



## National Center for Environmental Health Division of Emergency and Environmental Health Services

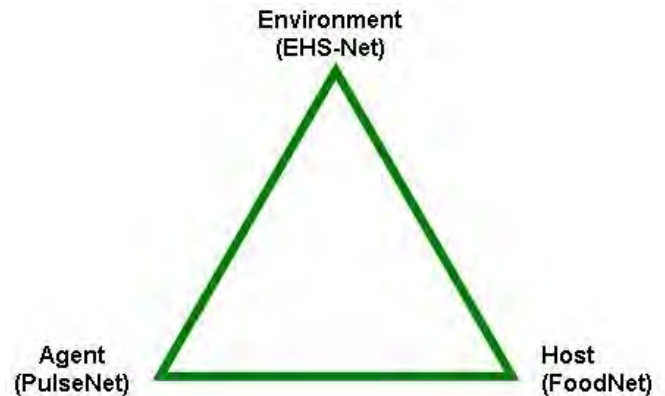
### Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net)

#### What Is EHS-Net?

EHS-Net (pronounced S-Net) is a network of environmental health specialists whose mission is to improve environmental health. EHS-Net links environmental health specialists from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, Oregon, Rhode Island, and Tennessee.

#### About the Program

EHS-Net helps state health departments improve the practice of environmental health service programs. EHS-Net partners collaborate with epidemiologists and laboratorians to identify and prevent environmental factors contributing to foodborne and waterborne illness and disease outbreaks.



This is accomplished through special studies implemented by the environmental health specialists in each of the member states to

- Identify environmental antecedents to illness and disease outbreaks,
- Translate findings into improved prevention efforts using a systems-based approach;
- Offer training opportunities to current and future environmental health specialists; and
- Strengthen the relations among epidemiology, laboratory, and environmental health programs.

#### EHS-Net Special Studies

Ongoing and completed studies include the following:

- Beef Study to evaluate ground beef handling practices and the use of irradiated ground beef in restaurants.
- Environmental Surface Sampling to determine whether outbreaks can be predicted on the basis of environmental samples collected in food-service establishments.

#### EHS-Net Information System (EHSNIS)

EHSNIS was developed to support data collection activities in food-safety programs. EHSNIS is available to local, state, tribal, and federal environmental health service programs.

For more information, go to [www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/EHSNet](http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/EHSNet).

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