Natural Disasters and Environmental Health: A Selected Bibliography

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- General chemical and drug information http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/chemicaldruginformation.html
- Chemical emergency resources for the public and professionals http://www.bt.cdc.gov/chemical/
- Hurricanes, toxicology, and health http://sis.nlm.nih.gov/enviro/hurricane.html
- Specific Compounds of potential hazard:
 - Asbestos
 - Benzene
 - Fuel Oil No.2 (Diesel)
 - Gasoline
 - Kerosene
 - Lead Compounds
 - Propane
- Tox Town Locations:
 - Asbestos
 - Benzene
 - Lead
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 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- <u>Disasters & Emergencies: Hurricanes</u>
 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- <u>Disaster: Myths that just won't die.</u> The Pan American Health Organization
- <u>Disposing of Debris and Removing Hazardous Waste</u>
 FEMA
- Environmental health in emergencies and disasters: A practical guide Regional Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID)
- Epidemiologic surveillance after natural disaster.
 Regional Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID)
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Flooding and communicable diseases fact sheet World Health Organization
- A guide to emergency health management after natural disaster
 Regional Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID)
- Guide to Sanitation in Shelters and Camps
 - Pan American Health Organization
- Health services organization in the event of disaster
 Pan American Health Organization
- Humanitarian Assistance in Disaster Situations
 Pan American Health Organization
- Hurricane Fire Safety
 - U.S. Fire Administration
- Keeping Workers Safe During Clean Up and Recovery Operations Following Hurricanes
 - Occupational Safety and Health Administration
- Key Facts About Infectious Disease
 - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Key Facts About Flood Recovery
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Planning for Disaster Debris
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- <u>Management of dead bodies in disaster situations</u>
 Regional Information Center for Latin America and the Caribbean (CRID)
- Picking Up The Pieces After a Disaster
 - American Red Cross
- Rapid health assessment protocols for emergencies World Health Organization
- Recover from a hurricane
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Recovering from Disaster FEMA
- Storm and Flood Cleanup
 - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- <u>Bathing water quality and human health</u>: <u>Faecal pollution</u>
 World Health Organization (WHO)
- <u>Drinking Water</u>
 MedlinePlus
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Finding Family and Friends:

- http://www.firstgov.gov/Citizen/Topics/PublicSafety/Hurricane_Katrina_Recovery.sh
 tml US Government
- Red Cross Contact information

Children's Environmental Health and Natural Disasters:

- <u>Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units</u>
 The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the EPA's collaboration on children's environmental health, with locations by region
- <u>FEMA for Kids</u>
 Federal Emergency Management Agency's website for children, with disaster preparedness tips, quizzes, games, and resources for parents and teachers

Animal and Pet Safety Information:

- Animal Emergency Services for Pets and Livestock American Humane Association
- HSUS Disaster Center: preparedness tips, emergency services
 The Humane Society of the United States
- Animal Safety Preparedness American Red Cross

Food Safety:

- Food and Water in an Emergency FEMA
- Food Safety MedlinePlus
- Food Safety in a Power Outage American Red Cross
- FDA Offers Valuable Food Safety Information for Hurricane, Power Outages, and Flood Aftermath
 - Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
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Mold:

- A Brief Guide to Mold, Moisture, and Your Home U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Moisture, Mold and Mildew
 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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 - U.S. Environmental Protection AGency
- Mold Remediation in Schools and Commercial Buildings
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Mold Resources
 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Molds MedlinePlus

Safety and Avoiding Illness:

 Protect your health and safety after a hurricane or flood <u>http://www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/hurricanes/recovery.asp</u>
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Maps of Facilities that Manufacture Toxic Chemicals:

- <u>TOXMAP Maps of facilities which manufacture, process, use, or transport significant amounts of toxic chemicals</u>
 - o Alabama
 - o Florida
 - Georgia
 - o Louisiana
 - New Orleans
 - o <u>Mississippi</u>
 - Biloxi
 - Gulfport
 - North Carolina
 - South Carolina
 - o <u>Tennessee</u>
 - o Texas