



Environmental Protection Office

WHO WE ARE

The Environmental Protection Office (EPO) works to promote environmental quality and health. The EPO was established in 1987 by city council in response to growing concerns from the public and the scientific community about the impact of environmental contaminants on human health.

We work within Toronto Public Health and subscribe to the vision that Toronto will be the healthiest City possible, where all people enjoy the highest achievable level of health. Our work arises from locally-mandated initiatives by Toronto City Council, and from provincially-mandated programs through the Health Protection and Promotion Act. The office employs a multidisciplinary team with expertise in toxicology, epidemiology, health promotion, and environmental health policy.

EPO has been actively involved in addressing emerging environmental health issues such as:

- Smog and air quality
- Water quality
- Food safety
- Pesticides
- Waste management
- Children's health and the environment
- Energy conservation
- Toxic substances

WHAT WE DO

- Research, education, policy development, and advocacy.
- Monitor and respond to emerging environmental issues.
- Provide technical, policy, and educational support to staff within Toronto Public Health and the City of Toronto.
- Work collaboratively with other City departments, other levels of government, industry, non-governmental organisations and the community.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

EPO has many resources about Toronto's environmental health issues, which include

- Policy papers
- Board of Health reports
- Technical research
- Educational materials

Many of these resources are available on our Web site

Healthy people need healthy environments.

**Working together we will create a healthy environment for today's
and tomorrow's generations.**

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