



NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD - **Public Hearing**

Conrail Derailment in Paulsboro, NJ with Vinyl Chloride Release

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New Jersey Dept. of Health

Title

Biography Joe Eldridge, Director,  
Consumer, Environmental and  
Occupational Health Service,  
NJ Department of Health

Joe Eldridge  
Director  
Consumer, Environmental and Occupational Health Service  
NJ Dept. of Health

BS from Trenton State College  
Masters in Public Health from UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School

Over 28 years of experience in environmental and occupational health.

Mr. Eldridge has held numerous titles within the Department of Health and has been a Service Director since 2008. Mr. Eldridge oversees, plans, directs and manages the activities of the Consumer, Environmental and Occupational Health Service including the establishment of policy with regard to the recognition and control of environmental and occupational hazards, drug and food safety, general public health sanitation, and other efforts to protect public health. Mr. Eldridge is responsible for the development and implementation of over 60 distinct projects staffed by 111 employees within four major program areas: Environmental and Occupational Health Assessment, Environmental and Occupational Health Surveillance, Food and Drug Safety and Public Health Sanitation and Safety. Mr. Eldridge oversees a diverse number of activities including programs and projects in food and milk safety, hazardous site health evaluation, environmental and occupational disease, public employee/employer health, mold and indoor air quality, tattoos and permanent makeup, youth camp safety, recreational bathing, asbestos and lead-based paint certification. Mr. Eldridge acts on behalf of the State on environmental, occupational and consumer health-related issues and on national taskforces and committees aimed at developing national policy and strategies for minimizing health risks.