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Environmental Health Supervisor Named To State Commission

FAYETTEVILLE, NC – Cumberland County Department of Public Health Environmental Health Supervisor Daniel Ortiz has been appointed to serve on the North Carolina Well Contractors Certification Commission. The commission is responsible for the certification, oversight and discipline of professional well contractors.

Ortiz was nominated by North Carolina Sen. Wesley Meredith, who represents Cumberland County in Senate District 19. Ortiz' nomination was ratified by the General Assembly on July 2. The State Ethics Commission approved the appointment on Aug. 8. Ortiz will be sworn in at a later date.

"The well drillers play a major role in providing clean, safe water to all of our communities, not just here in Cumberland County," Ortiz said. "I am very happy to serve on the state commission."

The Well Contractors Certification Commission was established by the General Assembly in 1997. Two of the commission's seven members must be environmental health professionals. The commission's purpose is to protect the public health and safety by ensuring the integrity and competence of well contractors through examination, certification, continuing education and enforcement.

For more information about the Cumberland County Department of Public Health, go online to http://www.co.cumberland.nc.us/health.aspx.