



Environmental Health Nursing Initiative

- The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) has developed the national **Environmental Health Nursing Initiative (EHNI)** to increase environmental health capacity in nursing research, education, and practice.
- The EHNI is a collaborative effort by multiple partners—representatives of federal agencies, university nursing programs, nursing organizations, state and local health departments, and grassroots organizations—working together to increase and sustain environmental health knowledge and skills among nurses.
- The *vision* of EHNI is to create a sustainable role in professional nursing for environmental health.
- The *goal* of EHNI is to make environmental health an integral component of nursing practice, education, and research.
- Some EHNI *accomplishments*:
 - Development of educational tools and resources, including a video/Webcast, curricula, pocket guides, and the EHNI Web site at <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/EHN>, and more.
 - Implementation of environmental health training programs through partnerships with other federal agencies and academic institutions.
 - Coordination of environmental health nursing roundtable in collaboration with the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences and the National Institute of Nursing Research.
- To learn more about EHNI, write to ATSDR, Division of Toxicology and Environmental Medicine, 4770 Buford Hwy, NE, Mailstop F-32, Atlanta GA 30341-3717 e-mail: atsdr-nurse@cdc.gov