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Welcome to the resource issue of California Tracking. In this issue, we offer a compilation of resources related to environmental health.

This compendium is not meant to be exhaustive – we are simply attempting to offer resources which we hope may be useful to specific audiences.

In a future issue, we will focus on tools for public health actions such as advocacy, policy development, program planning, and risk communication.

We are also working on a searchable, online version of resources that will be more systematic and comprehensive. We are asking readers to let us know which resources in this issue are particularly helpful and which resources we have overlooked. Please send us your feedback through our [feedback form](#) or email to info@catracking.com

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Information for Action :: Data Sources

The following sources of environmental health data are a combination of very specific data, multiple data, metasites, and portals. The sites offer information in one or more formats such as raw data for analysis, analyzed data in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) format, and reports. Some sites such as scorecard.org have incorporated multiple data and offer them in a user-friendly format. The geographic specificity (resolution) of the data varies from specific point sources to counties to states. In some cases, it may be possible to request data not directly available on a site.

Environmental Hazards/Exposures Data

- Aerometric Data Analysis and Management System – Cal/EPA, ARB
- Air Quality Data – Cal/EPA, ARB
- California Air Toxics Emission Factor (CATEF) II database – Cal/EPA, ARB
- California Emission Inventory Development and Reporting System (CEIDARS) – Cal/EPA, ARB
- California Integrated Waste Management Board databases
- California Pesticide Information Portal (Pesticide Use Data) – Cal/EPA, DPR
- Envirofacts Data Warehouse – US EPA
- EnviroMapper – US EPA
- Environmental Atlas – US EPA
- Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS) Database – Cal/EPA
- Environmental Radiation Ambient Monitoring System – US EPA
- GeoTracker (Groundwater Resources Information Database) – Cal/EPA, State Water Resources Control Board
- HazDat Database – ATSDR
- HazMat Incident data – US DOT
- Highway Performance Monitoring System – Caltrans
- HUD E-MAPS/Enterprise Geographic Information System – US Department of Housing and Urban Development
- National Air Toxics Assessment – US EPA
- National Emission Inventory database – US EPA
- National Water Information System Web – USGS
- National Water Quality Assessment Data Warehouse – USGS
- PAN Pesticides Database – Pesticide Action Network of North America
- Pesticide Data Program (PDP) – USDA, National Pesticide Residue Database Program
- Pesticide Well Inventory Reports – Cal/EPA
- Response and Surveillance System for Childhood Lead Exposure – CDHS, Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Branch
- Right-To-Know Network – OMB Watch
- Scorecard.org – Environmental Defense
- STORET – US EPA
- Superfund Information Systems (CERCLIS, RODS, SPIL, etc.) – US EPA
- Toxic Release Inventory – US EPA
- Water Quality Monitoring Database – CDHS, Drinking Water Program

Health Data

- California Birth Defects Monitoring Program – CDHS, Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control
- Behavioral Risk Factor Survey – Public Health Institute, Survey Research Group
- California Cancer Registry – CDHS, Cancer Surveillance Section
- California Health Interview Survey – UCLA Center for Health Policy Research
- California Women's Health Survey – Public Health Institute, Survey Research Group
- Individual County Health Status Profiles – Center for Health Statistics, CDHS
- Medi-Cal Statistics – CDHS, Medical Care Statistics Section
- National Cancer Statistics – National Cancer Institute
- National Center for Health Statistics – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Patient (Hospital) Discharge Database - OSHPD
- Vital Statistics (birth & death), - DHS, OHIR, Vital Statistics Section
- California Blood Lead Registry – CDHS, OHB
- Pesticide Illness Surveillance Program – DPR, Worker Health and Safety Branch

Miscellaneous Data Sources

- @Risk – Environmental Working Group
- CDC WONDER – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Counting California
- Environmental Health Legislation Database
- Environmental Health Watch
- Household Products Database – National Library of Medicine
- Invisible Web
- TOXNET

Read all about it :: Key Publications

These publications related to environmental health are offered as a starting point to better understanding health and environmental issues and the relationship between the two. We excluded most journal articles due to copyright issues and space limitations. A bibliography of those articles will be made available in the future. Resources with a focus on public health actions (*i.e. Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health by the National Association of County and City Health Officials and*) were also excluded from this list – they will be included in a future issue of the newsletter and our searchable database on our website.

