

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.

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