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Message from the Director of NCEH

The **National Center for Environmental Health** is committed to being a **leader in environmental public health**, to producing **unimpeachable scientific data**, and to providing **practical and constructive service** to our constituents. To those ends, we collaborate with state and local health departments, state and local environmental departments, federal and state regulatory agencies, institutions involved in basic research, private groups, international groups, and foreign governments. We are particularly interested in **programs that benefit children** and people who are often overlooked by public health (e.g., **elderly people and people with disabilities**).

We are interested in hearing from professionals who work in the front lines of environmental health; we therefore encourage health agencies, environmental agencies, and research institutions to share their experience and expertise with us and to collaborate with us on programs designed to achieve our common goal: better health for all people.

This outlines our main programs and provides an overview of our activities and accomplishments. We look forward to hearing from many of you and to working together on projects of mutual interest.

Sincerely,

Richard J. Jackson, MD, MPH
Director

NCEH Mission

The mission of the [National Center for Environmental Health \(NCEH\)](#) is to provide national leadership, through science and service, to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, birth defects, disability, and death resulting from interactions between people and their environment.

NCEH accomplishes its mission through:

- National leadership in prevention programs.
- Public health surveillance.
- Applied research:
 - Epidemiologic studies.
 - Laboratory analyses.
 - Statistical analyses.
 - Behavioral interventions.
- Communication with the scientific community, the health community, and the public.
- Dissemination of standards, guidelines, and recommendations.
- Assistance to state and local health agencies in order to increase their capacity for preventing disability and environmental disease:
 - Technical and financial assistance.
 - Training for staff.

Partners of NCEH

The mission and goals of the National Center for Environmental Health are an integral part of the environmental health goals of the United States, goals that many other groups and institutions play a large part in achieving. To fulfill its part of the Nation's goals, NCEH depends on partnerships with many of these groups and institutions, some of which are listed below.

- State and local health departments.
- Federal, state, and local environmental departments.
- Academic institutions.
- Philanthropic foundations.
- Industry and labor groups.
- Professional, voluntary, and community organizations.
- Foreign governments.
- International health organizations

NCEH Divisions and Programs

- Division of [Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities](#) (BDDD)
- Division of [Environmental Hazards and Health Effects](#) (EHHE)
- Division of [Environmental Health Laboratory Sciences](#) (EHLS)
- [Programs within the Office of the Director](#)
 - **Disabilities Prevention Program** (DPP)
 - **Emergency Response Coordination Group** (ERCG)
 - **Special Programs Group** (SPG)

NCEH Staff

- Office of the Director

- Disabilities Prevention Program
- Emergency Response Coordination Group
- Special Programs Group
- Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (BDDD)
- Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects (EHHE)
- Division of Environmental Health Laboratory Sciences (EHLS)

1995 Budget*: \$76.8 Million

(336 Employees)

| | 1995 Budget (\$ Millions) |
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| Office of the Director | 4.3 |
| Division of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities | 17.0 |
| Division of Environmental Hazards and Health Effects | 37.0 |
| Division of Environmental Health Laboratory Sciences | 8.0 |
| Disabilities Prevention Program | 9.6 |
| Emergency Response Coordination Group | 0.6 |
| Special Programs Group | 0.3 |

* Does not include money paid by outside public or private entities for work done by NCEH

History of the National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)

- [History by subject area](#) (1980 to 1995)
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Kids' version

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