

What is the Chemical Hazards Program?

The Georgia Department of Public Health works with other government agencies, elected officials, community leaders, business and industry, residents, organizations, and others to address public health issues in Georgia.

The **Chemical Hazards Program** is part of the Environmental Health Branch of the Georgia Department of Public Health. Chemical Hazards Program staff members address issues and concerns associated with human exposure to toxic chemicals in the environment.



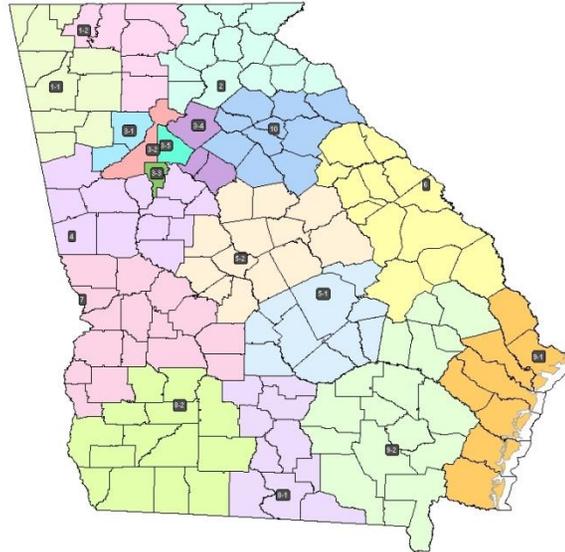
The goals of the Chemical Hazards Program are to identify people at risk for health problems from exposure to toxic chemicals in the environment, determine relationships between exposure to toxic chemicals and human diseases, and to reduce or eliminate exposures of health concern.

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GEORGIA PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICTS



Clayton County Health District	Fulton Health District	Northwest Health District
Coastal Health District	LaGrange Health District	South Central Health District
Cobb/Douglas Health District	North Central Health District	South Health District
DeKalb Health District	North Georgia Health District	Southeast Health District
East Central Health District	North Health District	Southwest Health District
East Metro Health District	Northeast Health District	West Central Health District

What services are provided by the Chemical Hazards Program?

To carry out its goals and to serve the needs of the public, the Chemical Hazards Program conducts activities in several areas:

- Public Health Assessments
- Technical Assistance
- Health Education
- Community Involvement
- Health Studies
- Professional Training
- Exposure Prevention

Public Health Consultations evaluate a site where there are toxic chemicals in the environment. They investigate possible past, current and future human exposure, and make recommendations to protect public health.

Technical Assistance provides specific information about a chemical release, known or potential exposure, or health concern.

Health Education is provided to individuals and communities through presentations, public meetings, publications, discussions, and the Chemical Hazards Program website.



Community Involvement helps and encourages community members to work together and gather community health concerns, and develop and carry out activities that address these concerns.

Health Studies involve human health and epidemiologic studies that evaluate known and potentially exposed people, and identify any relationships between exposure and adverse health outcomes.

Professional Training for district and local health department staff, health care providers, and others about how toxic chemicals in the environment may affect human health, and how to better communicate the risks of actual or potential exposure.

Exposure Prevention activities promote wellness and resource conservation, including hazardous household chemical reduction, illegal laboratory exposures, emergency preparedness, and fish and seafood consumption guidance.

Chemical Hazards Program Publications

BROCHURES

Brownfields and Public Health
Cancer and the Environment
Chemical Hazards Program
Chemical Hazards Program Internships
Georgia Environmental Health Careers
Health Effects of Odors
Healthy Urban Gardening
Integrated Pest Management for Homes
Landfill Gas and Odors
Naturally Occurring Asbestos in Georgia
Neighborhood Chemical Swap Programs
Potential Long-Term Health Effects of Carbon Monoxide
Radium & Uranium in Public Drinking Water Supplies
Radon and Public Health
Recycle Your Analog Television
Recycling and Reusing Scrap Tires
Safe Alternative to Common Household Chemicals
Uranium in Private Water Wells
Well Water Quality and Testing
Women in Environmental Careers (WeCareers.org)
Women's Guide to Eating Fish and Seafood

Fish Consumption Guidance (English and Spanish)

Eating Fish from Coastal Georgia
Eating Fish from Coosa, Etowah, Oostanaula Rivers
Eating Fish from Mid and South Georgia
Eating Fish from North Georgia

FACT SHEETS

Arsenic in private well water
BP Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
Common Health Concerns about Crematory Operations
Hazardous Household Chemical Reduction
Household Hazardous Waste Reduction
Lead in Soil
Mercury in Air
Proper Use of Naphthalene Pest Control Products
Proper Well Abandonment
Propyl Mercaptan and Ethoprop in Air
SoilSHOP Soil Screening

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