

Sixth National Environmental Public Health Conference



# Preparing for the Environmental Public Health Challenges of the 21st Century

Hilton Atlanta Hotel • Atlanta, Georgia  
December 3-5, 2003

**US DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Centers for Disease Control  
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# **Sixth National Environmental Public Health Conference: Preparing for the Environmental Public Health Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and its conference planning partners are pleased to invite you to attend the Sixth National Environmental Public Health Conference. The conference will be a quality learning experience and will provide many opportunities to meet informally with colleagues from diverse disciplines representing local, tribal, state, and federal public health and environmental agencies; academia; and the private and nonprofit sectors. A unique and exciting aspect of the conference will be a special focus on the active participation of emerging public health leaders, including interaction with senior public health officials attending the conference.

## **DATES AND LOCATION**

**December 3-5, 2003**

**Hilton Atlanta Hotel  
255 Courtland Street N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303**

## **CONFERENCE THEMES**

The principle theme of CDC's Sixth National Environmental Public Health Conference is preparing environmental public health and allied health personnel for the challenges of the 21st century—many of which will be profoundly more complex and difficult than those we are currently facing. One of these challenges continues to be how best to organize terrorism preparedness and response efforts. Another conference theme is developing and retaining emerging leaders in the field of environmental public health. The three plenary sessions will focus on:

**Challenges that Environmental Public Health Faces  
Building Successful Environmental Public Health Programs  
Building the Science of Environmental Public Health**

## **GOALS**

The goals of the conference are to prepare the public health workforce for the environmental public health challenges of the 21st century; to promote the need for an all-hazards approach to preparedness and response that encompasses terrorism, natural disasters, and other environmental challenges; and to promote the development of emerging environmental public health leaders.

**Online Registration at:**  
<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/Information/ncehconf03.htm>

## **OBJECTIVES**

The objectives of the conference are to identify environmental public health challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, to enhance the development of current and future generations of environmental public health leaders, and to promote the development and application of disease prevention and terrorism preparedness and response strategies. The conference will help develop and strengthen working relationships among federal, tribal, state, and local government agencies; national organizations and associations; policy makers and planners; academic institutions; businesses; and industry.

## **WHO SHOULD ATTEND?**

Attendees are expected to include --

- Environmental public health and other public health practitioners and professionals at federal, tribal, state, and local levels, including those responsible for terrorism and natural-disaster preparedness and response activities
- Academicians and students from schools of public health and from universities and colleges with undergraduate and graduate environmental public health programs
- Advocacy and public health professional organizations and associations
- Private-sector leaders
- Physicians, laboratorians, nurses, health educators, communication specialists, epidemiologists, statisticians, researchers, urban planners, and policy makers
- International environmental public health colleagues

## **CONFERENCE PLANNING PARTNERS**

National Center for Environmental Health, CDC  
Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
National Association of County and City Health Officials  
The Environmental Council of the States  
National Environmental Health Association  
Association of State and Territorial Health Officials  
Association of Public Health Laboratories  
Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists  
Association of Environmental Health Academic Programs

Special thanks go to Sarah B. Kotchian, EdM, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico, Department of Family and Community Medicine, Institute for Public Health, for her leadership and contributions to the emerging leader component of this conference.

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The conference is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 3, and will conclude at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, December 5, 2003. Plenary sessions will be held each morning and breakout sessions will be held on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Plenary session speakers will include --

**Julie Louise Gerberding MD, MPH**

Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and  
Administrator, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry  
“Developing Leaders to Meet the Environmental Public Health Challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Jo Ivey Boufford, MD**

Dean, Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service  
New York University  
“The Future of the Public’s Health in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century”

**Mr. William McDonough**

William McDonough and Partners  
“Nature, Urban Design, and Renewal of Human Industry”

**Mr. William T. Pound**

Executive Director, National Conference of State Legislatures  
“Making the Case with Your State Legislature”

**Representative G. Spencer Coggs**

Wisconsin State Legislature  
“State Legislator’s View of Environmental Public Health”

**Virginia Caine, MD**

President-Elect, American Public Health Association and  
Director, Marion County (Indiana) Health Department  
“Building Local Environmental Public Health Capacity”

