



Florida's 2004
Toxic Substances
Health Effects
resource directory

national priorities list & other hazardous waste sites

Public Health Investigation Sites

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• Other Sites with Public Health Investigations



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introduction

This resource directory was developed for citizens and health care professionals in the state of Florida. It is designed to help in obtaining general, technical and clinical information on health effects related to environmental exposures. This guide provides a broad base of information about state and federal governmental agencies and other state and national organizations that address environmental health issues.

The directory was originally designed to provide useful telephone numbers to call and request resource materials. However, due to the increasing growth of the Internet, this edition features even more web addresses than previous versions.

Please note that telephone numbers are subject to change, especially regarding area code numbers. Also, please note that websites change frequently and often with no prior notice. If you have difficulty getting onto a website, please try it again later. If you continue to have difficulty, please notify us so we may check into it and if need be, either change the website listing. The directory highlights toll free numbers with the placement of a 1- before the area code and number (example: 1-877-798-2772) for easy reference.

Any other corrections or additions to this publication are welcome. You may contact us at the number below or fill out and return the evaluation form contained in this directory. Please send any suggestions or requests for more copies to:

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Toll free phone number: 1-877-798-2772

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evaluation

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air

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Florida Clean Indoor Air Act

Florida Department of Health, Division of Health Awareness and Tobacco, Florida Clean Indoor Air Office
1-800-337-3742 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/fciaa/default.html>

Call with complaints regarding noncompliance with the act; sends out copies of the statute and a Department of Health brochure; explains how the act applies to enclosed indoor work places.

Radon and Indoor Air Toxics

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health
1-800-543-8279 or **850-245-4288** • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/iaq/index.html>

Information and assistance pertaining to residential indoor air quality and indoor air environmental issues.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Indoor Air Quality Information Hotline

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1-800-438-4318 • www.epa.gov/iaq

Automated message system; technical information; indoor air quality issues; representative available; list by fax of publications available.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

American Lung Association of Florida

1-800-LUNGUSA or **1-800-586-4872** or **904-743-2933** • www.lungfla.org

Medical resources brochures available; provides news of the Florida Thoracic Society's educational seminars for physicians; limited direct patient assistance to adults and children with lung disease.

Lungline

National Jewish Medical and Research Center

1-800-222-LUNG or **1-800-222-5864** • www.njc.org

Automated message system; representative available; literature on asthma, emphysema, healthy breathing, respiratory or pulmonary diseases and other issues.

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arsenic

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Toxicology Consultation

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health
850-245-4299

Call for technical advice about exposures to arsenic, potential human health effects and related information.

asbestos

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Asbestos Information

Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Resource Management
850-488-0114

Technical asbestos NESHAP information (NESHAP stands for the National Emission Standard for Hazardous Air Pollutant and is the regulation to limit or prevent the release of asbestos to the outside or ambient air). Includes technical information on remediation, renovation/demolition and disposal of asbestos materials. Route to appropriate district or local area for more information.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Asbestos and Small Business Ombudsman, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1-800-368-5888 • www.epa.gov/sbo

Technical and general; referrals to proper agencies for further assistance regarding Environmental Protection Agency rules and regulations.

biomedical waste

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Florida Department of Health

Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health
850-245-4277 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/biomed/>

Technical and general; develops and interprets Florida's biomedical waste rules; regulates biomedical waste generators, transporters, storage and treatment facilities; approves alternate treatment technologies.

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biomonitoring (Environmental Exposure Investigations)

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Florida Department of Health

Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-877-798-2772 (toll-free in Florida during regular business hours) or 850-245-4444, ext. 2310

Call for information about an exposure investigation to show if people living near hazardous waste sites have had recent contact with certain hazardous chemicals. Biological samples may be taken and analyzed to determine the presence of chemicals in people's bodies. County health departments often assist with collecting samples. Certain criteria must be met prior to conducting an exposure investigation. Call for details.

birth defects (Teratogens)

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Florida Birth Defects Registry

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

850-245-4444, ext. 2198 • <http://flbdr.hsc.usf.edu>

Information for public and health professionals on causes and prevention of birth defects.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1-888-232-5929 or call 770-488-7150 for specific questions • <http://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/default.htm>

Automated message; Spanish available. Information on folic acid to prevent birth defects, fetal alcohol syndrome and other related topics; listing of available publications.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Birth Defect Research for Children (formerly known as Association for Birth Defect Children, Inc.)

407-895-8082 • www.birthdefects.org

National organization; collects birth defect data which includes those due to environmental exposures; sponsors the National Birth Defect Registry; fact sheets and newsletter, "ABDC News;" memberships; parent support services; provides free information to parents and expectant parents regarding birth defects, causes, and treatments.

