

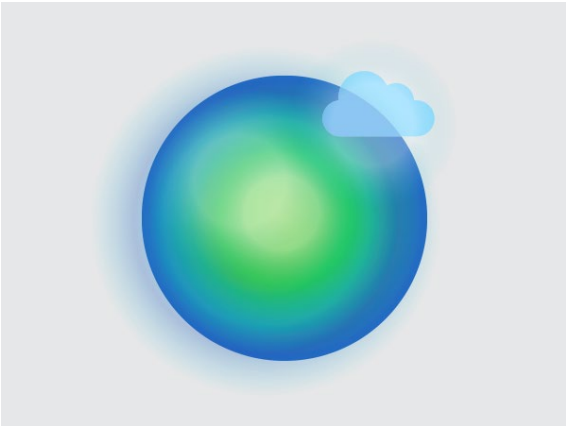
HEI Highlights: Recent Progress and Future Directions

HEI 2024 Annual Conference

April 29, 2024

HEI

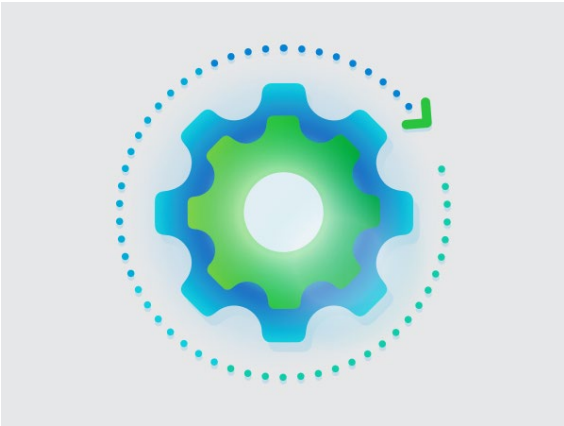
CONTENTS



Our mission & vision



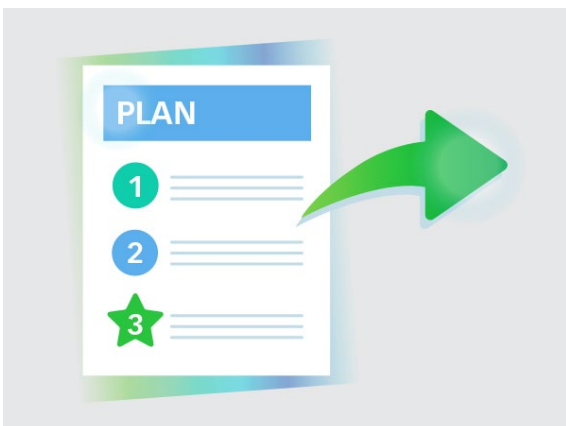
Our programs



Our process



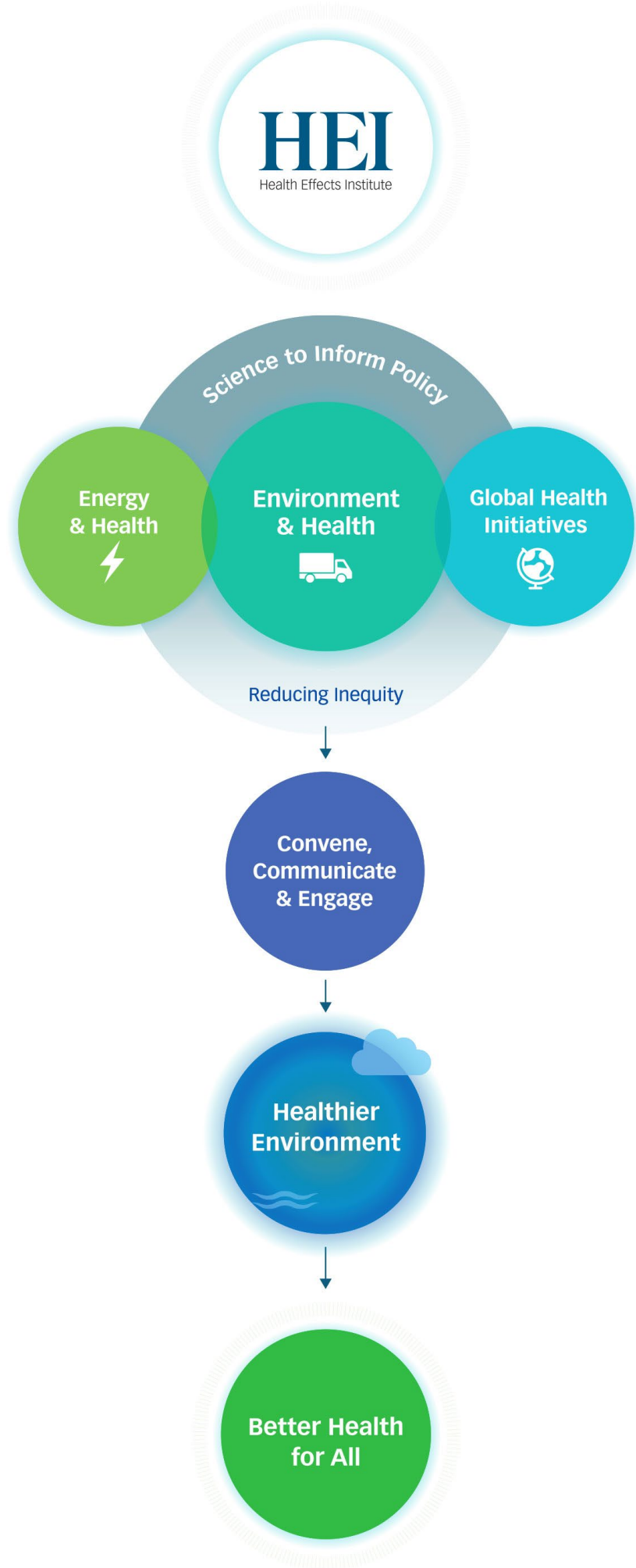
Our progress



2025-2030 Plan

OUR MISSION & VISION

HEI provides impartial science to inform decisions that foster a healthier environment and better health for all.



HOW WE ACHIEVE OUR MISSION

Fund and support policy -relevant scientific research.

Convene independent experts to select, oversee, and review scientific research.

