

The Eight Steps of the Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE-EH) Process, 1998

Step 1

Internal Agency Assessment
Complete an Agency's Capacity Assessment

Step 2

Define and Characterize the "Community"
Identify special populations and service needs

Step 3

Assemble an Assessment Team
Convene members of the community experts, regulators, etc.

Step 4

Define the Objectives of the Assessment
Discuss the scope, expected outcomes and decisions likely to be made

Step 5

Identify Issues of Concern
The Environmental health issues should come from a community perspective
Identify locations, distribution, magnitude and impact of environmental health problems

Step 5a

Identify Appropriate Indicators
Integrate community values while selecting locally appropriate indicators

Step 6

Collect, Maintain, and Evaluate the Quality of the Data
Identify sources and collect appropriate data

Step 7

Rank and Prioritize the Identified Issues
Environmental health profiles will be presented, discussed, ranked and prioritized
Judgements will be made about the relative importance of each issue against all other environmental health issues facing the community

Step 8

Develop an Action Plan
The outcome of the ranking and prioritizing will assist in designing strategies to address the environmental health issues of greatest concern to the community