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Health Department Announces New Environmental Health Deputy Director

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced the promotion of Jim Kelly to the appointment of Deputy Director of Environmental Health. He was formerly the Planning and Data Analysis Section Chief in the Air Quality Program.

Mr. Kelly will supervise the Bureau of Environmental Health which consists of the following programs: Air Quality, Food Safety, Safe & Healthy Homes, Housing and Community Environment, Plumbing, Public Drinking Water, Recycling, Solid Waste Management and Water Pollution Control. The appointment is effective immediately. He is replacing Jim Thompson who retired from the department last October.

“I’m very excited to appoint such a qualified and knowledgeable individual to this very important deputy position,” said Health Department Director, Dr. Karen Hacker. “Our Environmental Health bureau is a critical component of our responsibilities. Jim’s working knowledge of issues as well as his policy background are valued assets.”

Mr. Kelly came to Allegheny County from the State of Georgia Environmental Protection Division in 2014. He has over 20 years of experience in environmental protection, with a particular focus on air. His familiarity with air regulations, grant writing and administration, public policy, data modeling for SIP development and permitting and project management, have provided him with an excellent background for this position.

Mr. Kelly received his BS in Mechanical Engineering at West Virginia University Institute for Technology and his MS in Environmental Public Policy at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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