Bring together government, industry, nongovernmental organizations, academia, and communities to help to guide research priorities.

Synthesize, interpret, and communicate scientific evidence to audiences in the United States and around the world.

Engage with HEI audiences to facilitate use of its science in decision making.

ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

For 40 years, this program has provided independent, impartial science on exposures and health effects of air pollution to inform government, community, and industry decisions.

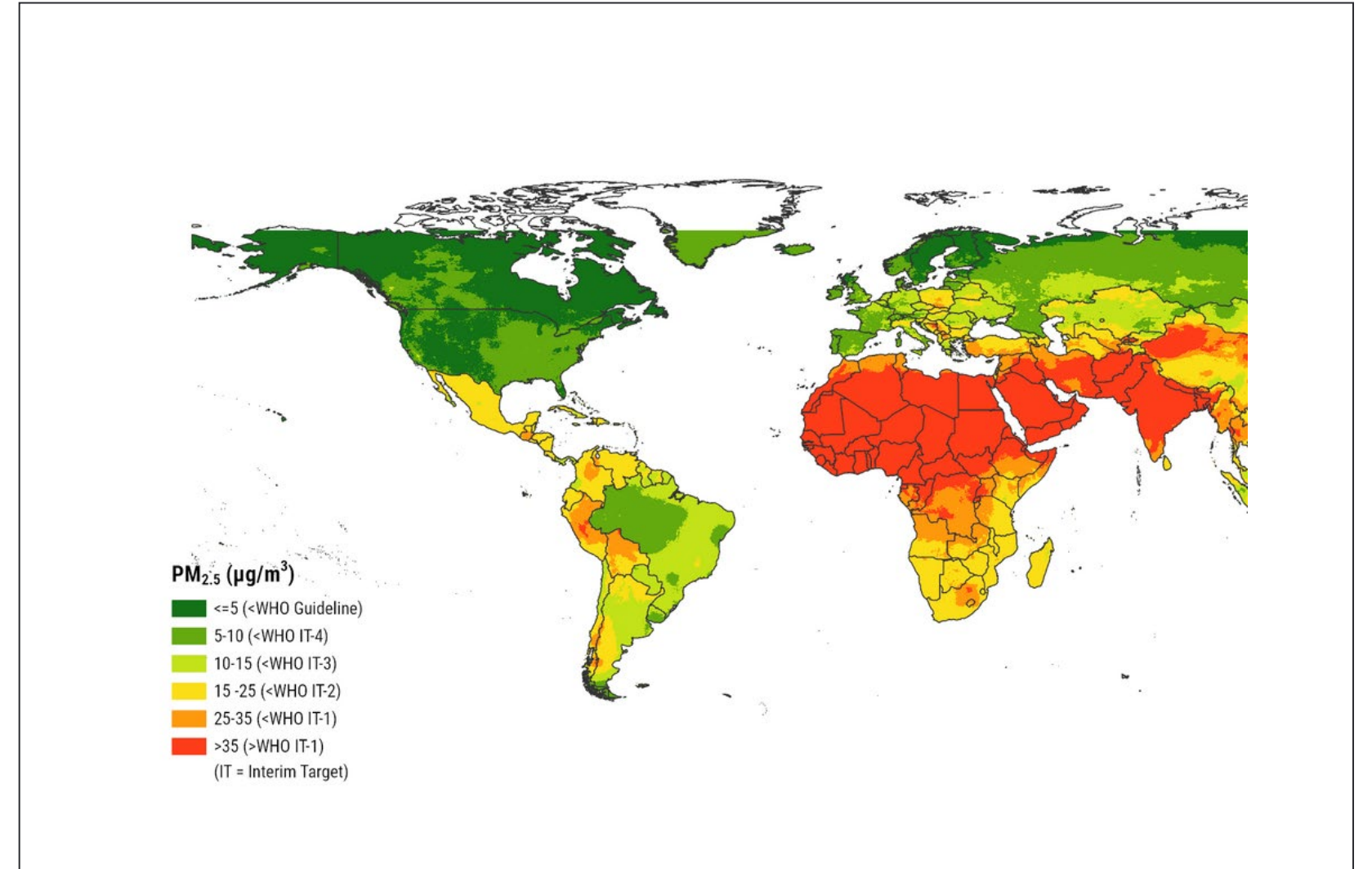
Funded jointly by US EPA and motor vehicle industry.