National Birth Defects Prevention Network

www.nbdpn.org (Website only)

National March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation

www.marchofdimes.org (Website only)

cancer

 (Carcinogens)

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Florida Cancer Data System

University of Miami School of Medicine, Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

1-800-906-3034 • <http://fcds.med.miami.edu/>

Florida's population-based cancer registry under contract with the Florida Department of Health; designed and implemented by the University of Miami. Provides reports on cancer incidence and mortality generated by a number of demographic factors, data analysis, and special studies/research on cancer rates of public health significance; also supports planning and evaluation of cancer control programs at the state and community level to provide a foundation for national cancer control strategies, advances population-based cancer research, monitors trends in cancer incidence and mortality, provides aggregate data for use in research and for individual requests and answers public questions and concerns about cancer.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Cancer Information Service

National Cancer Institute

1-800-4-CANCER or **1-800-422-6237** • www.cancer.gov

Automated message system; Spanish available; cancer information specialists; clinical trial data; order publications; technical consultation; referrals; state-of-the-art treatment information; help with quitting smoking; and recorded information about cancer. Also, on-line help with these issues in a chat format.

Central Data Management Service, National Toxicology Program

919-541-3419 • <http://ntp-server.niehs.nih.gov>

Technical information; provides specific data on chemicals tested by the National Toxicology Program and annual report on cancer-causing chemicals.

Clinical Studies Support Center

National Cancer Institute

1-888-624-1937 • www.cancer.gov

Automated message system; Spanish available; information specialists; information on clinical trials for the National Institute of Health, National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. Clinical trial search provided and personalized searches available.

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NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

American Cancer Society

1-800-227-2345 • www.cancer.org

Automated message system; information on Cancer Society programs, events and services; donation information; Spanish available; information specialists; professional education material on over 100 cancers; information on standard treatment; and local referral services.

chemical emergencies

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

State Warning Point

Florida Department of Community Affairs

1-800-320-0519 or 850-413-9900 or 850-413-9911 • www.floridadisaster.org

Administrative line; general information. Statewide 24-hour emergency assistance; call to report chemical or petroleum spills on land or water that endanger the public or the environment; will notify proper agencies for action, as needed.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Emergency Response (Chemical)

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1-888-422-8737 (during regular business hours) or 404-498-0120

Automated message; call for technical assistance with emergencies related to chemical spills which may cause adverse human health effects or public health issues relating to release or threat of release of hazardous substances. Also, call to order Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) publications related to chemicals or to speak to an information specialist.

Emergency Response

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4

404-562-8700

24-hour response, regional number including Florida, assistance for emergency response to chemical and oil spills. Coordinates response as situation dictates.

National Response Center

1-800-424-8802 • www.nrc.uscg.mil/nrchp.html

Automated message; call to report oil spills, chemical releases, or radiological accidents on land or water to be handled by either the US Environmental Protection Agency or the US Coast Guard. Also, call to report terrorist threats.

children's environmental health

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Office of Children's Health

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0115 • <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/child/ochchildhlth.html>

Provides information related to children living near hazardous waste sites, pediatric toxicology, health promotion and education, and related reports and materials.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics

202-347-4976 • www.aoc.org

Serves as headquarters office for a national network of over 60 clinics. Provides referrals to board-certified and/or nationally recognized health professionals and educators in regional areas. Includes 11 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units located around the United States, Canada and Mexico to address environmental exposures of children.

Children's Environmental Health Network

202-543-4033 • www.cehn.org

Automated message; information specialist available; promotes a healthy environment to protect children from environmental health hazards. Provides information about why children are more vulnerable than adults to environmental exposures, which children are at particular risk, and why children's environmental health is a growing cause for concern. Resource guide available on related organizations and projects, particular contaminant's of concern, policy information, Training Manual on Pediatric Environmental Health, local resources, training etc.

Children's Health Environmental Coalition

609-252-1915 • www.chechnet.org

Responds to questions from the public; provides CHEC Report, an educational newsletter on children's environmental health issues; information and education available related to these issues and other topics. Also, provides extensive on-line library on children's environmental health issues called "Health House."

Southeast Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) at Emory University

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics

404-727-9483 • <http://www.sph.emory.edu/PEHSU/>

Features 11 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs) across United States, Canada and Mexico, to address environmental exposures of children. Provides educational materials, health education, technical assistance, clinical pediatric environmental health services, and research for the Environmental Protection Agency Region 4 area, including Florida. Provides referrals to board-certified and/or nationally recognized health professionals and educators in regional areas.

