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TO: Washington State Board of Health

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SUBJECT: BRIEFING: WASHINGTON TRACKING NETWORK

Background and Summary:

One of the Board's responsibilities is to monitor the health of the people in Washington State. The Board uses this information to help inform its strategies, policy positions and rulemaking.

The Washington Tracking Network (WTN) is a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention funded initiative, led and developed by the Department of Health. WTN gathers and analyzes data about environmental health hazards, exposure to hazards, and health outcomes based on exposure. These data help show how the environment and other factors may affect the public's health at the community level. The goal of WTN is to improve public and partner web access to public health and environmental data.

Today, I have invited Lauren Jenks, Director of the Office of Environmental Public Health Sciences, to share information about WTN and the type of community level data that is now publicly available through the Department of Health's website.

Recommended Board Action: None