



Environmental Health Response Team

- The team works under the direction of the EHRT coordinator, an employee of IDPH's Division of Environmental Health and works closely with other state agencies with similar responsibilities.
- The EHRT is comprised of 20 state and local environmental health practitioners such as registered sanitarians, certified environmental health technicians, certified food safety specialists, and engineers.
- EHRT members are issued a 'go bag' for immediate response, and utilize advanced technology such as GPS, GIS mapping, multi-gas meters, and statewide 800MHz radio communications equipment.

EHRT Capabilities

- The EHRT can respond to incidents statewide that have an environmental health impact.
- EHRT members work closely with local public health and environmental health agencies to identify immediate environmental hazards and methods of remediation.
- During a public health emergency, local environmental health agencies can be disrupted or overburdened. The team provides on-site technical assistance and inspection services.
- EHRT members provide a variety of environmental health monitoring services such as air and water quality, waste water systems, food safety, vector control, and general sanitation.

Volunteer Requirements

- Volunteers should be willing and able to deploy anywhere in the state for up to 72 hours.
- All EHRT team members are required to take the following basic trainings:
 - IS 100: Introduction to the Incident Command System
 - IS 200: ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents
 - IS 700: Introduction to National Incident Management System
- IDPH coordinates regular team meetings and provides training opportunities for team members.

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