

Public Health

- **Who we are**

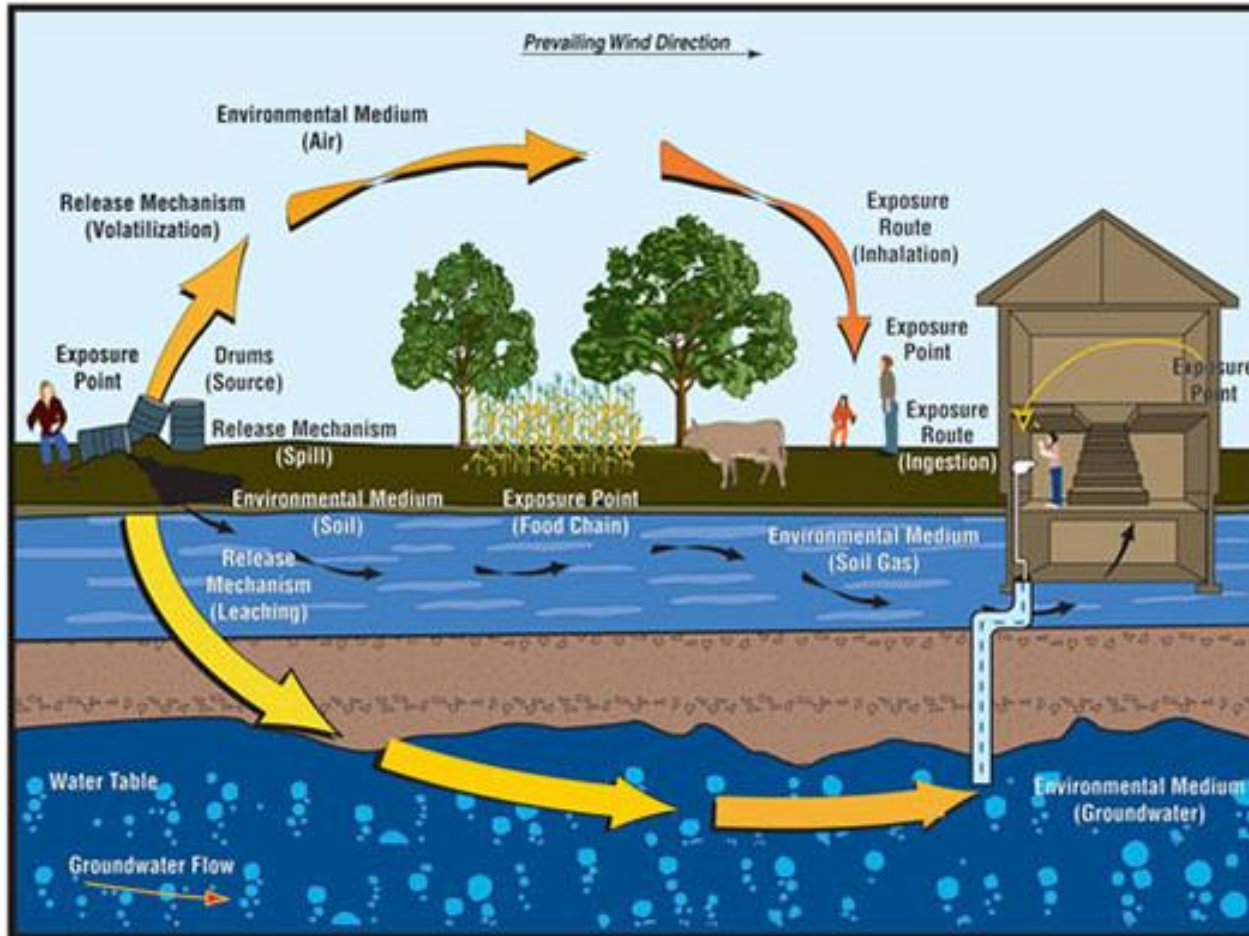
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- PA Department of Health is a cooperative agreement partner of ATSDR
 - Receive funding through ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) cooperative agreement program
 - Non-regulatory

- **What we do**

- Evaluate and respond to environmental public health issues
- For site-specific hazardous substances
 - Identify exposure pathways
 - Educate affected communities and local health professionals
 - Review health outcome data



▶ Health Assessment



Conceptual Site Model.

Source: ATSDR PHA Guidance Manual.

https://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/pha-guidance/conducting_scientific_evaluations/exposure_pathways/site_conceptual_model_schematic.html



Health Concerns?

- **If you are worried about an environmental issue and have health concerns about this environmental issue in your community, you can petition ATSDR to look into it.**
- **Submitting a petition to ATSDR**
 - Any person or organization can submit a petition.
 - Email your petition to ATSDRPetitions@cdc.gov.
 - Include the following information:
 - Your name
 - The name of your community organization (if part of one)
 - A description of the issue you are concerned about
 - Your contact information (email address, phone number, and/or mailing address)

More information



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Health Concern Examples

- I live near XYZ industrial plant. On certain days or certain times of day it smells and gives me watery eyes. I have asthma and I feel like I need to use my inhaler more than I normally would. Also, there is a school near the plant. It seems like a lot of children have asthma around here.
- I live near ACME airport. My home uses a private well. I have noticed a change in my water quality and am concerned it is related to the nearby airport.
- I live near an abandoned landfill. I see children playing in the area where they shouldn't because the fence is broken. It has been that way for many years. People also use it as a short cut to get to the nearby river to play or fish. I am concerned about the health of people walking through there or any runoff going into the river.

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Contact us

- ATSDR
 - ▣ Emily Adler
 - ▣ Regional Representative, Region 3
 - ▣ qgk3@cdc.gov
- PA DOH
 - ▣ Complete the [environmental health concern form](#)
 - ▣ Phone: 717-787-3350
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