

ATSDR Budget Overview

Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 President's Budget Request: \$86.02 million

ATSDR protects communities from harmful health effects related to exposure to natural and man-made hazardous substances by responding to environmental health emergencies; investigating emerging environmental health threats; conducting research on the health impacts of hazardous waste sites; and building capabilities of and providing actionable guidance to state and local health partners.

SPOTLIGHT ON IMPACT



ATSDR responded to **492** community, state, and federal requests in FY 2022. ATSDR is currently responding to the train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, including conducting an Assessment of Chemical Exposure investigation to assess the impact of the chemical release on individuals and the community. Last year, ATSDR also helped survey people affected by the fuel releases in the U.S. Navy's Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam drinking water system.



In FY 2022, ATSDR educated over **56,000** health professionals on ways to diagnose and treat conditions related to hazardous exposures.



ATSDR's Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) program developed the Choose Safe Places for Early Care and Education program to promote safe siting of early care and education facilities. In FY 2022, the program screened over **9,000** childcare locations for potential hazards and educated over **55,000** childcare stakeholders about ways to protect children and staff.



ATSDR is currently working to examine the impact of exposure to per- and polyfluoroalkyls (PFAS) in over **40** communities across the country. In FY 2022, ATSDR released a report analyzing information from ATSDR's exposure assessments in **10** communities. With over **2,300** participants, the exposure assessments generated information about risk factors for exposure to PFAS and led to recommendations to reduce exposure.

FY 2024 BUDGET REQUEST

In FY 2024, ATSDR will continue its partnership with communities to address their concerns, respond to emergencies, monitor and investigate hazardous exposures, and develop science-based tools and resources to build environmental health capacity. These efforts reduce the economic burdens commonly associated with environmental contamination, including the cost of medical treatment, lost productivity, decreased lifetime earnings for those affected, and even reduced property value and business liability.

FY 2024 KEY OBJECTIVES

Building Environmental Health Capacity

- **30** cooperative agreements build state capacity to prevent, detect, and respond to harmful exposures through the ATSDR Partnership to Promote Local Efforts to Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE)
- **10** Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Units (PEHSUs) advise parents and pediatric health providers on protecting children from harmful chemical exposures

Addressing Emerging Issues

- Respond to environmental health emergencies, like East Palestine, and natural disasters and weather events, such as hurricanes
- Multidisciplinary teams conduct assessments and support state, local, and federal partners
- Address concerns on emerging environmental contaminants by examining health effects, such as ATSDR's PFAS Multi-site Health Study, which is looking at health impacts of drinking water exposures to PFAS in 11 communities

Protecting and Educating Communities

Funds will help ATSDR to:

- Review environmental and health data and provide guidance, health education, and technical expertise to people living near hazardous waste sites, including those at higher risk such as older adults, children, and American Indians and Alaska Natives
- Bolster public health assessment work that provides actionable recommendations to protect health
- Continue providing education to health care providers on steps they can take to protect their patients

