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Dear Dr. Cartter:

The Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR) would be pleased to work with the Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) on the "Development of Environmental Public Health Indicators" position statement. ATSDR participated in the development of these indicators with the National Center for Environmental Health, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The environmental public health indicators project will support the PEW Environmental Health Commission recommendation that a nationwide health tracking network be developed. In addition, the project will assist with developing environmental indicators that can be linked with the health tracking data to examine the relationship between exposure to toxic substances and disease.

We look forward to working with CSTE, CDC and others on this important project. Dr. Wendy E. Kaye, Chief, Epidemiology and Surveillance Branch, Division of Health Studies will be the ATSDR contact. She can be reached at 404/498-0102.

Sincerely yours,


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