GLOBAL HEALTH INITIATIVES

The program provides science to improve understanding of health effects of air pollution, build local evidence, and strengthen scientific capacity and public awareness. The program works both globally and in geographical areas of interest.

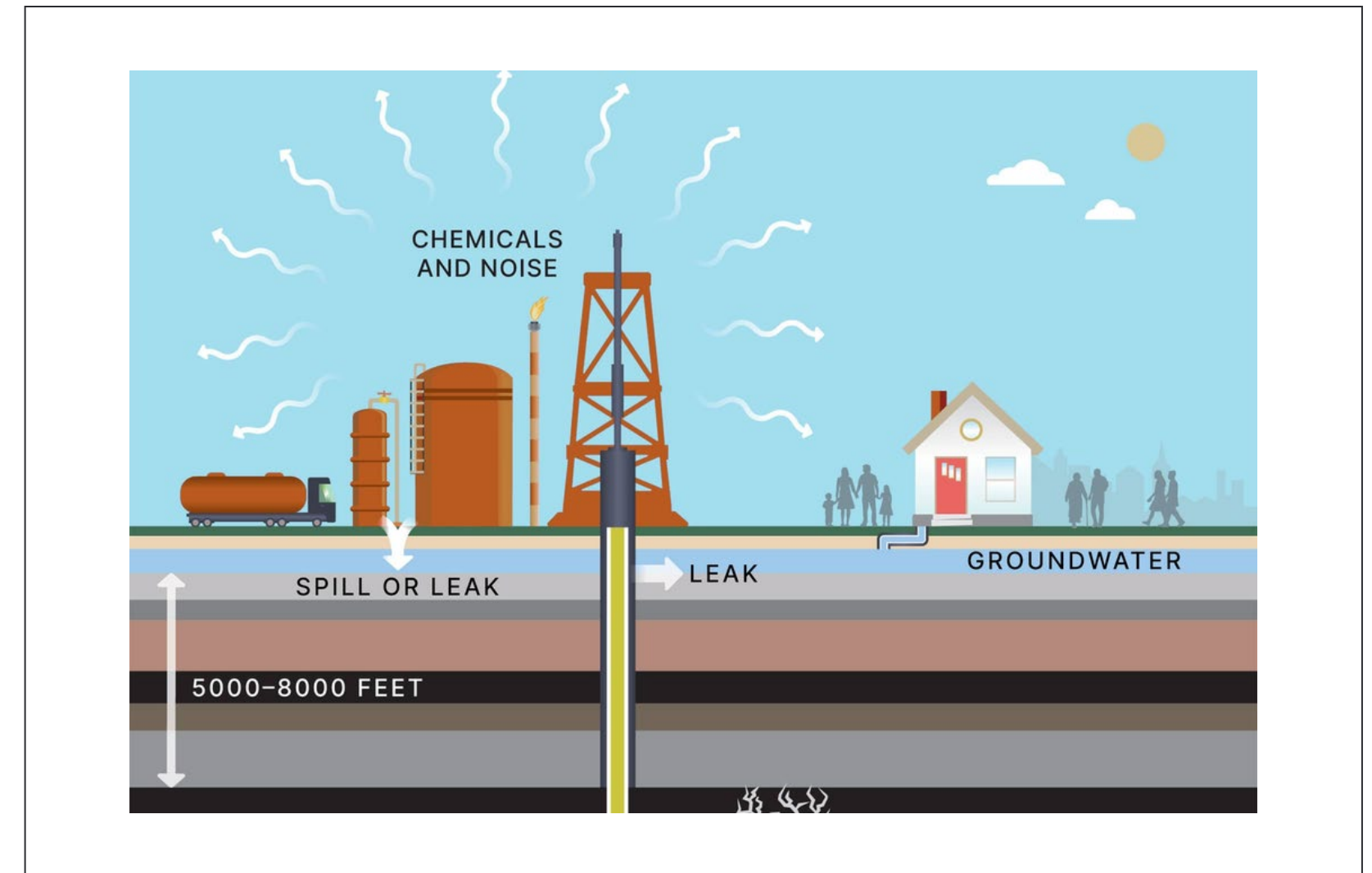
Funded by philanthropies and development agencies.