- **A BILL to amend the Public Health Service Act to establish a Nationwide Health Tracking Network, and for other purposes.** U.S. House Resolution 4061, 107th Congress, 2nd Session.
- **A Guide to Biomonitoring of Industrial Chemicals.** Center for Children's Health and the Environment.
- **Air Trends – 2002 Trends Report: Air Quality Continues to Improve.** US EPA.
- **America's Children and the Environment.** US EPA.
- **America's Environmental Health Gap: Why the Country Needs a Nationwide Health Tracking Network.** The Pew Environmental Health Commission.
- **America's Environmental Health Gap: Why the Country Needs a Nationwide Health Tracking Network. Companion Report.** The Pew Environmental Health Commission.
- **Asthma and the Role of Air Pollution: What the Primary Care Physician Should Know.** Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- **Atlas of United States Mortality.** National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **Birth Defect Tracking and Prevention One Year Later: One Step Forward. Two Steps Back?** Trust for America's Health.
- **BodyBurden: the Pollution in People.** Environmental Working Group.
- **California County Asthma Hospitalization Chart Book.** Environmental Health Investigations Branch, California Department of Health Services.
- **California Environmental Health Indicators.** Environmental Health Investigations Branch.
- **California Senate Bill 189 (Escutia). Environmental health tracking system: chronic disease.**
- **California Senate Bill 702 (Escutia). Chronic disease: environmental determinants.**
- **California Senate Bill 702 (Escutia) Expert Working Group on Environmental Health Tracking Draft Report.**
- **Cancer and the Environment: What Health Care Providers Should Know.** Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- **Catching Your Breath: Strategies to Reduce Environmental Factors that Contribute to Asthma in Children.** Association of State and Territorial Health Officials and the Environmental Council of the States.
- **Clear Skies Reports.** US EPA.
- **Confronting Toxic Contamination in Our Communities.** The Women's Foundation of California.
- **Consider the Source: Farm Runoff, Chlorination Byproducts, and Human Health.** Environmental Working Group.
- **Emerging Links: Addressing the Links between Parkinson's Disease and Environmental Exposures.** Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- **Enhancing the Comparability of the Air Emission Inventories in Canada, Mexico and the United States.** North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation.
- **Environment and Disease: Tracking the Health Connection.** Public Health News, National Conference of State Legislatures.
- **Environmental and Public Health: Pulling the Pieces Together.** Environmental Health Perspectives.
- **Environmental Exposures and Racial Disparities.** Environmental Justice and Health Union.
- **Environmental Health Series – Environmental Public Health Tracking: Connecting Health and the Environment.** National Conference of State Legislatures.
- **Environmental Justice Recommendations Report to the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice.** California Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Environmental Protection Indicators for California.** Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Environmental Protection Agency.
- **Environmental Public Health Indicators.** CDC National Center for Environmental Health.
- **Health Tracking & Disease Clusters: The Lack of Data on Chronic Disease Incidence and its Impact on Cluster Investigations.** US PIRG Educations Fund.
- **Healthy From the Start: Why America Needs a Better System to Tracking and Understand Birth Defects and the Environment.** Pew Environmental Health Commission.
- **Healthy People 2010 (Focus Area 8: Environmental Health) Objectives for Improving Health.**
- **Improving Cancer Tracking Today Save Lives Tomorrow: Do States Make the Grade?** Trust for America's Health.
- **In Harm's Way: Toxic Threats to Child Development.** Greater Boston Physicians for Social Responsibility.
- **Latest Findings on National Air Quality: 2002 Status and Trends.** US EPA
- **New Environmental Health: The Drive to Prevent Cancer, Health Disease, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and other Chronic Disease.** National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences.
- **Pesticide Use Reporting: Legal Framework, Data Processing and Utilization. Full Reporting Systems in California and Oregon.** Pesticide Action Network Germany.
- **Pesticides and Human Health: A Resource for Health Care Professionals.** Physicians for Social Responsibility and Californian for Pesticide Reform.
- **Poisoned Schools: Invisible Threats, Visible Actions.** Child Proofing Our Communities: Poisoned School Campaign.
- **Polluting Our Future: Chemical Pollution in the U.S. that Affects Child Development and Learning.** National Environmental Trust, Physicians for Social Responsibility, and Learning Disabilities Association of America.
- **Precautionary Principle and the City and County of San Francisco: White Paper.** San Francisco Department of the Environment.
- **Public Perception of Environmental Health Risks: California and National Surveys.** Trust for America's Health.
- **Return on Investment of Nationwide Health Tracking.** Public Health Foundation.
- **Second National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals.** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- **Selected Papers from the Quebec City Consensus Conference on Environmental Health Indicators.** Canadian Journal of Public Health.
- **Short of Breath: Our Lack of Response to the Growing Asthma Epidemic and the Need for Nationwide Tracking.** Trust for America's Health.
- **Statewide Survey: Special Survey on Californians and the Environment.** Public Policy Institute of California.
- **Toxic Release and Health: A Review of Pollution Data and Current Knowledge on the Health Effects of Toxic Chemicals.** US PIRG Education Fund.

