

# Environmental Health

## **RESOURCE LIST**

This resource list contains references to Federal, State, and local government agencies as well as private organizations that offer information resources related to the environmental health objectives of HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000. Because many States have adopted their own year 2000 objectives, you may wish to contact your State health department for additional information.

#### **Environmental Health**

#### LEAD AGENCIES:

#### National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (919)541-3484

#### Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

National Center for Environmental Health Mailstop F28 4770 Buford Highway, NE Atlanta, GA 30341-3724 (770)488-7300

#### YEAR 2000 OBJECTIVES

- Reduce asthma morbidity
- Reduce serious mental retardationReduce outbreaks of waterborne
- diseases and chemical poisoningReduce high blood lead levels
- Reduce right blood lead levels
  Reduce exposure to air pollutants
- Reduce exposure to all pollutar
- Increase home radon testing
  Deduce exposure to taxic agent
- Reduce exposure to toxic agentsReduce exposure to solid waste
- Increase supply of safe drinking water
- Reduce health risks from surface water
- Increase home testing for lead-based paint
- Expand construction standards to minimize indoor radon levels
- Increase disclosure of lead and radon concentrations in homes
- Eliminate health risks from the National Priority List hazardous waste sites
- Establish programs for recyclable materials and household waste
- Establish plans to define and track sentinel diseases
- Reduce child exposure to tobacco smoke at home

### Federal and National Information Sources

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

#### **Public Health Service**

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Public Inquiries* 1600 Clifton Road NE Mailstop A23 Atlanta, GA 30333 (404)639-3534 (404)639-1537 FAX Refers inquiries from the public and professionals to the appropriate area at CDC.

#### National Institutes of Health

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) P.O. Box 12233 Research Triangle Park, NC 27709 (919)541-3484 (919)541-2260 FAX Supports and conducts basic research on the interaction between humans and potentially toxic or harmful agents in the environment. Publications list available.

#### National Library of Medicine

MEDLARS Management 8600 Rockville Pike Bethesda, MD 20894 (800)638-8480 (301)496-6193 (301)496-4450 FAX MEDLINE and other online databases contain 15 million bibliographic records of journal articles, books, and audiovisuals that make up the scientific literature of medicine. Reading rooms are open to the public.

#### U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

HUD User

P.O. Box 6091 Rockville, MD 20850 (800)245-2691 (301)251-5154 (301)251-5747 FAX Computer-based information service that disseminates research results. Database is in-house and can be searched by HUD User staff. Health-related topics include poisoning from lead-based paints used in housing and lead-based paint training kits for lead

## U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

abatement professionals.

Public Information Center 401 M Street, SW Room 3404 Washington, DC 20460 (202)260-2080 (202)260-6257 FAX Offers public information materials on such topics as hazardous wastes, radon, indoor air quality, asbestos, air and water pollution, pesticides, and drinking water. Responds to mail and telephone inquiries. The public may visit the PIC Visitor Center between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. Call for electronic product information.

HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000 is a national initiative to improve the health of all Americans through prevention. It is driven by 300 specific national objectives targeted for achievement by the year 2000. HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000's overall goals are to: increase the span of healthy life, reduce health disparities among Americans, and achieve access to preventive services.

#### NATIONAL SOURCES

#### American Industrial Hygiene Association

2700 Prosperity Avenue Suite 250 Fairfax, VA 22031-4307 (703)849-8888 (703)207-3561 FAX

Dedicated to protecting worker and community health and safety. Publishes monthly journal, newsletter, and various technical publications; cosponsors large annual conference and exposition; and offers laboratory accreditation and testing program. Informational pamphlets on various health and safety topics are available.

#### **American Lung Association**

1740 Broadway New York, NY 10019-4374 (800)586-4872 (212)315-8700 (212)265-5642 FAX Offere programs shout hung di

Offers programs about lung disease for adults and children. Provides print and audiovisual materials (some in Spanish) on activities to prevent and control lung hazards and lung diseases, including emphysema, asthma, and tuberculosis, as well as information on air pollution and lung health.

#### American Public Health Association

1015 Fifteenth Street, NW Washington, DC 20005 (202)789-5600 (202)789-5661/5681 FAX Develops standards; promulgates recommended rules; and publishes pamphlets, books, model codes, and educational materials.

#### **State and Local Sources**

Look in your telephone directory for such listings as:

- State and local chapters of national organizations
- National and local citizens coalitions and advocacy groups
- State and local health and environment departments
- Local libraries
- State information hotlines

#### **Environmental Action Coalition**

625 Broadway 2nd Floor New York, NY 10012-2611 (212)677-1601 (212)505-8613 FAX

Offers environmental education and sponsors programs for professionals, the general public, teachers, and students. Offers curriculum and audiovisual materials, a library resource center, and technical assistance for local governments.

#### **Environmental Action Foundation**

6930 Carroll Avenue Suite 600 Takoma Park, MD 20912 (301)891-1100 (301)891-2218 FAX Builds strategic alliances with grassroots activists advocating Federal, State, and local policies to ensure toxic use reduction and pollution prevention, lessen materials consumption, and promote renewable energy and conservation.

#### **Environmental Defense Fund**

257 Park Avenue South 16th Floor New York, NY 10010 (212)505-2100 (212)505-0892 FAX Links science, economics, and law to create innovative, economically viable solutions to today's environmental problems. Promotes research, public education, and administrative and legislative action on the protection and improvement of environmental quality and public health.

#### National Environmental Health

Association 720 South Colorado Boulevard Suite 970, South Tower Denver, CO 80222 (303)756-9090 (303)691-9490 FAX Promotes high educational standards and provides a continuing education program for professionals. Provides general career information. Call for electronic product information.

#### Natural Resources Defense Council

40 West 20th Street 11th Floor New York, NY 10011 (212)727-2700 (212)727-1773 FAX Uses legal action, scientific research, and public education to preserve the environment and protect the public health.

#### Rachel Carson Council, Inc.

8940 Jones Mill Road Chevy Chase, MD 20815 (301)652-1877 (301)951-7179 FAX Publishes pamphlets and booklets on the human and environmental health hazards of pesticides and other toxic chemicals.



#### Federal Data Sources

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry 1600 Clifton Road, NE Atlanta, GA 30333 (404)639-0700

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Environmental Health 4770 Buford Highway, NE Atlanta, GA 30341-3724 (770)488-7000

#### National Center for Health Statistics

Healthy People 2000 Staff 6525 Belcrest Road, Room 770 Hyattsville, MD 20782 (301)436-3548

U.S Environmental Protection Agency *Public Information Center* PM-211B 401 M Street, SW Washington, DC 20460 (202)260-2080

#### **Toxicology Information Response Center**

Oak Ridge National Lab 1060 Commerce Park, Mail Stop 6480 Oak Ridge, TN 37830 (615)576-1746 (615)574-9888 FAX Provides information and reference services on individual chemicals and a wide variety of toxicology-related and environmental topics. Provides fee-based services such as comprehensive literature packets tailored to individual requests.

**For General Information on HEALTHY PEOPLE 2000:** Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, U.S. Public Health Service, 330 C Street, SW, Room 2132, Washington, DC 20201; (202)205-8583.

**For Healthy People 2000 Publications:** Please write to ODPHP National Health Information Center, P.O. Box 1133, Washington, DC 20013-1133.

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