

**ROBERT BLAKE**

DeKalb County Board of Health  
Director, Division of Environmental Health  
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**CAREER SUMMARY**

More than twenty years of progressively responsible experience in environmental health issues and management.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**DeKalb County - Decatur GA.**

**May 1994 to present**

**Director of Environmental Health**

Manage day-to-day environmental health activities for a large urban area  
Prepare amended regulations for acceptance by Board of Health and Board of Commissioners  
Maintain fee schedules and budgets for the Division  
Currently lead organization wide IT Steering Committee Team  
Co-authored a successful \$2M bio-terrorism grant application  
Member of NEHA National Advisory Committee for Bio-Terrorism

**Assistant Director of Environmental Health**

Organized resources to meet 1996 Centennial Olympics demands  
Provided agency wide Quality Tools training  
Used computer mapping of environmental concerns for a local environmental health atlas  
Initiated and led E.H. Technology Team to enhance Division use of appropriate technology  
Assessed workloads across Division through site visits with inspectors and by data analysis  
Led a paperwork simplification and filing system upgrade

**Washtenaw County - Ann Arbor MI.**

**May 1986 to May 1994**

**Director of Environmental Services**

Managed a department involved with building inspection and environmental health and safety  
Implemented work simplification project to streamline permit processes  
Formulated staff teams for improved customer service, staff training, and educational outreach  
Performed major overhaul of service fees and fee structure  
Steered Right-to-Know Regulation through amendments to become Pollution Prevention Regulation  
Awarded and recognized as Group Winner in County Manager of 1993 Award

**Coordinator of Pollution Prevention and Community Right-to-Know Programs:**

Implemented a new Health Department law concerning toxic and hazardous materials  
Represented department as Information Coordinator on the Local Emergency Planning Committee  
Supervised a team of three sanitarians and one support staff  
Coordinated compliance of all County Departments with various environmental and safety laws  
Trained to Operations level for regular responses to hazardous materials emergencies

**Sanitarian II:**

Inspected food-service establishments  
Participated in formal and informal hearings  
Used scientific hazard-analysis techniques

**Saginaw County, MI.****October 1982 to July 1985****Environmental Health Specialist:**

Inspected restaurants, sewage disposal systems, water wells, DSS facilities, swimming pools, and mobile home parks  
Responded to community complaints  
Conducted large survey of an area with many failed sewage disposal systems

**London Borough of Croydon, England.****September 1977 to July 1982****Senior Environmental Health Officer:**

Supervised a Technical Assistant  
Reviewed health and safety requirements in workplaces  
Conducted housing inspections including multiple-occupancy units  
Corrected sewer and drainage problems  
Invoked pollution control of air and water  
Conducted food premise review  
Investigated pest control concerns

**District Environmental Health Officer:****Student Environmental Health Officer:****PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, National Environmental Health Association.

Chair Elect, National Conference of Local Environmental Health Administrators

Chair Elect, Metropolitan Atlanta Surveillance Task Force (MASTF)

Board member, Georgia Environmental Health Association (2000 – 2002)

Board member, Michigan Association of Environmental Professionals (1992-1994)

**EDUCATION**

Master of Public Health in Environmental Health

University of Michigan, School of Public Health. Awarded: May 1987.

Diploma in Environmental Health (Bachelor equivalency)

South East London College, London, England. Awarded: June 1980.

Registered Environmental Health Specialist in State of Georgia

#### Presentations

Presentation Skills for the Environmental Health Professional – June 29, 2001  
National Environmental Health Association, Annual Education Conference

Hospitals and Local Public Health – September 6, 2001  
Georgia Public Health Association, Annual Conference

PACE – EH, September 6, 2001  
Georgia Public Health Association, Annual Conference

Bio-terrorism and Water Works, November 27, 2001  
American Association of Water Works

A Fee Methodology for Environmental Health Program Cost Recovery – July 2, 2002  
National Environmental Health Association, Annual Education Conference

West Nile Virus: Metro Atlanta Partnerships – July 2, 2002  
National Environmental Health Association, Annual Education Conference

Improving Environmental Surety – August 7, 2002  
National Health Policy Forum

Workforce Development – September 17, 2002  
National View of California Environmental Health – September 19, 2002  
California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health

#### Awards

Georgia Environmental Health Association (GEHA) – Member of the Year 2002

GEHA Presidential Meritorious Service Award, July 2002