



Regional Science Program Fact Sheet

The Regional Science Program (RSP) links the Research and Development Program with EPA's Regional offices. The Program, managed by ORD's Office of Science Policy (OSP), is implemented by a small headquarters staff and two teams of scientists and engineers located in each EPA Region, **the Regional Science Liaisons (RSLs)** and the **Hazardous Substances Technical Liaisons (HSTLs)**. The Program emphasizes building networks and partnerships between Regional and ORD scientists, the effective transfer of research results on high priority Regional science issues, and outreach to States.

The RSLs, recipients of the FY04 ORD Teamwork Award, manage core programs which address the RSP goals.

- Regional Applied Research Effort (RARE) and Regional Methods (RM) Program,
- Regional Research Partnership (RRP) Program,
- Regional Science Topic Workshop Series, and
- The Product Expo Series.

In addition, the Program supports a Lead Region Coordinator located in the Lead Region for Research and Development which rotates among the regions every two years. The Lead Region Coordinator: (1) acts as liaison between the ORD Assistant Administrator's Immediate Office and the senior management in the Lead Region; (2) supports the Chair of the National Regional Science Council to facilitate effective involvement of the Regions in annual research planning, Regional Science Topic Workshops, and STAR grant activities; and (3) provides scientific and technical expertise on Research and Development Programs and projects to Regional management on high priority scientific issues of concern to the Regions.

The HSTLs work with scientists from ORD, other EPA Offices, other federal and state agencies, to accomplish the goals of the RSP through three core programs.

- Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison Program
- Technical Support Program/Centers
- Hazardous Substance Research Centers

The HSTLs interact on a daily basis with Superfund Remedial Project Managers (RPMs), On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs), RCRA Project Managers, Federal Facility Project Managers, regional management, and other regional scientists and engineers. The liaisons foster communications—especially the transfer of scientific and engineering products—between Laboratories and the Regions. They also provide direct assistance by applying their expertise in a variety of areas.

The RSP maintains a page on the EPA internet web site: <http://www.epa.gov/osp/regions.htm> This site provides information on the RSP core programs and links to the Regional Science Topic Workshop presentations and summary reports.

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