

AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY

FY 2016 President's Budget Request | \$75 Million

Mission

We protect people's health from environmental hazards that can be present in the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the world that sustains us. We do this by investigating the relationship between environmental factors and health, developing guidance, and building partnerships to support healthy decision making.

Where We Work

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is a non-regulatory, environmental health agency. We provide public health expertise to keep Americans safe from hazards in the environment. Staff in our 10 regions, along with headquarters staff, interface with petitioners for public health assessments, coordinate ATSDR health consultations, and engage in emergency preparedness and response activities.

Goal Highlights

- Implement environmental health programs and interventions to protect and promote health.
- Prepare for and respond to public health emergencies, including chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents; natural disasters; and extreme weather events.
- Identify, characterize, and monitor health outcomes and environmental exposures to guide actions that protect and promote health.

Why We're Here

- Environmental factors contribute to more than 25 percent of diseases worldwide, including cancer, asthma, and heart disease.
- ATSDR experts provide a 24/7 response to toxic chemical exposure, hazardous leaks and spills, environmentally related poisonings, natural disasters, and terrorist acts.

ATSDR protected human health in 500 communities last year.



How We Work

- We work in communities to assess human exposures to potentially harmful contaminants.
- Our experts advise federal and state regulatory agencies and community members on actions needed to protect health.
- Our scientists answer questions about environmental exposures and provide guidance to health care providers.



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Impact Highlights



535 communities relied on ATSDR for its support and expertise in addressing hazardous substances in the environment



760,000 people were supported by actions resulting from ATSDR's investigations



85% of ATSDR's recommendations were adopted by government, industry, and community partners



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Budget Authority (BA)

- Request of \$75 million
- Level with FY 2015 Enacted level

Budget Highlights

- Provide 24/7 response to protect America from health and safety threats.
- Investigate potential exposure to harmful substances and educate residents in 450 communities.
- Respond to approximately 50 environmental emergency events.
- Maintain toxicological publications on 180 substances, including 29 new publications or updates.

ATSDR Funding History

