

**EXTENSION OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
BETWEEN  
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
AND  
THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) agree to extend the duration of the memorandum of understanding between the HHS and the EPA, originally effective in 2002 and renewed in 2007. This amendment is to take effect upon the signature of the parties and remain in effect for a period of five years.

Further, HHS and the EPA agree to the following amendments:

Under Article III, amend the Focus of Cooperative Activities to include:

- Collaborate on scientific research of the effects of contaminants and environmental stressors on human health and assessment of the health impact of intervention/mitigation strategies, and
- Coordinate activities to address environmental-health disparities as outlined under recent action plans such as the *Coordinated Federal Action Plan to Reduce Racial and Ethnic Asthma Disparities and DHHS's 2012 Environmental Justice Strategy and Implementation Plan*.

Under Article VI, amend the official points of contact for this MOU to the following:

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All other provisions of this agreement remain in force. Agreed to by:



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