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Environmental Public Health Tracking
Conference***

***Foster Collaboration Among Health and the
Environment:
Collaboration at the Federal Level***

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A Common Agenda

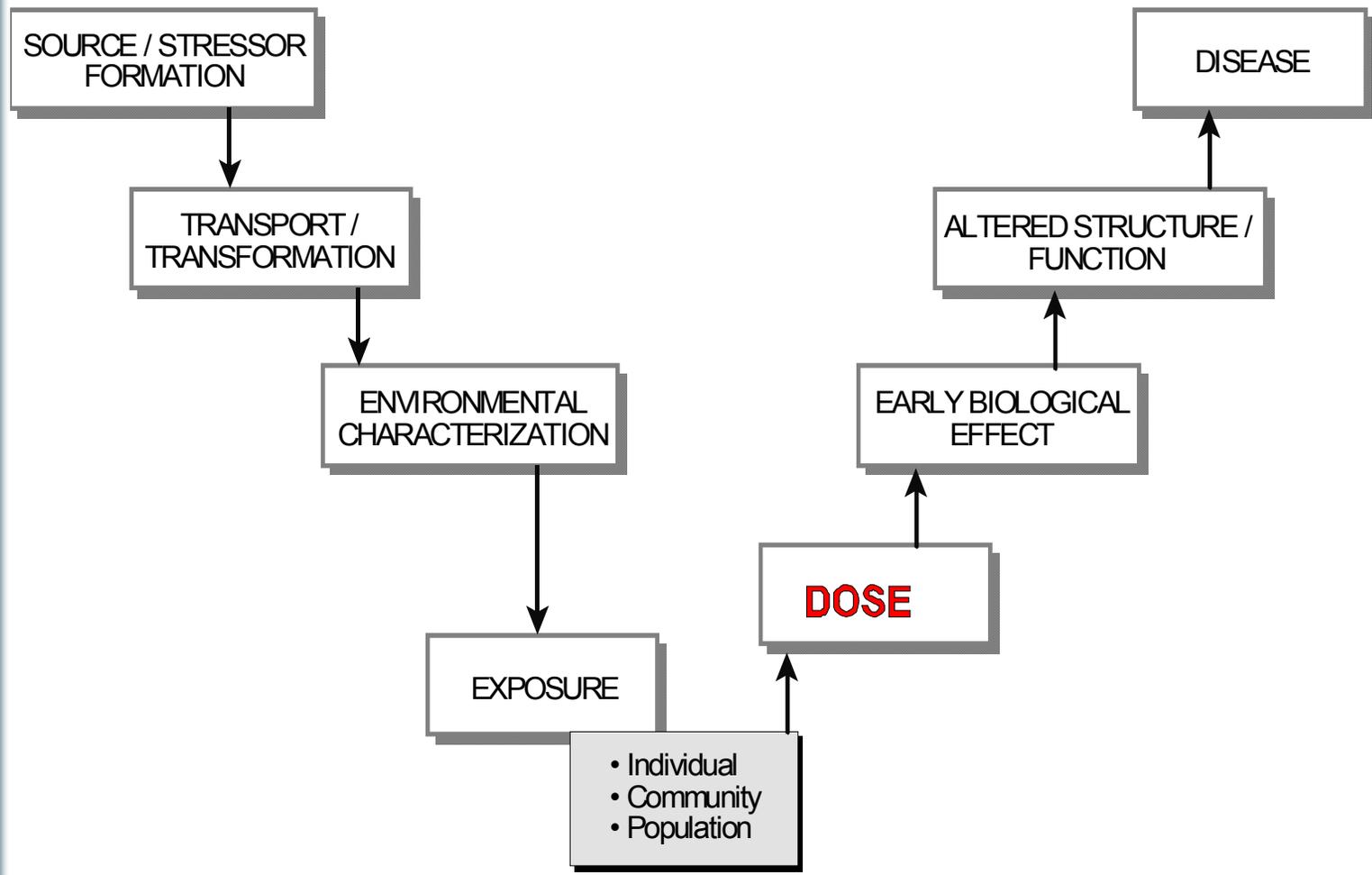
EPA Report on the Environment: It is also important that we hold ourselves **accountable to the American public** and report to them our **progress in reaching the goals**to describe the **condition of critical environmental areas and human health concerns”**

Governor Whitman, 2001

CDC National EPHT: By **linking environmental and health data on a national level**, we will be better equipped to identify problems and effective solutions, thereby reducing the burden of environment-related diseases on the American people."

Dr. Gerberding, Director, CDC 2002

Environmental Public Health Continuum



Tracking and Accountability: The Interface

- As EPA's Report on the Environment evolves, "tracking" data bases will remain a vital input in assessing progress
- However, "accountability" will have an increasing regional→local emphasis
- As the size of the geographic unit decreases, the ability obtain and interpret tracking data will become more problematic

Proof-of-Concept Approach

EPA's office of Research and Development is supporting two programs focused on P-O-C approach

- Border 2012 – assessing health impact of actions to improve environmental quality
- Accountability Initiative – Assessing actions/activities proposed by Program/Regional Offices

Proof-of-Concept Approach

- CDC and PAHO major partners in Border 2012
- Accountability proposals involve multiple partners
- Proposals should focus on linkages
- Focus/results of proposal should have broad applications
- Goal is to develop predictive models that can draw upon more readily obtained data in lieu of tracking

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Proposals focus on key issues with large resource implications tied to specific actions:

- Diesel retrofitting of school buses
- Paving roads/adding additional border crossings
- Changing water treatment system
- Site clean up alternatives