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harmful algal blooms

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Harmful Algal Blooms Program

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health
850-245-4299 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/redtide/index.html>

Call to report health problems possibly from harmful algal blooms. These are blooms of algae or microorganisms that have the potential to adversely affect plants, animals, or humans, often due to the production of toxins. Not all algal blooms are harmful. Also includes possible estuary associated syndrome (Pfiesteria), red tide, and blue-green algae (cyanobacteria). Fact sheet available; and surveillance form to return to county health departments. Harmful algal blooms are of special concern for certain populations, including those suffering from asthma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Marine and Freshwater Toxin Hotline

Florida Poison Information Center, Miami
1-888-232-8635

Call for more information about red tide and other harmful algal blooms, including exposure information and advice concerning prevention of exposure.

hazardous waste

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste

Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection
850-245-8707 • www.dep.state.fl.us

Statewide. Solid and hazardous waste; referrals to local experts; biomedical and other types of waste related to regulations and disposal, or call local district number.

Department of Environmental Protection District Offices

Central District **407-894-7555** • www.dep.state.fl.us/cd
Northeast District **904-807-3300** • www.dep.state.fl.us/ned
Northwest District **850-595-8360** • www.dep.state.fl.us/nwd
South District **239-332-6975** • www.dep.state.fl.us/sd
Southeast District **561-681-6600** • www.dep.state.fl.us/sed
Southwest District **813-744-6100**

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Community Right-to-Know (Compliance Planning)

Florida Department of Community Affairs, Bureau of Emergency Management

1-800-635-7179 (from outside Florida, call 850-413-9970) • www.dca.state.fl.us

Statewide data related to location of toxic or hazardous chemicals reported within an industry.

Health Assessment Team

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-877-798-2772 (toll-free in Florida during regular business hours) or 850-245-4299

Conduct public health assessments and health consultations for hazardous waste sites, especially those named by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to the National Priorities List; may perform exposure investigations to determine if certain chemicals are present in people's bodies or in the environment; and provides site-specific education and information to local residents and health care professionals of site communities.

lead

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Florida Department of Health

Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

850-245-4299 or 850-245-4444, ext 2869 <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/hsee/lead/index.html>

The Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program, and the Adult Blood Lead Epidemiology and Surveillance Program are primary contacts in Florida for childhood and adult lead poisoning prevention and surveillance issues. Call for educational materials on lead poisoning sources, blood screening, inspection and abatement and other lead poisoning publications and referrals, or to request reports and data. Some materials available in Spanish, Haitian, Creole, Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Information Service

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

1-800-356-4674 • www.cdc.gov/niosh

Automated message system; Spanish available. Provides fax and recorded information 24 hours a day. Information specialists are available during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.). Publications are available on health effects of occupational exposures to chemical hazards and indoor air quality. Also provides materials on silicosis (a lung condition due to inhalation of silica dust). Also call for workplace training videos, tapes and training grants. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) publications faxed by document number, includes ordering information for publications. Request evaluation of potential health hazards in the workplace.

National Center for Environmental Health Line

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1-888-232-6789 • <http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/lead.htm>

Automated message system; Spanish available; publications available by mail include Screening Young Children for Lead Poisoning, Strategic Plan for Elimination of Childhood Lead Poisoning; other general information about childhood lead poisoning (request directory by fax); and other free CDC publications on the topic.

National Lead Information Center, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-424-LEAD or 1-800-424-5323 • www.epa.gov/lead

Automated message system; information specialists; Spanish option; free bilingual publications by fax or mail concerning lead contamination and lead poisoning prevention issues. Also information on lead inspections and lead abatement.

mercury

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Toxicology Consultation

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

850-245-4299

Call for technical advice about exposures to mercury, potential human health effects and related information.

occupational health

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Information Service

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

1-800-356-4674 • www.cdc.gov/niosh

Automated message system. Provides fax and recorded information 24 hours a day. Information specialists are available during regular business hours (9:00 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.). Publications are available on health effects of occupational exposures to chemical hazards and indoor air quality. Also, provides publications on silicosis (a lung condition due to inhalation of silica dust) and workplace training videos, tapes and training grants. National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health publications faxed by document number, includes ordering information for publications. Request evaluation of potential health hazards in the workplace.

Referral Service

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

1-800-321-6742 • www.osha.gov

Automated message system. Spanish option. Call to report workplace fatalities or hospitalization of more than three workers from one workplace. File complaints about workplace hazards. Request Occupational Safety and Health Administration information or publications.

