# ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH TRACKING PROGRAM

#### BACKGROUND

The Division of Environmental Health Epidemiology at the Pennsylvania Department of Health (PA DOH) is a new recipient of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) <u>Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT)</u> Cooperative Agreement for 2022 – 2027. Top priorities of the <u>PA Tracking Program</u> include air quality and asthma, water quality, and heat-related illness.

#### MISSION

Provide a centralized source for environmental health data and resources to promote a healthy Pennsylvania for all. Environmental health data are available on the <u>Enterprise</u> <u>Data Dissemination Informatics Exchange</u> (EDDIE) website.

## **OBJECTIVES**

- Expand environmental health data collection in Pennsylvania to inform equitable public health decision-making
- Develop partnerships to increase environmental health data capacity and reduce environmentally-induced adverse health effects among Pennsylvania residents

## **PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Putting Environmental Health Data into Action Resource Guide
- Environmental Health Fact Sheets
- Incorporated three Tracking-related indicators as objectives in <u>2023 2028 State</u> <u>Health Improvement Plan</u>: air quality, childhood lead poisoning, & heat-related illness
- Collaborated with Pennsylvania Occupational Safety & Health Surveillance Program to develop educational materials for workers vulnerable to heat-related illness

# **CURRENT PARTNERS**

- American Lung Association
- Clean Air Council
- Office of Child Development and Early Learning
- Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection
- PA DOH Bureau of Community Health Systems, Office of Communications, Office of Health Equity, and Office of Operational Excellence
- Pennsylvania Office of Administration's Health and Human Services Delivery Center
- University of Pennsylvania
- University of Pittsburgh
- Women for a Healthy Environment





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