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The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) recently launched the Environmental Public Health Tracking Toolkit. NACCHO's toolkits are free, online, and searchable collections of resources that can be used to inform and improve communities' work in promoting and advancing public health objectives.

The EPHT Toolkit is comprised of various resources related to environmental health tracking and surveillance. The toolkit will be periodically updated with new information and useful resources.

The toolkit is available from: <http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/>.

- Case examples of Tracking Programs or research programs using Tracking data;
- How-to-Guides;
- Webinars on community environmental health assessments, health impact assessments, and other efforts that are connected to environmental health tracking and surveillance;
- Reports and papers related to how to build infrastructure for environmental health tracking and surveillance
- Education and training materials; and
- How data from the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network) can be used to inform decision makers and other stakeholders about the linkages between environmental conditions and chronic disease.

Background

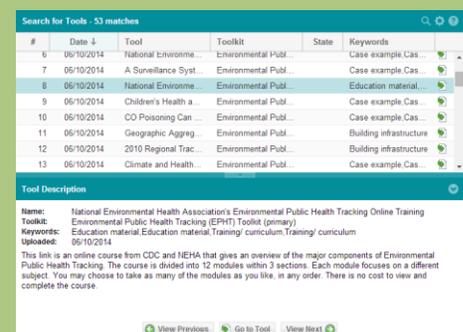
The National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program (Tracking Program) was created by Congress in 2002 and is

Steps to access the toolkit:

1. Go to <http://www.naccho.org/toobox/>
2. In the search tools popup box, select the EPHT Toolkit from the Toolkits dropdown menu.



3. Search keywords, titles and descriptions
4. Close search tools window or drag to the side
5. Select the tool from the list, and click on "go to tool"



administered by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Its aim is to develop systems at the state and national levels to track many of the exposures and chronic health effects that may be related to environmental hazards. Before the advent of the Tracking Program, no systems existed at the national level to combine environmental exposure, hazard, and health information.

One goal of the Tracking Program is to protect communities by providing information to federal, state, and local agencies that will, in turn, use this information to plan, apply, and evaluate public health actions to prevent and control environmentally related diseases. CDC's Tracking Program established the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network (Tracking Network) to obtain integrated health and environmental data and provide information to support actions that improve the health of communities.

The Tracking Network can be accessed at: www.cdc.gov/ephtracking.

Featured Tools:

- **Environmental Public Health Tracking Webinar Series: Part I, II, III**
This three-part webinar series showcases contributions of Environmental Public Health Tracking data to local and state public health programs and how the data can be utilized to achieve public health objectives. <http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/tool.cfm?id=4308>
- **Environmental Public Health Tracking Curriculum**
The curriculum is designed to provide instruction on environmental public health using the National Public Health Tracking Network. <http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/tool.cfm?id=4317>
- **Guide to Building an Environmental Public Health Tracking Network**
This guide will help new and experienced public health professionals develop and launch a Tracking program. It contains specific approaches, methods, and resources. <http://www.naccho.org/toolbox/tool.cfm?id=4357>

For more information about NACCHO's Tracking activities, please visit <http://www.naccho.org/topics/environmental/EPHT/index.cfm>.

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