

Washington Tracking Network

Improving Access to Health and Environmental Data

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Washington Tracking Network (WTN) Goal

Improve web access to environmental and public health data and information, for state and local decision-making and action.

Objectives

Improve public access to agency data

- Make it easier for the public to get information about their community.

Support *Health in All Policies* Approach

- Provide health and environmental data and information in a way that makes it easy for community planners, LHJs, grant writers, state and local governments to consider health impacts of community policy ideas.

John Snow ~ England, 1853



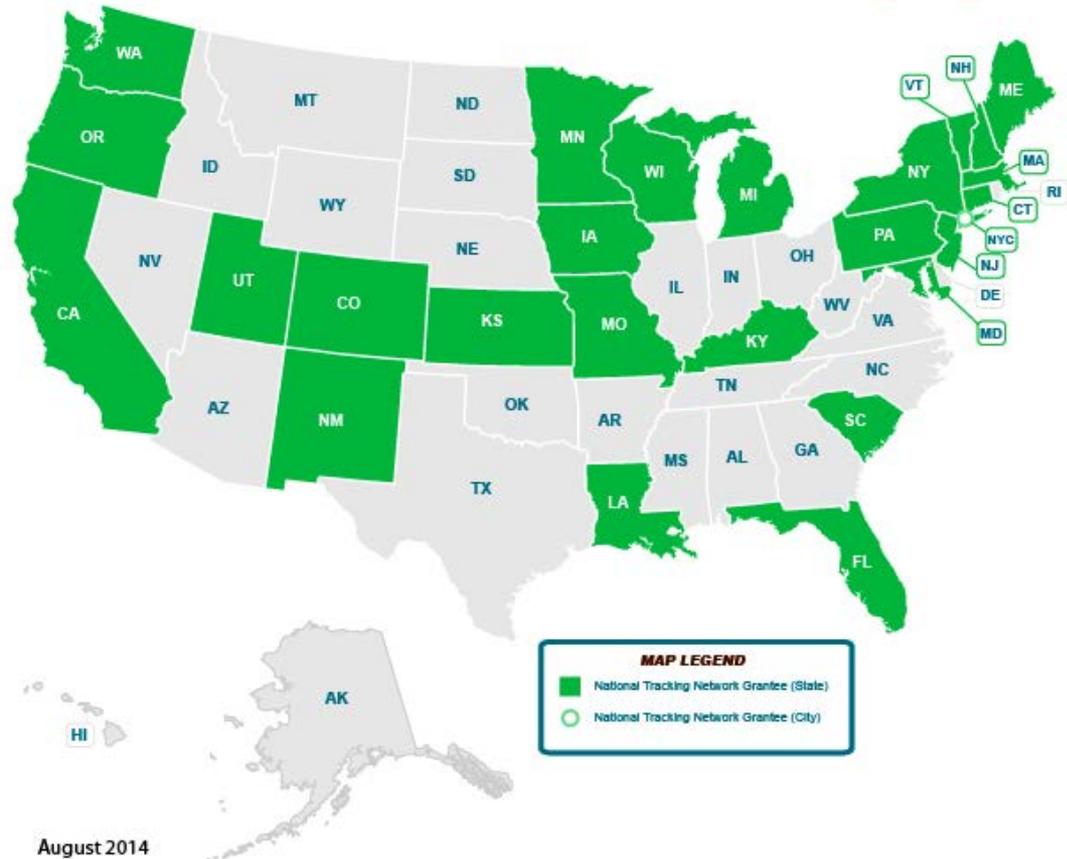
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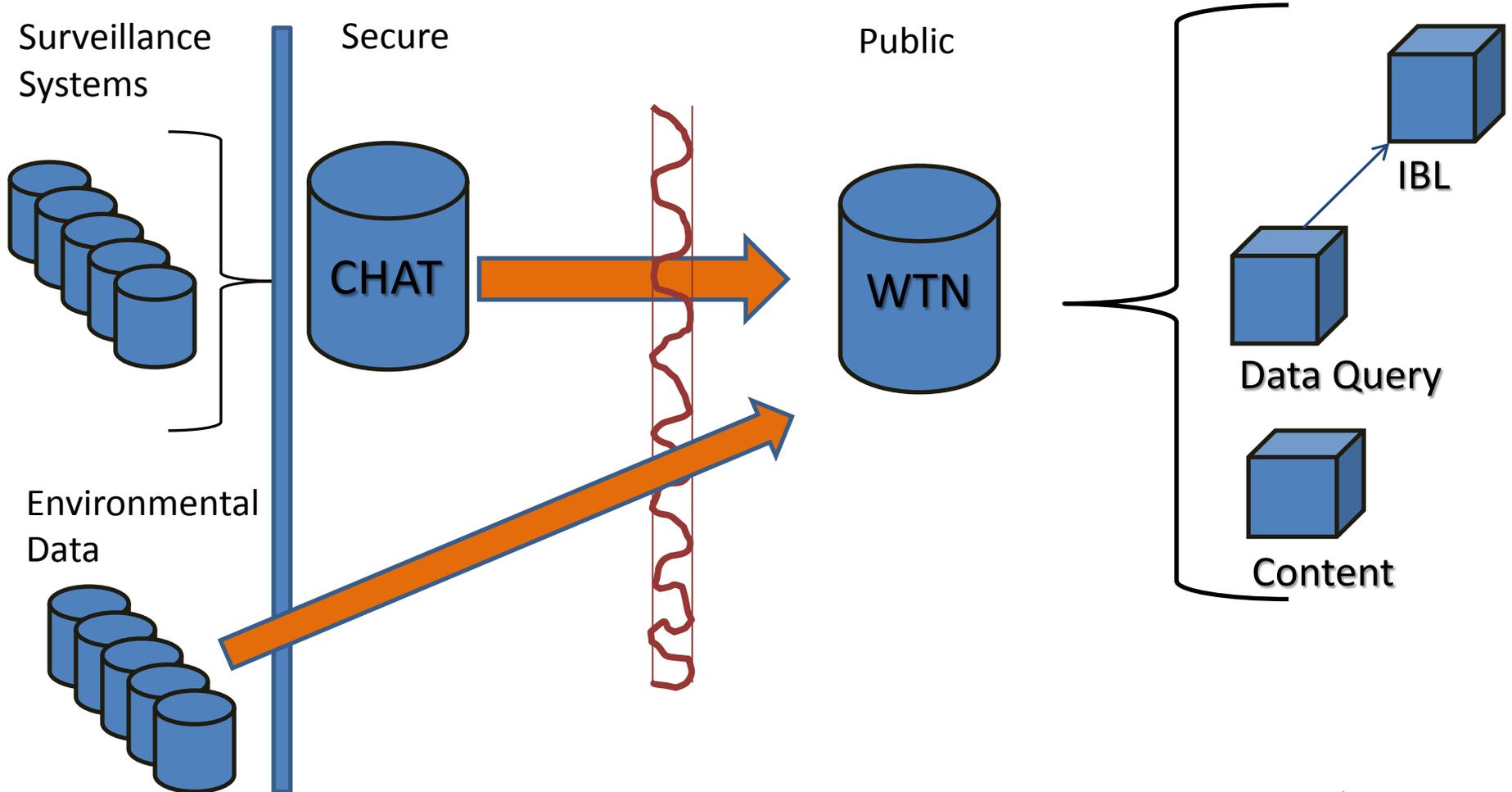
National Tracking Network

CDC's National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program

- CDC Funded since 2002
- Currently 25 states and 1 city (NY)



Data System



System Requirements

- Technical accuracy and interpretation
- Data confidentiality (DOH suppression of counts <10 & >0)
- Display data at the neighborhood level
- Incorporate non-tabular data/information
- Effective communication (context, strengths, and limitations)
- Integrate data to tell a story (provide information)

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Next Steps

- Continued work on indicators to highlight information-by-location maps
 - ✓ Climate Change
 - ✓ Healthy Communities/Built Environment
- Increase data available through query tool
- Evaluation of WTN focused on utility as tool to disseminate agency data
- RFP for IT contract to continue development and address issues identified by evaluation