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## NEVADA STATE HEALTH DIVISION NEWS RELEASE

### Nevada State Health Division Announces Recent Federal FDA Certification For Health Division Staff

*Carson City* – The Nevada State Health Division is proud to announce the recent federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) certification as an inspection/training officer for Cynthia Ulch, Environmental Health Specialist, Bureau of Health Protection Services. By receiving the certification, the Health Division moves forward in its goal of standardizing and enhancing the retail food inspection process statewide.

Ms. Ulch, the only certified inspection/training officer in Nevada, will assist in training food regulators throughout the state, including Washoe County District Health Department, Clark County Health District and Carson City Health Department, ensuring uniformity with regard to regulatory inspection in Nevada.

The main goal of a national food safety program is the reduction and prevention of food borne illness. The FDA provides several avenues, one of which is the standardization and certification of retail food inspection personnel. FDA promotes uniform implementation of national food regulatory policy among federal, state tribal and local agencies that have primary responsibility for retail food safety oversight or regulation.

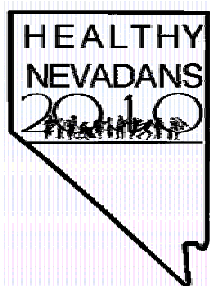
“By achieving the FDA certification, Ms. Ulch has exhibited her dedication to ensuring that the health and well-being of the residents and visitors of our state is protected,” said Alex Haartz, Administrator, Nevada State Health Division. “Her motivation and achievement strengthens the efforts of all food establishment inspectors in Nevada and I am proud of her accomplishment.”

Through this process, Ms. Ulch completed a rigorous, “real-life” examination in which she demonstrated knowledge and expertise in the understanding, application and interpretation of food code interventions, food borne illness risk factors, hazard analysis critical control point principals and the use of essential inspection equipment. Additionally, Ms. Ulch demonstrated the necessary communication skills in conducting food establishment inspections.

Ms. Ulch holds a bachelor of science in Botany and Health Education from Southern Utah University and she has been a Registered Environmental Health Specialist since 1987, working for the Nevada State Health Division for 16 years.

“My goals for the future include standardization of our Bureau’s Environmental Health staff throughout the state,” said Ms. Ulch. “The goal of all standardization is to promote uniformity and consistency in the industry with regard to retail food protection oversight. The industry has demanded, and the public deserves a consistent inspection procedure in order to provide the safest food service to the dining public.”

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