Are there environmental health concerns that have a disproportionate impact on African Americans?

**Environmental Justice**

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To learn more...

- Environmental Justice Internet Guide
  - From Enviro-Health Line series

**Housing Near Hazardous Sites**

Housing costs less when it is near an industrial area, trash disposal site, rural dump, or abandoned and polluted land. These areas are not only unsightly but they can also contribute to health problems like asthma and allergies. To learn more...

- Trenching and Excavation
  - (National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health)

- Toxic Substances at Home and at Work
  - (Environmental Protection Agency)
  - http://www.epa.gov/oa/ophs/hs/hazard.html

- Exposure to Lead Paint
  - Older homes may have chipping and peeling paint that can affect children's development. Home remedying can be a hazardous activity and some safety, schools, offices, and stores offer the same types of products that are found at homes. To learn more...
    - Lead Poisoning topic page from MedlinePlus
      - http://medlineplus.gov/leadpoisoning.html
    - Lead and human health
      - From playing with lead series

**Environmetal Health and Toxicology**

Environmental Health and Toxicology is the study of the impact of environmental agents on human beings and their animals. To learn more...

- Environmental Health and Toxicology

**Healthy Homes - Healthy Kids: Heavy Metals**

Older homes may have chipping and peeling lead paint that can affect children's development. Home products and their ingredients


- Tox Town
  - Census data can be mapped along with toxic waste sites and industrial areas

- Environmental Health Information Outreach to African Americans
  - (American Academy of Pediatrics Committee on Environmental Health)
  - Lead exposure in children: prevention, detection, and management

**Exhibits and Presentations at Professional Meetings**

NLM supports numerous meetings and conferences that have significant African American membership, attendance, or support. Support may include pre- and post-conference training classes, keynote speakers, panel participation, hosting an exhibit booth, and conference sponsorship.

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**Collaboration with Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

Several schools are designing environmental health information projects to benefit their students and communities. For example...

- Southern University and A&M College School of Nursing
- Savannah College of Art and Design

**Connecting Communities to Resources**

Environmental health information can be tailored to include focus on environmental health issues. NLM provides 1- to 2-day training classes for NLM staff to meet the information needs of leaders in accessing scientifically sound environmental health information. Training is offered for local reporters, county extension agents, and community leaders as well as environmental health, law, and nursing.

- Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science
- Department of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery
- Los Angeles, California

**The Environmental Health Curricula for Primary Health Care Providers Project**

This project is developing an environmental health course for medical students and physicians and is a collaboration between the University of Southern California School of Medicine and the University of California. Students and patients learn how to access the medical, toxicology, and environmental health information available from NLM and other internet resources.