



Environmental Health Response Team

- The team works under the direction of the EHRT coordinator, an employee of IDPH's Bureau of Environmental Health Services and works closely with other state agencies with similar responsibilities.
- The EHRT is comprised of 20 state and local environmental health practitioners.
- EHRT members are issued a 'go bag' for immediate response and can be mobilized on short notice to respond to a disaster anywhere in the state.

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 24 to 96 hours.
- The EHRT requires training related to its unique activities. Additional trainings may be required for specific EHRT positions.
- EHRT members are required to have taken 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
 - Hazmat Awareness or Basic Disaster Life Support
- IDPH coordinates regularly scheduled required team meetings.

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