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### **AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY (ACS)**

2433 Ridgpoint Drive

Austin, TX 78754

1 (800)ACS-2345

Web page: <http://www.cancer.org>

Provides information on what causes cancer and how to prevent it.

### **AMERICAN LUNG ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS (ALA)**

Central Region

5926 Balcones Drive, Suite 100

Austin, TX 78731-4263

(512) 467-6753, or 1 (800) 586-4872

Web page: <http://www.lungusa.org/texas>

Provides information on lung diseases caused by environmental exposures.

### **AGENCY FOR TOXIC SUBSTANCES AND DISEASE REGISTRY (ATSDR)**

Region 6 Office

1445 Ross Avenue

Dallas, TX 75202

(214) 665-8361

Federal agency created in 1980; information and assistance for people concerned about health problems that may be caused by contact with hazardous chemicals.

**ATSDR (national office)**

## Nonprofits

- [TDH Bureau of Epidemiology](#)

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## Links\*

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\*External links to other sites are intended to be informational and do not have the endorsement of the Texas Department of Health. These sites also may not be accessible to persons with disabilities.

1600 Clifton Road, NE (E-28)  
Atlanta, GA 30333  
(404) 639-0700 (Office of the Assistant Administrator)  
1 (800) 447-1544 (Information Center)  
Web Page: <http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov>

### **ATSDR Divisions:**

#### **Division of Health Education and Promotion**

(404) 639-6205  
Provides materials including Case Studies in Environmental Medicine, Medical Management Guidelines, Hazardous Substances and Public Health newsletter, and other pamphlets are available.

#### **Division of Toxicology**

(404) 639-6322, or (404) 639-6300  
24-Hour Toxline: (404) 639-6000  
Provides information on toxicology and hazardous chemicals; toxic profiles for more than 150 hazardous chemicals.

#### **Emergency Response Branch**

(404) 639-0615  
24-hour emergency hotline provides information on toxic substances and consultation in emergency situations.



### **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION (CDC)**

1600 Clifton Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30333  
(404) 639-3311  
Web page: <http://www.cdc.gov>

National center created in 1946 to research, investigate, and provide information on infectious and environmental diseases.

#### **CDC Division:**

#### **Air Pollution and Respiratory Health Activity**

(770) 488-7320  
Information about indoor air quality or outdoor air pollution.

### **AMERICAN CHEMISTRY COUNCIL (CMA)**

1300 Wilson Blvd.  
Arlington, VA 22209

(703) 741-5000

Web page: <http://www.americanchemistry.com>

**CHEMTREC:**

1 (800) 262-8200 (non emergency number)

8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Central Time

Health and safety information referrals for hazardous chemicals.

**CHEMTREC:**

1 (800) 424-9300 (emergency number)

24-hour emergency phone number providing chemical information, assistance in chemical identification, and notification of chemical manufacturers and shippers so they can offer expertise and assistance.

**CLEAN WATER ACTION (CWA)**

2520 Longview Street, #315

Austin, TX 78705

(512) 474-0605

Web page: <http://www.cleanwateraction.org>

Citizen organization that has information on water quality issues.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE FUND (EDF)**

44 East Avenue

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 478-5161

Web page: <http://www.edf.org>

Nonprofit organization that can provide information on air quality, water quality, hazardous chemicals, hazardous waste, and workplace safety.



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)**

Region 6

1445 Ross Avenue

Dallas, TX 75202-2733

(214) 665-6444

Federal agency created in 1970 to reduce pollution, maintain air quality and water quality, and regulate hazardous chemicals in the environment.

**EPA (National Offices)**

Ariel Rios Building

1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Washington, DC 20460

(202) 260-2090

Web page: <http://www.epa.gov>

**Indoor Air Quality Information Clearinghouse (IAQ INFO)**

1 (800) 438-4318

Information and assistance on health effects from indoor air pollution.

**Public Information Center**

(202) 260-2080

General information on EPA programs and hazardous chemicals.