ENERGY & HEALTH

This program aims to support health-protective decisions by defining community exposures, health effects, and cumulative impacts of energy development, with an initial focus on oil and gas development.

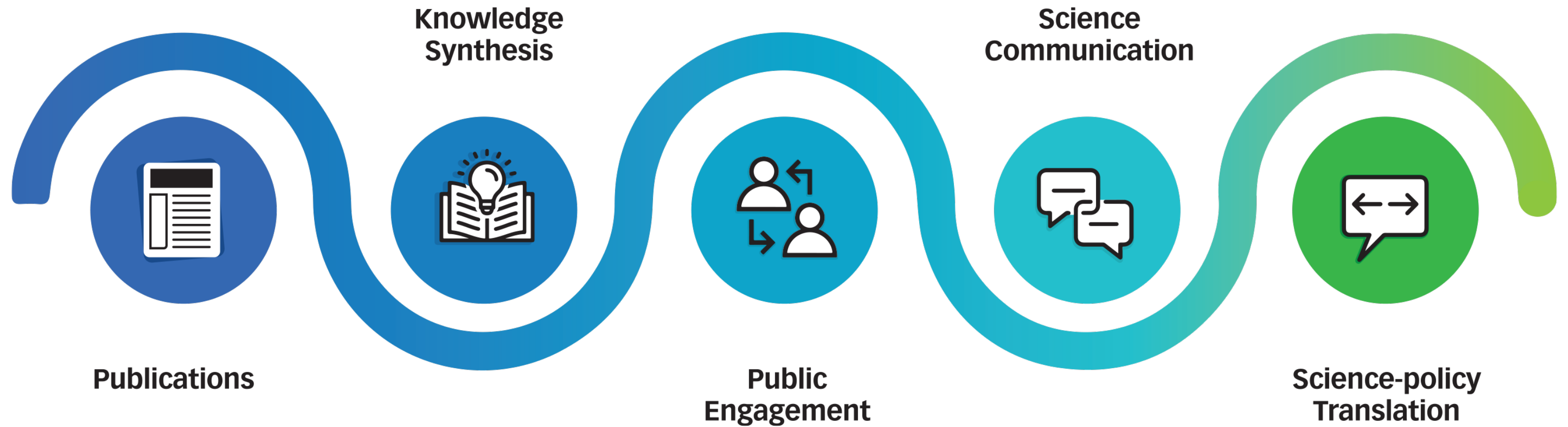
Funded jointly by US EPA and oil and natural gas industry.



HOW HEI PROVIDES IMPARTIAL SCIENCE



HOW HEI FACILITATES USE OF ITS SCIENCE IN DECISION-MAKING



Our Progress

2020-2025

HEI

STRATEGIC PLAN 2020-2025 : KEY THEMES



Accountability
Testing the links between
air quality actions and
health



Complex Questions
for the Air Pollution
Mixture



Transport and Urban
Health



Global Health

Cross Cutting Themes: Sensitive Populations, Transparency, Data Access, Systematic Synthesis, Statistical Methods, and More

ACCOUNTABILITY: UPCOMING REPORTS



Compares student health and performance in school districts with and without a program to replace or retrofit diesel school buses.

Quantifies the monetized societal health benefits associated with emission reductions from major source sectors — transportation and energy generation — in Canada and the United States.



Evaluates effects on birth outcomes given policies in Texas to curb transportation emissions.

ACCOUNTABILITY: IN PROGRESS



Assessing mortality trends in two national Chinese cohorts from 2008 -2019 given policies to reduce emissions – *currently in review*

Investigating changes in health effects and air pollution associated with Chinese policy to ban coal heaters – *entering review 2024*



Comparing effects of policies targeting mobile vehicles and electricity generating units to improve air quality and estimating their health benefits in U.S. cities – *entering review 2024*

Developing U.S. national, fine-scale, and daily PM_{2.5} source impact exposure estimates and their uncertainties

COMPLEX QUESTIONS ON AIR POLLUTION MIXTURES

Major studies in this category are investigating the following:

- Strategies for enhanced exposure assessment and quantifying the influence of exposure measurement error. *All five studies are currently in review.*
- Influence of biomass burning – wildland fires and prescribed burns – on various health effects.



COVID-19, AIR POLLUTION, AND HEALTH



Zorana Andersen (University of Copenhagen)

Long-Term Exposure to AIR Pollution and COVID-19 Mortality and Morbidity in DENmark: Who Is Most Susceptible?