Florida OSHA Offices

Ft. Lauderdale **954-424-0242**

Jacksonville **904-232-2895**

Tampa **813-626-1177**

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Association of Occupational and Environmental Clinics 202-347-4976 • www.aoec.org

Headquarters office for national network of over 60 clinics. Provides referrals to board-certified and/or nationally recognized health professionals and educators in regional areas. Includes 10 Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs) to address environmental exposures of children.

Consultation Program, University of South Florida <http://www.usfsafetyflorida.com/Index.aspx> (Website only)

Information available to identify potential work hazards and provide educational outreach with an emphasis on understanding goals and standards relating to OSHA compliance. Provides training and consultation to small businesses on occupational safety and health.

pesticides

Note: Pesticide-related illness and injury is a reportable disease/condition under Florida law. Please report confirmed or suspected pesticide-related illness and injury to your county health department.

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Pesticide Exposure Surveillance Program

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health
1-800-606-5810 or 850-245-4117 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/hsee/pesticides/index.html>
Provides general and technical information concerning the health effects of pesticides. Call to report suspected pesticide-related illness and injury.

Bureau of Compliance Monitoring

Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
850-488-3314 • www.safepesticideuse.com

Provides pesticide compliance information. Call to report pesticide misuse. Request advice on best management practices for proper pesticide use. Issues licenses. Redirects complaints.

Pesticide Registration

Bureau of Pesticides, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
850-487-0532 • www.agweb.doacs.state.fl.us

Conducts pesticide product evaluation. Provides restricted-use pesticide data. Call for toxicological information.

Prior Notification of Application of Pesticides

Bureau of Entomology and Pest Control, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services
904-381-6006

Provides pesticide spraying notification list for sensitive individuals. Call for applications, which must be signed by a Florida medical doctor, and extra distance available from pesticide spraying if physician is board-certified in allergy. Initial fee of \$50 required. Call for copies of memorandum and statutes. Notification includes commercial lawn spraying only. Does not include interior pesticide use, mosquito control, including aerial application of pesticides, or agricultural uses.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE**National Pesticide Information Center**

Oregon State University, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-858-7378 • npic.orst.edu

Provides medical and technical information concerning pesticides, product data, recognition and management of pesticide poisonings, toxicological and symptomatic reviews. Also call for safety precautions, health and environmental effects of pesticides, and referral to appropriate resources for cleanup and disposal procedures or emergencies involving pesticides. Information specialists available seven days a week from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. with automated message system after hours.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**Poison Control Statewide Access Number**

Florida Poison Information

1-800-222-1222 (toll-free within Florida) • http://ora.umc.ufl.edu/pcc/Pic_Jax/htm/Index.html

Call 24 hours a day for acute poisoning emergencies, including pesticides, or general poisoning data. If needed, provides medical triage. Calls are automatically routed to nearest poison control center.

Pesticide Information Office

University of Florida

352-392-4721 • <http://pest.ifas.ufl.edu>

Provides general information concerning pesticides used on crops, data on health effects and acute toxicity, proper use and safety topics.

radiation/radon

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES**Bureau of Radiation Control**

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

407-297-2095 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/radiation/index.html>

Call statewide for 24-hour emergency assistance for all radiation incidents. Provides environmental monitoring, transportation inspection of low-level radioactive waste shipments and general radiation information.

Radiological Technology Program

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Radiation Control

850-245-4540 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/radiation/index.html>

Automated message system. Call for information on non-ionizing health effects, as well as licensing, and certification of radiologic technologists.

Radon and Indoor Air Toxics

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-800-543-8279 or 850-245-4288 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/radon/index.html>

Provides information on radon, its health effects, how to measure for radon and mitigate against elevated indoor levels.

solid waste, ¹⁶ state & federal agencies

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Radon Help Line

National Safety Council

1-800-557-2366 • <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/radon.htm>

Automated message system. Information specialists available. Call for radon test kit, radon and indoor air information, technical data for specific health questions related to radon.

solid waste

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Bureau of Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

Division of Waste Management, Florida Department of Environmental Protection

850-245-8707 • www.dep.state.fl.us

Call statewide for information related to regulations and disposal of solid and hazardous waste. Makes referrals to local experts at district offices.

Department of Environmental Protection District Offices

Central District **407-894-7555** • www.dep.state.fl.us/cd

Northeast District **904-807-3300** • www.dep.state.fl.us/ned

Northwest District **850-595-8300** • www.dep.state.fl.us/nwd

South District **239-332-6975** • www.dep.state.fl.us/sd

Southeast District **561-681-6600** • www.dep.state.fl.us/sed

Southwest District **813-744-6100** • www.dep.state.fl.us/swd

state & federal agencies

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Bureau of Community Environmental Health

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

850-245-4299

Epidemiological investigations of public health hazards from environmental exposures, including toxic chemicals, foodborne and waterborne disease, and pesticides.