Many Faces, One Goal :: Agencies and Organizations

Below are organizations involved in environmental health. This is by no means a comprehensive list. The following organizations recognize the connection between health and the environment and their initiatives/programs reflect that concept. For very extensive resources on particular issues such as children's environmental health, we have listed metasites such as the *Children's Environmental Health Network* (CEHN) and the *Pesticide Action Network of North America* (PANNA) for pesticide issues.

- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Air Resources Board, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Alameda County Public Health Department
- American Cancer Society
- American Lung Association
- Association of State and Territorial Health Officials
- Breast Cancer Action
- Breast Cancer Fund
- California Biomonitoring Planning Project. Environmental Health Laboratory Branch, California Department of Health Services
- California Birth Defects Monitoring Program
- California Cancer Registry
- California Certified Unified Program Agencies
- California Communities Against Toxics
- California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health
- California Conference of Local Health Officers
- California Environmental Health Tracking Program
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- California Environmental Rights Alliance
- California Safe Schools
- Californians for Pesticide Reform
- CDC-Funded Environmental Public Health Tracking Projects
- Center for Children's Health and the Environment
- Center for Environmental Health
- Center for Environmental Public Health Tracking, University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health
- Central Coast Environmental Health Project
- Chemical Body Burden, Coming Clean Network
- Children's Environmental Health Institute
- Children's Environmental Health Network
- Children's Health Environmental Coalition
- Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund
- Collaborative on Health and the Environment
- Commonwealth
- Communities for a Better Environment
- Community Action to Fight Asthma
- Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists
- Department of Pesticide Regulation, California Department of Health Services
- EnviroHealthAction, Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Environment California
- Environmental Defense
- Environmental Health Coalition
- Environmental Health Investigations Branch, California Department of Health Services
- Environmental Health Strategy Center
- Environmental Justice Coalition for Water
- Environmental Management Branch, Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management, California Department of Health Services
- Environmental Public Health Tracking Program, National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- Environmental Working Group
- Governor's Office of Planning & Research
- Health Effects Institute
- Healthy Children Organizing Project, Consumer Action
- Healthy People 2010, US Department of Health and Human Services
- Latino Issues Forum
- National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- National Children's Study
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Nevada Environmental Public Health Tracking System
- Occupational Health Branch, California Department of Health Service
- Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, California Environmental Protection Agency
- Pacific Institute for Studies in Development, Environment, and Security
- Pesticide Action Network of North America
- Physicians for Social Responsibility
- Regional Asthma Management & Prevention Initiative
- Science and Environmental Health Network
- Sierra Club
- Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition
- South Coast Air Quality Management District
- State Public Interest Research Groups
- Toxic Links Coalition
- Toxics & Environmental Health Program, US PIRG
- Trust for America's Health
- U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Urban Habitat
- Women's Cancer Resource Center

Announcement :: Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH) is hosting the 2004 Environmental Public Health Tracking Conference, Many Voices-One Vision. The event is scheduled for March 24-26, 2004 in Philadelphia. On-line registration will begin in January 2004. Additional information about the conference will be posted on www.catracking.com as they become available.



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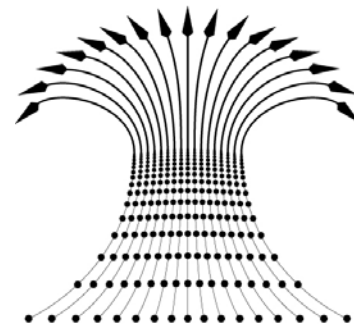
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