John J. Guzewich Environmental Public Health Award

For Environmental Public Health (EPH) professionals with responsibility for response and management of foodborne illness outbreaks.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the award is to recognize and support the role of individuals and local, state, tribal and territorial environmental public health departments in protecting their communities as well as the national food safety system from foodborne illness and to encourage innovative programs and best practices to prevent the occurrence of foodborne illnesses.

APPLICATIONS

Applications should include:
1.) A cover page with name, job title, and affiliation of the candidate or group name and contact person; and the name, job title, and affiliation of nominator.

2.) A concise statement of the reason for nomination (500 words or less). Nominations are due by COB January 3, 2020 and should be sent by email to Elizabeth Landeen at elandeen@neha.org.

PRESENTATION

The award will be presented at the InFORM (Integrated Foodborne Outbreak Response and Management) Conference to be held in Atlanta, GA on March 9–12, 2020. InFORM is an avenue to support the integration, education, collaboration, and communication between the three disciplines with responsibility for foodborne illness investigations: laboratory, epidemiology, and EPH.

HONORING JOHN J. GUZEWICH

The award is named for John J. Guzewich (Jack) who retired from the FDA Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition in 2011. He was Senior Advisor for Environmental Health in the Office of Food Defense, Communication and Emergency Response. Jack worked on a number of special projects including enhancing relations with federal, state and local government partners, CFSAN's produce safety initiative, the Council to Improve Foodborne Outbreak Response (CIFOR) and implementation of environmental assessments, root cause analysis, during foodborne outbreak investigations at FDA. Prior to this role Jack was the CFSAN Center Emergency Coordinator. Jack previously worked for the New York State Department of Health where he was the lead for foodborne disease outbreak surveillance, food service establishment regulation and training officer for environmental health staff in the state. Jack has a Master of Public Health degree from the University of Minnesota. He is a Past President of the International Association for Food Protection. He was a member of the National Environmental Health Association until his retirement. He is an honorary lifetime member of the International Association for Food Protection and the Association of Food and Drug Officials. Jack currently is a volunteer with the American Red Cross in Disaster Relief, where he is the lead for government relations in Eastern NY as well as an advanced instructor.

For more information, visit: https://www.aphl.org/conferences/InformConf/Pages/default.aspx