Environmental Strike Teams

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Course Description

Environmental health practitioners have important roles and must perform a number of critical functions during emergency response such as, conducting shelter assessments, testing drinking water supplies, conducting food safety inspections, and controlling disease-causing vectors. In order to improve response times, efficiency and overall organization, some state, local and federal entities have formed environmental health response teams. In this course, members of environmental health response teams describe their team’s mission, structure, funding support, and training, as well as share available resources. NOTE: This course was originally delivered as a satellite broadcast.

Learning Objectives

- Describe the need for organized environmental health response teams
- Explain several different approaches to forming environmental health response teams
- List multiple resources to aid in developing team structure, equipment, funding, and training for environmental health response teams

Competencies

Describe the public health role in emergency response in a range of emergencies that might arise.

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