

Description of *Environmental Health*: A *Public Health Reports* Column

Background

Public Health Reports (PHR) is the official journal for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Surgeon General. *PHR* is the oldest journal of public health in the U.S., publishing since 1878. It is distributed and read widely in the public health community. *PHR* publishes research and practice articles, as well as viewpoint essays and commentaries. Beginning in 2010, *PHR* began selecting and focusing on a peer-reviewed article of environmental health interest by featuring it in the *Environmental Health* column of the journal.

Environmental Health

According to the Association of Schools of Public Health, one of the five core disciplines of public health is environmental health science. With that in mind, the goal of the *Environmental Health* column is to select an environmental health science-oriented manuscript and to highlight key concepts. The column will also emphasize the role that the environment plays in public health. Ideal articles for this column would have some research orientation. Ultimately, the column's goal is to showcase the wide range of environmental health-related issues encountered in everyday life.

Researchers, practitioners, and health professionals are encouraged to submit manuscripts describing environmental health-focused studies or projects including, but not limited to, clinical or basic research findings.

Specific Requirements

Manuscripts should be no more than 3,000 words in length. Research articles should be structured following the guidelines for research articles in the *Writing for Public Health Reports* page of the journal. Practice-oriented articles should contain:

- A one-paragraph summary **abstract**,
- An **introduction** that outlines the environmental health issue and introduces the practice or research methodology,
- An **initiative summary** that concisely explains what was done,
- A presentation of **outcomes and evaluation**, and
- A **discussion** of lessons learned and next steps.

Submission Process

Manuscripts should be submitted as one inclusive attachment to *Public Health Reports*, Attn: *Environmental Health*, at manuscripts@publichealthreports.org. Notification of receipt will be sent via e-mail. Please specify *Environmental Health* in the submission. The manuscript will undergo an external peer-review process if approved by the editorial board of *Public Health Reports*.

Prospective authors should feel free to contact Dr. Adam Spanier, column editor for *Environmental Health*, to ask if a particular topic would be encouraged for submission. Dr. Spanier can be reached by e-mail at aspanier@hmc.psu.edu.