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Bureau of Water Programs

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

850-245-4240

<http://apps3.doh.state.fl.us/env/beach/webout/default.cfm>

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/water/index.html>

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/swim/index.html>

Call for statewide information regarding bacteriological, chemical, some pesticides, and petroleum contamination of private drinking water wells. Also provides information about Florida Safe Drinking Water Act and public water regulations, beach water quality, swimming pools, etc.

Health Assessment Team

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-877-798-2772 (toll free in Florida during regular business hours) or 850-245-4299

www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/hsee/Superfund/

Conduct public health assessments and health consultations for hazardous waste sites, especially those named by the U.S. EPA to the National Priorities List (NPL); may perform exposure investigations to determine if certain chemicals are present in people's bodies or in the environment; and provides site-specific education and information to local residents at site communities and those health care professionals serving them.

Office of Environmental Public Health Medicine

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

850-245-4299

Epidemiological investigations of public health hazards from environmental exposures, including toxic chemicals. Also, cancer cluster investigations related to the environment.

Pesticide Exposure Surveillance Program

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-800-606-5810 or 850-245-4117 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/hsee/pesticides/index.html>

Provides general and technical information concerning the health effects of pesticides. Call to report suspected pesticide-related illness and injury.

Radiation/Radon Information

Bureau of Radiation Control, Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

407-297-2095 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/radiation/index.html>

Call statewide for 24-hour emergency assistance for all radiation incidents. Provides environmental monitoring, transportation inspection of low-level radioactive waste shipments and general radiation information.

Radiological Technology Program

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Radiation Control

850-245-4540 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/radiation/index.html>

Automated message system. Call for information on non-ionizing health effects, as well as licensing, and certification of radiologic technologists.

Radon and Indoor Air Toxics

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-800-543-8279 or 850-245-4288 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/radon/index.html>

Provides information on radon, its health effects, how to measure for radon and mitigate against elevated indoor levels.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

ATSDR Ombudsman

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737 or 404-498-0004 • www.atsdr.cdc.gov/COM/omweb.html

Automated system, ask for Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry Ombudsman. Independent, neutral resource service for all parties concerned with environmental health disputes involving ATSDR.

Division of Health Assessment and Consultation

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0007 • www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dhac.html

Evaluates hazardous waste sites and prepares public health assessment and health consultations to determine public health significance, if any.

Division of Health Education and Promotion

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0101 • <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dhep.html>

Call to request ATSDR's Case Studies in Environmental Medicine, Medical Management Guidelines for Acute Chemical Exposure, and other environmental health education information and materials.

Division of Health Studies

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0105 • <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dhs.html>

Conducts and supports health studies to determine the relationship between exposure to hazardous substances and adverse health effects.

Division of Toxicology

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0160 • <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/dt.html>

Develops and distributes toxicological profiles on most chemicals at hazardous waste sites; call for list of profiles. Drafts are available free of charge; final profiles may be ordered for a fee. Also produce short, one-page fact sheets on over 200 different chemicals, written for the layman.

EPA Region 4 Ombudsman Program

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-435-9234 or 404-562-8930 • <http://www.epa.gov/Region4/waste/ombud.htm>

Handle complaints from citizens concerning Environmental Protection Agency work at Superfund sites and related issues in Region 4, including Florida. Obtains facts; sort information; substantiates policy.

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National Service Center for Environmental Publications

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-490-9198 • www.epa.gov

Automated message; information specialists available; Environmental Protection Agency publications; call if publication number or title is known, or request assistance for certain topics.

Office of Urban Affairs

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0111 • www.atsdr.cdc.gov/OUA/

Addresses preventing adverse health effects and environmental injustices in minority and low income populations exposed to hazardous substances through various means, including comprehensive demographic profiles, health studies and substance-specific applied research, community involvement and risk communication, training and education related to environmental public health.

Region 4 Library

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

404-562-8190 • www.epa.gov/region4/library/index.htm

Provides librarian assistance; general and technical documents on loan and details on document purchase; referrals.

Toxicology Information

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

404-498-0150 • www.atsdr.cdc.gov

Toxicologist is available to provide technical assistance concerning toxic substances and potential health effects.