**Louis W. Sullivan, MD**

President, Morehouse School of Medicine and Former Secretary  
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
“Diversity in Public Health”

# **Concurrent sessions will cover such topics as—**

**Building the Science of Environmental Public Health**

**Building Environmental Public Health Programs and Laboratory Capacity**

**Preparing for and Managing Terrorist Events**

**Developing the Environmental Public Health Workforce**

**Human Biomarkers of Exposure**

**Disease Cluster Investigations**

**Racial Disparities in Environmentally-Related Diseases**

**Environmental Public Health Tracking**

**Geographic Information Systems and Other Information Technologies**

**Integrated Pest Management**

**Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention**

**Acute Air Pollution Exposures**

**All-Hazards Preparedness and Response**

**The Healthy Homes Initiatives**

**Pesticide Exposures and Health Risk**

**Impact of the Built Environment on Health**

**Genetics in Environmental Public Health**

**Challenges in Asthma Control**

**Indoor Air Quality**

**Community Environmental Health Assessments**

**Global Activities in Environmental Public Health**

**Public Health Law**

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## REGISTRATION

You may register on line at <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/Information/ncehconf03.htm> or you may fax or mail your completed registration form to Professional and Scientific Associates (PSA), Attn: Luschane Norris, CMP, 2957 Clairmont Road, NE, Suite 480, Atlanta, Georgia 30329, Phone: 404/633-6869, Fax: 404/633-6477. The cutoff date for registration is October 25, 2003.

## MATERIALS

You may pick up your conference materials including your conference badge starting Tuesday, December 2, from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. in the Grand Ballroom East Foyer, located on the 2nd level of the hotel.

## ATTIRE

Attire for all sessions is business casual.

## HOST HOTEL

We have reserved a block of rooms at the special conference rate of \$112 (plus tax) single/\$137 (plus tax) double. If you require hotel accommodations, please call the hotel directly and indicate that you plan to attend CDC's Sixth National Environmental Public Health Conference. The hotel cannot guarantee room rates past the reservation cutoff date of November 7, 2003.

Hotel Name:	Hilton Atlanta Hotel ( <a href="http://www.atlantahilton.com">www.atlantahilton.com</a> )
Address:	255 Courtland Street, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30303
Phone:	(404) 659-2000 / Fax: (404) 221-6368
Check in/Check out:	3:00 p.m. / 11:00 a.m.

## 1992 AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The Hilton Atlanta Hotel is in full compliance with the ADA Act of 1992. This Hilton Atlanta Hotel ensures that it will, to the best of its ability, assist in accommodating any physically challenged individual during the conference. To further ensure that all participants enjoy full benefits of the conference, we are requesting that you contact PSA at (800) 772-8232 or (404) 633-6869 if you have special requirements (access ramp, sign interpretation, etc).

## GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Transportation from Hartsfield International Airport to the Hilton Atlanta Hotel (downtown) can be taken via the Superior Shuttle Service (\$22 round trip or \$14 one way). The shuttle runs between the airport and hotel approximately every 15 minutes. Taxicabs are also located outside the baggage claim area and cost approximately \$25 one way. Or, you may take the MARTA train (Atlanta's transit system) to the Peachtree Center Station for \$1.75 one way.

## MARTA LIGHT RAIL

From the airport, take the Northbound train to Peachtree Center Station. Take the escalator to Peachtree Center/Harris Street and walk through the double doors into the Peachtree Center Food Court. Walk through another set of double doors to the Athletic Club/Courtland Garage. Take the elevators to the 2nd floor (Courtland Street). You will see the Hilton Atlanta Hotel on the left.

Hotel Parking: Valet Parking \$14/day with in/out privileges for Hilton guests.

Valet and Self-Parking: Self Parking \$12/day with no in/out privileges.

Note: Prices are subject to change.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Luschane Norris or Angeline Lewis at (404) 633-6869 or via e-mail at [i\\_norris@psava.com](mailto:i_norris@psava.com) / [a\\_lewis@psava.com](mailto:a_lewis@psava.com).

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Badge Name:

Position/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

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