Evaluated whether there is an association between exposure to outdoor air pollution and the risk of COVID-19 incidence, hospitalization, and mortality in a cohort of 3.7 million Danish adults.

Found elevated risks of all three COVID-19 outcomes associated with exposures to fine and coarse particulate matter, black carbon, and nitrogen dioxide.

Four other studies investigating the association between air pollution and COVID-19 outcomes are currently in review.



November 2023

<https://www.healtheffects.org/publication/long-term-exposure-air-pollution-and-covid-19-mortality-and-morbidity-denmark-who-most>

HEI

TRANSPORTATION AND HEALTH



Joshua Apte (University of California Berkeley)

Scalable Multipollutant Exposure Assessment Using Routine Mobile Monitoring Platforms

Evaluated the use of mobile monitoring for several air pollution mapping and exposure assessment applications.

Evaluated and compared such data and approaches in Oakland, California, and Bangalore, India.

Produced relatively reproducible maps of traffic-related air pollution with data from relatively few repeated drive passes in both locations.

Three studies assessing adverse health effects from exposure to TRAP and investigating the effects from spatially correlated confounding or modifying factors are currently in review

 January 2024

RESEARCH ON NON-TAILPIPE EMISSIONS



<https://pixabay.com/photos/car-speed-road-traffic-subaru-8034787/>

One study is investigating short -term respiratory health effects in non -smoking adults with mild to moderate asthma during and after sequential exercise exposures to three contrasting air quality environments in London, United Kingdom.

Another is providing real -world field measurements to estimate and understand population exposure to non -tailpipe versus tailpipe particulate matter.

NEW RESEARCH: HEALTH EFFECTS OF TRAP

- Link several models to create a framework for full -chain assessment of transportation systems and impacts of TRAP on population health in the San Francisco Bay Area.
- Examine associations of TRAP between a panel of standard lipid risk factors and novel apolipoprotein and lipoprotein subfractions and incident cardiovascular disease events and explore potential mediating pathways of risk.
- Assess impacts of future urban transportation landscapes on cardiometabolic health through novel exposure estimation using an agent -based modeling approach together with numerical air quality modeling.
- Develop models relevant for characterizing exposures from vehicle (tailpipe and non -tailpipe), rail, and aircraft sources and relate those exposures to birth outcome data in the Los Angeles area.

HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE IMPACT ANALYSIS: WHY

Substantial improvements can be achieved with new technology for heavy-duty diesel engines (HEI *ACES* study*).

Almost half of the current fleet of trucks and buses are older vehicles that do not meet the newest standards.

Older, more polluting vehicles are often found in urban areas and historically marginalized communities.

An opportunity exists to identify the exposure and health benefits that could be achieved by replacing older diesel vehicles with new cleaner technologies.



<https://pixabay.com/photos/truck-transport-america-vehicle-3492143/>

*Advanced Collaborative Emissions Study (ACES), <https://www.healtheffects.org/publication/advanced-collaborative-emissions-study-aces-lifetime-cancer-and-non-cancer-assessment>