**Radon Hotline**

1-800-SOS-RADON,

or 1 (800) 767-7236

Information and educational materials about radon.

**Safe Drinking Water Act Hotline**

1 (800) 426-4791

Information on regulations concerning safe drinking water.

**Superfund (CERCLA/SARA) and RCRA Regulation Information**

1 (800) 424-9346

Information on regulations related to National Priorities List (NPL) hazardous waste sites and hazardous chemical disposal site.

**Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA)**

Information Service

(202) 554-1404

Technical and general information on TSCA regulations.

**GREENPEACE (GP)**

702 H Street, N.W.

Washington, DC 20001

1 (800) 326-0959

Web page: <http://www.greenpeace.org>

Information on air quality, water quality, and hazardous waste.

**NATIONAL CANCER INSTITUTE (NCI)**

NCI Public Inquiries Office

Building 31, Rm. 10A03

31 Center Drive, MSC 2580

Bethesda, MA 20892-2580

(301) 435-3848

Web page: <http://www.nci.nih.gov>

NCI is one of the National Institutes of Health and can provide information on cancer-related questions.



### **NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (NIOSH)**

Office of the Director  
Hubert H. Humphrey Building  
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Room 715H  
Washington, DC 20201  
1 (800) 356-4674

Web page: <http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/homepage.html>

Federal agency created in 1970 to investigate and provide information about disease, injuries, and hazards in the workplace.

### **NATIONAL PESTICIDE INFORMATION CENTER (NPIC)**

Oregon State University  
333 Weniger Hall  
Corvallis, OR 97331-6502  
1 (800) 858-7378

Web page: <http://npic.orst.edu>

Information on pesticides and health problems they may cause; referrals for emergency treatment and cleanup of pesticides in the environment.

### **NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL (NSC)**

1121 Spring Lake Drive  
Itasca, IL 60143-3201  
(630) 285-1121

Web page: <http://www.nsc.org>

Information on chemicals in the environment and how to reduce contact with them.

#### **Hotline (English / Spanish)**

1 (800) LEADFYI,  
or 1 (800) 532-3394

To receive information about lead.

#### **Hotline (English / Spanish)**

1 (800) 424-5323

To consult with an education specialist about lead.

### **OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION (OSHA)**

U.S. Department of Labor

903 San Jacinto Boulevard, Suite 319  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 916-5783

Web page: <http://www.osha.gov>

Federal agency created in 1970 to reduce workplace hazards, implement safety and health programs, and provide information on health and safety in the workplace.

### **SIERRA CLUB (SC)**

State Conservation Office  
PO Box 1931  
Austin, TX 78767  
(512) 477-1729

Web page: <http://www.sierraclub.org>

Nonprofit organization that can provide information on air quality, water quality, and hazardous wastes.

### **SOUTH TEXAS ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND RESEARCH CENTER, LAREDO (STEER)**

Department of Family and Community Medicine  
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio  
7703 Floyd Curl Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78229-3900  
(210) 567-7407

Web page: <http://steer.uthscsa.edu>

Training materials and information for health care professionals on border environmental concerns; elective rotations for medical residents and medical, nursing, and public health students in South Texas on border environmental health issues.

### **STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD OF TEXAS (SPCB)**

1106 Clayton Ln., Suite 100 LW  
Austin, TX 78723-1066  
(512) 451-7200

Web page: <http://www.spcbtx.org>

Licensing and regulation of pest control operators; information and investigations regarding use of pesticides.



### **TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY (TAMU)**

Department of Veterinary Anatomy and Public Health  
College of Veterinary Medicine  
Suite 101 - VMA  
College Station, TX 77843-4461  
(979) 845-2828

Web page: <http://www.cvm.tamu.edu/vaph/>

Information and assistance on human health effects from hazardous chemicals.

### **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (TDA)**

Pesticide Programs

Stephen F. Austin Building, 9th floor

1700 North Congress Ave.

Austin, TX 78701

(512) 463-7497 (Pesticide Risk Assessment and Toxicology)

Web page: <http://www.agr.state.tx.us/pesticide>

Information and inspections regarding the outdoor use of pesticides.

