

# REVIEW OF PROGRESS IMPLEMENTATION REPORT FOR NIOSH HEALTH HAZARD EVALUATION PROGRAM

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# HHE REPORT

Dr. Allison Tepper's update on implementing selected National Academy Recommendations:

## Five Focus Areas

- 1) Requestor Diversity
- 2) Emerging Hazards
- 3) HHE Recommendations
- 4) Dissemination
- 5) Policy

Additionally HHE program plays a vital role in the new Disaster Science Research Initiative

# OVERALL COMMITTEE IMPRESSIONS

- Measurable Achievements
- Plans and Strategy in Place
- Client Attentiveness
- Very Impressed

## THE FIVE RECOMMENDATIONS REVIEWED FOR PROGRESS AND IMPACT

- Recommendation #2: Improve the mechanism by which requests for HHE's are sought and prioritized to include a broader array of requests from a wider variety of requestors.
- Recommendation #3: Ensure that recommendations in HHE's are relevant, feasible, effective, and clearly explained.
- Recommendation #5: Develop a proactive, comprehensive information-transfer strategy for HHE Program outputs with better approaches to reaching wider audiences, including traditionally underserved populations.
- Recommendation #6: Develop more extensive formal linkages and mechanism with other parts of NIOSH, CDC, and HHS to enhance the capacity for involvement in policy-relevant impacts.
- Recommendation #7: Initiate formal periodic assessment of new and emerging hazards.

# FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Recognize the need to adapt and stay relevant
- Monitor and evaluate impact
- Recognize the need to maintain the unique role of the HHE Program as a public health resource

• THANK YOU