HEAVY-DUTY VEHICLE IMPACT ANALYSIS: WHAT

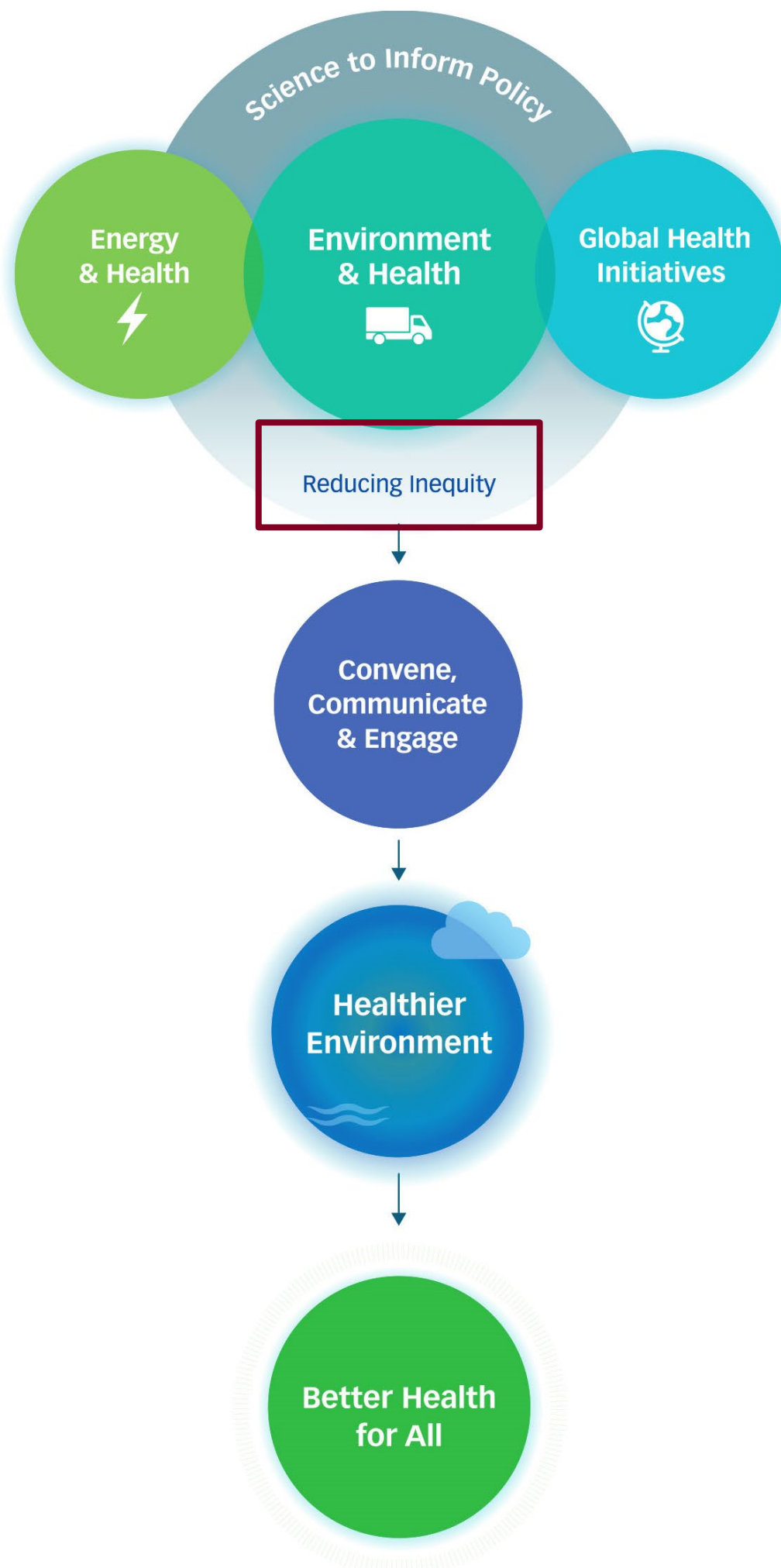
What are the potential emissions, air quality, human exposure, or health benefits that could be achieved by replacing older medium - and heavy -duty diesel vehicles in the United States with cleaner vehicle technologies?

Focus on potential near -term impacts of removing older vehicles and replacing them with cleaner diesel vehicles and emerging technologies.

Aims:

- Identify an urban hotspot in the United States that might benefit from fleet turnover.
- Quantify potential benefits of accelerating medium - and heavy -duty diesel vehicle fleet turnover in the selected hotspot.
- Identify challenges or barriers to replacement of the older vehicles through active engagement with owners and operators of medium - and heavy -duty vehicles and other audiences.

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PROGRAM



Facilitate, support, and fund scientific research, special projects, and research translation that advance environmental justice for historically marginalized communities in the United States.

- Incorporating equity and meaningful engagement throughout HEI's existing programs.
- Creating new funding mechanisms to support research focused on the needs of communities disproportionately affected by environmental pollution.
- Convening multisectoral groups to identify solutions.
- Developing tools and research translation mechanisms for decision making.



GOVERNANCE

Advisory Council

- Provides strategic advice.
- Ensures that the program achieves its mission.
- Advises HEI on integrating environmental justice considerations into its other programs.



Maria Harris, PhD
Environmental Epidemiologist,
Environmental Defense Fund



Mychal Johnson
Founding Member,
South Bronx Unite



Yukyan Lam, JD, PhD
Research Director
Tishman Center, New School



Jayajit Chakraborty, PhD
Professor,
University of Texas at El Paso



Noelle Eckley Selin, PhD
Professor,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Christina Fuller, ScD (*Chair*)
Associate Professor,
University of Georgia



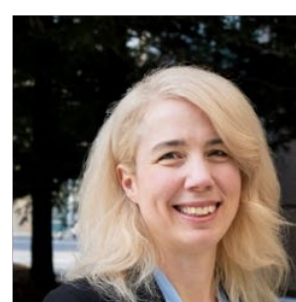
Melissa Gonzales, PhD
Chair and Professor,
Tulane University



Lesliam Quiros-Alcala, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of
Public Health



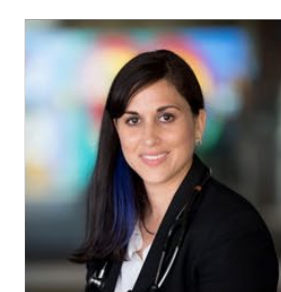
Beto Lugo Martinez
Environmental Justice
Organizer
Rise4EJ



Elizabeth Scheele
Research Division Chief,
California Air Resources Board



Madeleine Scammell, DSc
Associate Professor,
Boston University



Neeta Thakur, MD
Associate Professor,
University of California, San Francisco



Linda Valeri, PhD
Assistant Professor,
Columbia University



Sherri White-Williamson, JD
Executive Director,
Environmental Justice Community
Action Network

Oversight Panel

- Defines research needs in Requests for Applications.
- Selects and oversees funded studies.
- Provides oversight and feedback while studies are ongoing.

REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS : 23 - 2

Assessing Changes in Exposures and Health Outcomes in Historically Marginalized and Environmentally Overburdened Communities from Air Quality Actions, Programs, or Other Interventions

Objective

- Evaluate actions, programs, or other interventions in the United States at the national, regional, tribal, state, or local level that have affected or have the potential to affect air quality, exposure, or health outcomes in historically marginalized communities.
- Modeled after HEI's long history of funding accountability research to assess the effects of air quality actions on health outcomes.



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS : 24 - 1

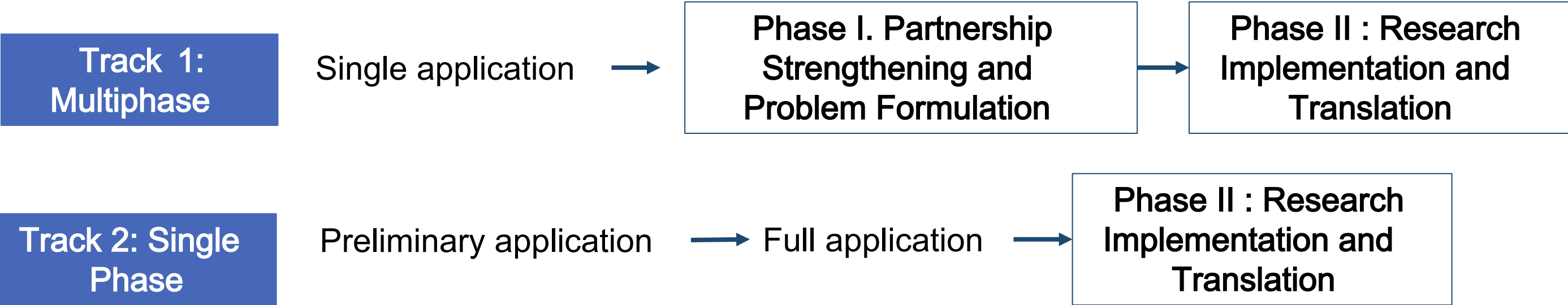
Cumulative Impact Assessment For Decision-Making: A Community-Academic Partnership Approach

Objective

- 1. Strengthen community -academic partnerships, develop tools, and conduct dissemination activities designed to improve health and uptake of the research for decision -making.
- 2. Conduct cumulative impact assessments where results would be incorporated into a specific decision context.

Format

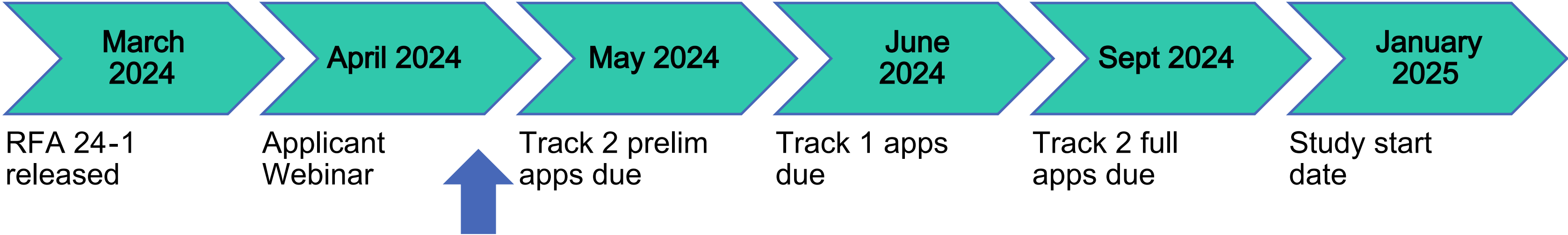
Co-PIs:
1) Research Institution
2) Community -Based Organization



REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS : 24 - 1

Cumulative Impact Assessment For Decision-Making: A Community-Academic Partnership Approach

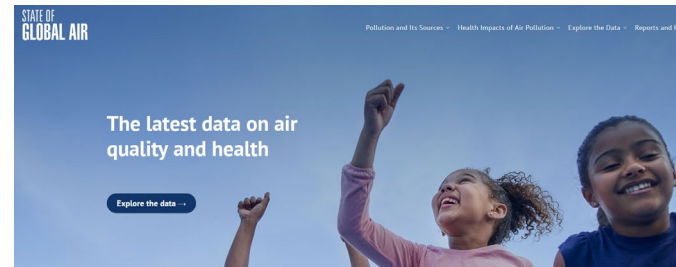
Timeline



STATE OF GLOBAL AIR

Track and communicate long-term trends in air quality levels and health impacts for cities and countries around the world.

