

Environmental Public Health

DEFINITIONS: AUGUST 2025 (PENDING SCHSAC APPROVAL)

- A. Provide timely, relevant, and accurate information to partners and the public on environmental public health threats and health impacts.**
 - 1. Collect, analyze, and interpret data and information related to environmental health.
 - 2. Validate information, data, analysis, and findings.
 - 3. Assure education and technical assistance are provided for prevention, abatement, and compliance, or refer as appropriate.
- B. Develop a prevention plan for environmental public health in collaboration with partners.**
 - 1. Build and maintain relationships with appropriate audiences.
 - 2. Engage with the community to assess the need for prevention or abatement activities.
 - 3. Collaborate with and educate partners and communities.
 - 4. Convene cross-sector, cross-agency, and public health partners to identify strategies or initiatives.
 - 5. Develop, implement, and maintain a written plan.
 - 6. Engage with partners and communities to collect feedback.
 - 7. Participate in opportunities to address sustainability, land use planning, and climate efforts promoting positive public health outcomes and resilient communities.
- C. Conduct mandated environmental public health activities and oversight to protect the public from hazards in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.**
 - 1. Develop and maintain written training materials, provide training to appropriate staff.
 - 2. Investigate and document environmental health complaints.
 - 3. Conduct timely investigations in response to environmental health risks.
 - 4. License, certify, or permit regulated parties or entities within the jurisdiction.
 - 5. Inspect regulated parties or entities within the jurisdiction.
 - 6. Issue, enforce, and document corrective actions with respect to environmental health violations.
 - 7. Perform and document follow-up activities for remediation.
 - 8. Assure water and solid waste systems are managed safely.
 - 9. Assure availability of environmental, biological, and chemical laboratory testing.
- D. Identify and address radiation, chemical, and other public health hazards related to environmental factors in accordance with local, state, and federal laws and regulations.**
 - 1. Partner across agencies to assure protection of workers and the public from hazards related to environmental factors.
 - 2. Establish a system for tracking efforts toward agreed upon responsibilities, track these efforts.
 - 3. Implement prioritized strategies or initiatives and assess how external factors and conditions affect implementation.
 - 4. Identify and respond to emerging issues.
- E. Coordinate, integrate, align, and address funding opportunities for environmental public health work across public health programs and activities, and partner agencies.**
 - 1. Assure and maintain baseline funding to support mandated environmental public health programs and activities.
 - 2. Seek out, apply for, and manage funding opportunities.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEFINITIONS, AUGUST 2025

PENDING SCHSAC APPROVAL

3. Coordinate environmental public health programs and activities with governmental agencies.
4. Assure training about environmental public health roles and responsibilities for agency staff.