

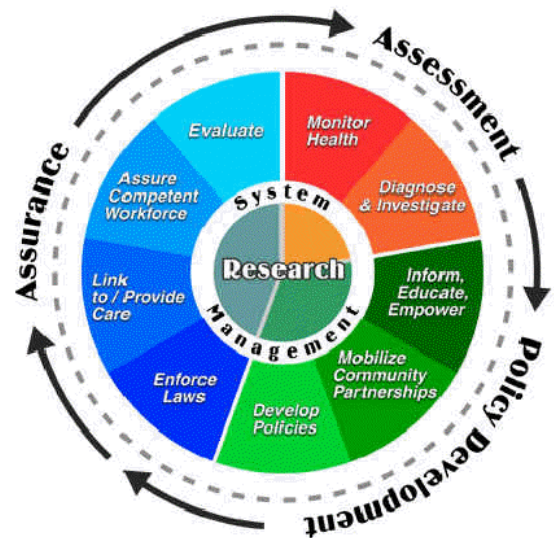
**National Center for Environmental Health
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Environmental Public Health Performance Standards (EnvPHPS)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is committed to supporting the adoption and use of National Public Health Performance Standards (NPHPS) as the blueprint for strengthening the infrastructure that supports public health systems.

In keeping with this commitment, CDC's National Center for Environmental Health developed complementary draft Environmental Public Health Performance Standards. The current draft is available at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/EnvPHPS>.

EnvPHPS can be used to assess local, state, and tribal capability to perform the 10 essential services of environmental public health at all levels:



1. Monitor environmental and health status to identify and solve community environmental health problems
2. Diagnose and investigate environmental health problems and health hazards in the community
3. Inform, educate and empower people about environmental health issues
4. Mobilize community partnerships and actions to identify and solve environmental health problems
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community environmental health efforts
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect environmental health and ensure safety
7. Link people to needed personal environmental health services and assure the provision of healthcare when otherwise unavailable
8. Assure competent environmental health and personal healthcare workforce
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility and quality of personal and population based environmental health services
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to environmental health problems

EnvPHPS will also more clearly describe what environmental health programs need to do to perform the 10 essential services.

The standards have been drafted and were piloted by attendees at a June 2007 NEHA workshop in Atlantic City. CDC plans to begin nationwide implementation of the instrument in 2008.

For more information, go to <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/EnvPHPS/standards.htm>.

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