases Manual*, 18th Edition, 2004. APHA, Ed. By David Heymann, MD #573
11. *Environmental Health*, 3rd Edition, 2003. Monroe T. Morgan #545
12. *Preparing for Biological Terrorism: An Emergency Services Guide*, 2002. George Buck #1050
13. *Certified Pool-Spa Operator Handbook*, 2005. National Swimming Pool Foundation #1014