### **TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (TDH)**

1100 W. 49th Street

Austin, TX 78756

Web page: <http://www.tdh.state.tx.us>

State public health agency

#### **Birth Defects Monitoring Division**

(512) 458-7232

Monitoring and information related to birth defects and investigations of potential environmental causes.

#### **Border Health Office**

(512) 458-7675

Information, monitoring, and investigation of environmental health issues related to the Texas-Mexico border.

#### **Environmental Health Bureau**

(512) 834-6640

Information and investigations related to asbestos, general sanitation, indoor air quality, industrial hygiene, lead, product safety, radiation hazards, and workplace health issues.

#### **Environmental Epidemiology and Toxicology Division**

(512) 458-7269

Information and investigations related to hazardous chemicals in communities, environmentally-related diseases, child lead poisoning, pesticides, and exposure to hazardous substances in the workplace.

#### **Seafood Safety Division**

(512) 719-0215

Information and assistance related to seafood safety.

### **TEXAS INSTITUTE OF OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH**

### **(TIOSH)**

The University of Texas Health Center at Tyler  
11937 U.S. Highway 271  
Tyler, TX 75708-3154  
(903) 877-3451

Web page: <http://research.uthct.edu/occmcd/TIOSH.htm>

Information and clinical assessment for occupational exposures, conditions, and injuries



### **TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (TCEQ)**

12100 Park 35 Circle  
Austin, TX 78753  
(512) 239-1000

Web page: <http://www.tceq.state.tx.us>

State agency created in 1993 to reduce pollution, protect air quality and water quality, and regulate hazardous chemicals in the environment (includes the former Texas Water Commission, the Texas Air Board, and other programs).

#### **Office of Public Assistance**

1 (800) 687-4040

Information about permitting, technical information, and environmental equity

#### **Public Drinking Water Section**

(512) 239-6020

Assessment and protection of public drinking water sources

#### **Public Interest Council**

(512) 239-6363

Independent advocates for public concerns regarding environmental issues

#### **Remediation Division**

(512) 239-4150

Investigation and cleanup of hazardous pollutants released into the environment

#### **Toxicology and Risk Assessment**

(512) 239-1782

Assessment of human health risks due to contact with hazardous substances in the environment

### **TEXAS POISON CENTER NETWORK (TPCN)**

1 (800) POISON-1, or 1 (800) 222-1222

Web pages:

Central Texas Poison Center: <http://www.poisoncontrol.org>

North Texas Poison Center: [http://www.swmed.edu/home\\_pages/parkland/poison.html](http://www.swmed.edu/home_pages/parkland/poison.html)

Southeast Texas Poison Center: <http://www.utmb.edu/setpc>

South Texas Poison Center: <http://www.uthscsa.edu/surgery/poisoncenter/>

24-hour emergency hotline providing treatment information and medical referrals for poisoning cases; the 1-800 number connects callers to one of six regional poison control centers in the state.

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SCIENCE CENTER AT HOUSTON (UTHSC-H)**

School of Public Health

1200 Herman Pressler

Houston, TX 77030

(713) 500-9000

Web page: <http://www.sph.uth.tmc.edu/>

Information about how chemicals in the environment affect public health.

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES (UTHS)**

7000 Fannin, Suite 1620

Houston, TX 77030

(713) 500-3267

Web page: <http://www.uth.tmc.edu/uths/>

Information and clinical assessment for occupational exposures, conditions, and injuries

### **THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS MEDICAL BRANCH AT GALVESTON (UTMB-G)**

Division of Environmental Toxicology

Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health

2.102 Ewing Hall

The University of Texas Medical Branch

Galveston, TX 77555-1110

(409) 772-9109

Web page: <http://www2.utmb.edu/pmch/geToxicology.htm>

Curriculum in genetics and environmental toxicology



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