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## **Health Department Receives Grant To Develop Training Manual**

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Department of Public Health’s Environmental Health division received a \$3,000 grant from the Association of Food and Drug Officials to fund the development of an Environmental Health training manual to enhance the division’s ability to achieve greater conformance with the Food and Drug Administration’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

The training manual will serve as a staff resource with policies, procedures, training materials and documentation examples available while conducting field work. The training manual will also ensure uniform training for all staff and include components of the Food and Drug Administration’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. A key part of the manual will be the development of a database to track training attendance and required training hours for staff.

“Having a detailed training manual for our inspectors and office staff will help to ensure that there is uniformity in our retail food safety program. This implementation will allow us to better protect the public by providing greater consistency,” Environmental Health Director Daniel Ortiz said.

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