Toxic Substance Control Act Hotline

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

202-554-1404

Automated message system. Information specialists are available to provide information on chemicals in commerce, such as PCBs, asbestos and lead. Also may order documents related to certain subjects.

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STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Toxicology Consultation

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health, Bureau of Community Environmental Health

1-877-798-2772 (toll-free in Florida during regular business hours) or 850-245-4299

Provides information on long-term health effects of toxic substance exposure. Also conducts health assessments and other analyses of hazardous waste sites in Florida.

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FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Communications and Public Liaison

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, National Institutes of Health

919-541-3345 • www.niehs.nih.gov

Provides technical information related to biomedical research on the effects of environmental agents on human health, publications upon request, and referrals made, if necessary.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-490-9198 • www.epa.gov/ncepihom/

Automated message system concerning U.S. Environmental Protection Agency publications; information specialists available. Call if you know a publication's number or title. Or search website for particular topic or see on-line catalog at www.epa.gov/ncepihome/catalog.html.

South Site Management Branch

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-435-9234 • www.epa.gov/superfund

Provides site-specific information on Superfund sites (also known as National Priorities List sites) located in Alabama, Florida, and Mississippi. Includes information on chemicals of concern at each site and other topics.

Toxicological Information

Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

1-888-42-ATSDR or 1-888-422-8737 • www.atsdr.cdc.gov

Automated message system; information specialists available. Provides technical assistance concerning toxic substances and their health effects. Website provides fact sheets to answer frequently asked questions concerning many chemicals related to human exposures and potential health effects.

water

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Bureau of Community Environmental Health

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

850-245-4299

Call for statewide information regarding health effects from exposure to contaminant's in drinking water, including water-borne diseases and some pesticides and chemicals.

Bureau of Water Programs

Florida Department of Health, Division of Environmental Health

850-245-4240

<http://apps3.doh.state.fl.us/env/beach/webout/default.cfm>

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/water/index.html>

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/swim/index.html>

Call for statewide information regarding bacteriological, chemical, some pesticides, and petroleum contamination of private drinking water wells. Also provides information about Florida Safe Drinking Water Act and public water regulations, beach water quality, swimming pools, etc.

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RESOURCE

Safe Drinking Water Hotline

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

1-800-426-4791 • www.epa.gov/safewater

Automated message system; Spanish available and information specialists available. Provides referrals for questions about drinking water, testing of water, regulation information on public drinking water systems and annual quality water report details. Provides information about household wells, source water protection and other topics related to drinking water.

clinical laboratories

STATE GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Florida Department of Health Laboratories The Florida Department of Health laboratories are located in different parts of the state to provide regional services to the local County Health Departments private physicians and others. Because of transportation problems and workload, efficient use of costly automated equipment, and facility and expertise limitations, not all services are available in all of the laboratories. For example, water chemistry, mycobacterial drug sensitivity, and infant metabolic screening are available only at the Jacksonville laboratory.

Central Laboratory, 904-791-1550 Jacksonville, serves all 67 Florida counties

Miami Branch Laboratory, 305-324-2432 serves Broward, Collier, Miami-Dade and Monroe counties

Pensacola Branch Laboratory, 850-595-8895 serves Bay, Calhoun, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Liberty, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, Walton and Washington counties

Tampa Branch Laboratory, 813-974-8000 serves Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Lake, Lee, Manatee, Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sumter, and Sarasota counties

West Palm Beach Laboratory, 561-540-1170 serves Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach and St. Lucie counties

General Laboratories, Florida Major Florida hospitals and private laboratories may take samples for the following tests: urine and/or blood for pesticides, cholinesterase levels, solvents, aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals (such as lead, mercury, cadmium, etc.). However, some hospitals and private laboratories send those samples out to a national reference laboratory to perform the actual tests. The laboratory reports will indicate where the tests were performed.

NON-GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

Note: The Florida Department of Health cannot vouch for any of these laboratories in particular. In addition, other laboratories may be available to do tests. These suggestions are provided only as a service to people using this resource directory.

General Laboratories, National The following private (commercial, for-profit) laboratories will test urine and/or blood serum for pesticides (including organophosphates), cholinesterase levels, solvents, aromatic hydrocarbons, and metals (lead, mercury, and cadmium).

Accu-Chem Laboratory

1-800-451-0116 • <http://www.accuchem.com>

Richardson, TX. Provides tests for permethrin, triazine, pesticides, herbicides, volatile solvents, heavy metals, PCBs, pentachlorophenol, formaldehyde/formic acid, and pyrethroids. Call for details.

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National Medical Services

1-800-522-6671 • www.nmslab.com

Willow Grove, PA. Automated message. Provides direct service to most smaller laboratories and private physicians.

