

Progress Report

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CSTE 2004 Position Statement 04-ENV-01

“Expanding the Environmental Public Health Tracking Program”

CSTE received responses from the CDC and from the EPA. The CDC response thanked CSTE for their support of the Tracking Initiative and offered editorial changes CDC would like made to the position statement.

The EPA response was very comprehensive and complete detailing the activities and partnerships that EPA is pursuing that relate to Tracking and especially the development of Environmental Health Indicators. EPA has included health data in their recent RFA related to their Environmental Data Exchange Network. EPA has provided extensive “in-kind” effort in support of the PHASE project linking EPA air quality measurements, modeling and NASA remote sensing data with asthma and cardiovascular health data from Wisconsin, Maine and New York.

The position statement was well received during hill visits and there remains congressional interest in expanding the program to include more states.

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