Quest Diagnostics

1-800-222-0061 • www.questdiagnostics.com

Locations across the nation. Automated message. Provides tests for cyanide, zinc, copper, arsenic, PCBs, and other toxic substances.

Triangle Labs

919-544-5729 • www.trianglelabs.com

Durham, NC. Automated message. Provides tests for dioxins, furans, specific PCBs, and semi-volatiles. Does not test for metals or volatiles.

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Florida Department of Health, Executive Office

Secretary of Florida Department of Health

850-245-4321 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/sec/secretary.htm>

Deputy State Health Officer

850-245-4242

Division of Environmental Health

Division Director

850-245-4250 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/ehdescription.html>

Bureau Chief of Community Environmental Health

850-245-4277 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/facility/index.html>

Bureau Chief of Onsite Sewage Programs

850-245-4070 (automated message system, operators available) • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/OSTDS/default.html>

Bureau Chief of Radiation Control

850-245-4266 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/radiation/index.html>

Bureau Chief of Water Programs

850-245-4240 • <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/water/index.html>

Office of Environmental Public Health Medicine>**850-245-4299**

County Health Departments (includes directors/administrators and environmental health directors)

Note: Only some of the county health departments have websites. Those that were available via web searches are included below for the convenience of resource directory users. Omissions, if any, were accidental. Any needed additions will be added in the next edition following notification.

Alachua

Director/Administrator 352-334-8892

Environmental Health Director 352-334-7930

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdAlachua/index.htm>

Baker

Director/Administrator 904-259-6291

904-259-3569

Bay

Director/Administrator 850-872-4455

Environmental Health Director 850-872-4720

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdbay/index.htm>

Bradford

Director/Administrator 904-964-7732 or

904-964-5853

Brevard

Director/Administrator 321-454-7111

Environmental Health Director 321-454-7105

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdBrevard/index.htm>

Broward

Director/Administrator>954-467-4811

Environmental Health Director>954-467-4854

<http://browardchd.org/home.htm>

Calhoun

Director/Administrator 850-674-5645

Environmental Health Director 850-674-5645

Charlotte

Director/Administrator 941-639-1181

Environmental Health Director 941-743-1266

http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdCharlotte/CCHD_Home.htm

Citrus

Director/Administrator 352-527-0068

Environmental Health Director 352-527-5280

Clay

Director/Administrator 904-529-2277

Environmental Health Director 904-269-6341, x156

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdclay/index.htm>

Collier

Director/Administrator 239-774-8210

Environmental Health Director 239-403-2499

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdcollier/index.html>

Columbia

Director/Administrator 386-758-1037

Environmental Health Director 386-758-1058

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdColumbia/index.html>

DeSoto

Director/Administrator 863-993-4601

Environmental Health Director 863-993-4604

Dixie

Director/Administrator 352-498-1360

Environmental Health Director 352-498-1360

Duval

Director/Administrator 904-630-3220

Environmental Health Director 904-630-3260

<http://www.dchd.net/>

Escambia

Director/Administrator 850-595-6500

Environmental Health Director 850-595-6700

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdEscambia/>

Flagler

Director/Administrato 386-437-7350

Environmental Health Director>386-437-7358

Franklin

Director/Administrator 850-653-2111

Environmental Health Director 850-653-2113, x118

<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdFranklin/index.html>

Gadsden

Director/Administrator 850-487-3952

Environmental Health Director 850-875-7223

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Gilchrist

Director/Administrator 352-463-3120
Environmental Health Director 352-463-3120

Glades

Director/Administrator 863-946-0707
Environmental Health Director 863-946-0212
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdGlades/home.html>

Gulf

Director/Administrator 850-227-1276, x103
Environmental Health Director 850-227-1202, x102

Hamilton

Director/Administrator 386-792-1414
Environmental Health Director 386-792-1414

Hardee

Director/Administrator 863-773-4161
Environmental Health Director 863-773-4161

Hendry

Director/Administrator 863-674-4056
Environmental Health Director 863-674-4047
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdHendry/home.html>

Hernando

Director/Administrator 352-754-4067
Environmental Health Director 352-754-4072
<http://www.health.co.hernando.fl.us/>

Highlands

Director/Administrator 863-386-6040
Environmental Health Director 863-386-6045

Hillsborough

Director/Administrator 813-307-8000
Environmental Health Director 813-307-8015
<http://www.hillscountyhealth.org/>

Holmes

Director/Administrator 850-547-3691
Environmental Health Director 850-547-3691

Indian River

Director/Administrator 772-794-7450
Environmental Health Director 772-794-7440

Jackson

Director/Administrator 850-482-9862
Environmental Health Director 850-482-9887

Jefferson

Director/Administrator 850-342-0170
Environmental Health Director 850-342-0170

Lafayette

Director/Administrator 386-362-2708
Environmental Health Director 386-294-1321

Lake

Director/Administrator 352-589-6424
Environmental Health Director 352-253-6130
<http://www.lakechd.com/index.html>

Lee

Director/Administrator 239-332-9511
Environmental Health Director 239-332-9562
<http://www.lee-county.com/healthdept/>

Leon

Director/Administrator 850-487-3146
Environmental Health Director 850-487-3166
<http://www.co.leon.fl.us/lchd/index.asp>

Levy

Director/Administrator 352-486-5300
Environmental Health Director 352-486-5301

Liberty

Director/Administrator 850-643-2415
Environmental Health Director 850-643-2415

Madison

Director/Administrator 850-973-5000
Environmental Health Director 850-973-5003, x130
<http://www.madisonfl.org/MCHD/index.htm>

Manatee

Director/Administrator 941-748-0747, x1200
Environmental Health Director 941-748-0747, x1325
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdManatee/default.htm>

Marion

Director/Administrator 352-629-0137
Environmental Health Director 352-622-7744

Martin

Director/Administrator 727-221-4037
Environmental Health Director 727-221-4090
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdMartin/Index.htm>

Miami-Dade

Director/Administrator 305-324-2400
Environmental Health Director 305-623-3500
<http://www.dadehealth.org/index.asp>

Monroe

Director/Administrator 305-292-6894
Environmental Health Director 305-289-2724

Nassau

Director/Administrator 904-277-7287
Environmental Health Director 904-277-7284

Okaloosa

Director/Administrator 850-833-9245
Environmental Health Director 850-833-9247
<http://www.co.okaloosa.fl.us/health.html>

Okeechobee

Director/Administrator 863-462-5760
Environmental Health Director 863-462-5806
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdOkeechobee/default.htm>

Orange

Director/Administrator 407-836-2656
Environmental Health Director 407-836-2550
<http://www.orchd.state.fl.us/>

Osceola

Director/Administrator 407-343-2020
Environmental Health Director 407-343-2075
<http://www.osceolahealth.org/>

Palm Beach

Director/Administrator 561-355-3120
Environmental Health Director 561-355-3052
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpalmbeach/default.htm>

Pasco

Director/Administrator 727-869-3900
Environmental Health Director 727-841-4221
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdpasco/default.html>

Pinellas

Director/Administrator 727-824-6931
Environmental Health Director 727-507-4346
<http://www.pinellashealth.com/index.asp>

Polk

Director/Administrator 863-519-7900
863-519-8330, x1100

Putnam

Director/Administrator 386-329-0420
386-326-3200

St. Johns

Director/Administrator 904-825-5055
Environmental Health Director 904-823-2514
<http://www.co.st-johns.fl.us/BCC/Public-Health/medical.html#med/>

St. Lucie

Director/Administrator 772-873-4924
Environmental Health Director 772-873-4931
<http://www.stluciecountyhealth.com/index.html>

Santa Rosa

Director/Administrator 850-983-5200 or 850-983-5275

Sarasota

Director/Administrator 941-954-2947
Environmental Health Director 941-378-6134
<http://www.co.sarasota.fl.us/region/regions.aspx?c794c692b2=a49b&bfc8ddaeda=c794>

Seminole

Director/Administrator 407-665-3200
Environmental Health Director 407-665-3606
<http://seminolecohealth.com/index.html>

Sumter

Director/Administrator 352-793-6979
Environmental Health Director 352-793-7133
<http://www.co.sarasota.fl.us/region/regions.aspx?c794c692b2=a49b&bfc8ddaeda=c7>

Suwannee

Director/Administrator 386-362-2708
Environmental Health Director 386-362-2708

Taylor

Director/Administrator 850-584-5087
Environmental Health Director 850-584-5087, x157

Union

Director/Administrator 904-496-3211
Environmental Health Director 904-496-3211

Volusia

Director/Administrator 386-247-0830
Environmental Health Director 386-736-5583
<http://www.volusiahealth.com/default1.asp>

Wakulla

Director/Administrator 850-926-3591
Environmental Health Director 850-926-2558

Walton

Director/Administrator 850-892-8027
Environmental Health Director 850-892-8021
<http://www.co.walton.fl.us/>

Washington

Director/Administrator 850-638-6240
<http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdwashington/default.htm>