Updated website



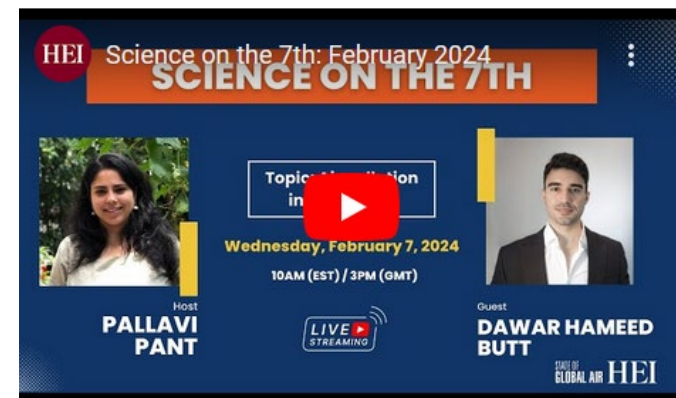
Resources in multiple languages



NEW: Video on air pollution and children's health



Livestream series



STATE OF GLOBAL AIR /2024

UPCOMING: State of Global Air 2024, in partnership with IHME and UNICEF

STATE OF GLOBAL AIR HEI

WORK IN SOUTH ASIA



Collaborative on Air Pollution and Health Effects Research

(CAPHER) Network - work continues, including a national consultation on the revisions to the Indian National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

NEW: Additional funding to expand the network to other South Asian countries.



Santu Ghosh (St John's Research Institute, India) is developing India-specific exposure-response models to examine the association between long-term PM_{2.5} exposure and coronary artery disease in three Indian cohorts.

Archana Patel (Lata Medical Research Foundation, India) is examining the association between exposure to air pollution and maternal and neonatal health outcomes.

NEW: Work underway with an expert panel to assess changes in air quality in Indian cities since the launch of the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP).



WORK IN EAST AFRICA



Mapping evidence on air pollution and health

Spatial bibliography on available literature on air quality and health in East African countries

Scoping review on health effects of air pollution; panel of 6 experts from Africa



Engagement and outreach

Webinar series – September 2023 - January 2024

CLEAN-Air Partnership

WATER-RELATED COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT: UPCOMING REPORTS

Using Geoscientific Analysis and Community Engagement to Analyze Exposures to Potential Groundwater Contamination

Principal Investigator: Jennifer Baka, Penn State

Assessing the Effects of Unconventional Oil and Gas Development on Community Water Sources

Principal Investigator: Joseph Ryan, Univ of Colorado

30



COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO AIR EMISSIONS AND NOISE FROM OIL & GAS DEVELOPMENT: IN PROGRESS

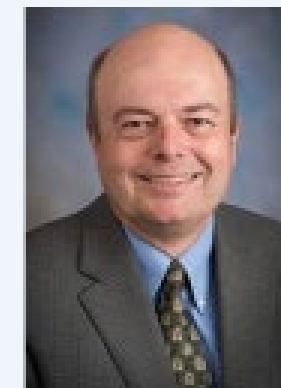
Air quality and noise monitoring over the life cycle of a well to understand potential exposures at different distances from UOGD sites and to evaluate the TRACER model.

A new TRACER model to predict chemical emissions from specific UOGD processes and their effects on local and regional air quality.

- Can be adapted for use anywhere in the U.S. to track changes in UOGD emissions and exposure over time.
- Leverages oil and gas industry-funded Appalachian Methane Initiative (AMI).

Air Quality and Noise

Tracking Community Exposures and Releases (TRACER) Collaboration



Jeffrey Collett
Colorado State



Lea Hildebrandt Ruiz
Univ of TX-Austin



Meredith Franklin
Univ of Toronto

Study Duration: 2022-2024

COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO AIR EMISSIONS & SPILLS

4 new studies beginning in Spring 2024 under October 2023 Requests for Qualifications

[RFQ E23-1](#) Assess trends in air quality and community exposures associated with unconventional oil and gas development.

[RFQ E23-2](#) Conduct regional groundwater quality modeling to help understand how spills associated with unconventional oil and gas development might affect groundwater used as a source of drinking water in the Marcellus region.

DESIGNING A CUMULATIVE IMPACT ASSESSMENT FOR AN OIL & GAS COMMUNITY

HEI
energy



An Introduction to Cumulative Impact Assessment **WHY AND WHERE TO BEGIN?**

The goal of this webinar series is to gain a broad understanding of cumulative impact assessment, and to present the state-of-science, approaches used, and the challenges and opportunities of designing and conducting cumulative impact assessments.

FEBRUARY 16 | 11 AM (EST)

Upcoming Events

- Next Webinar: May 17, 2024
- Workshop to discuss the design: Winter 2024 -2025

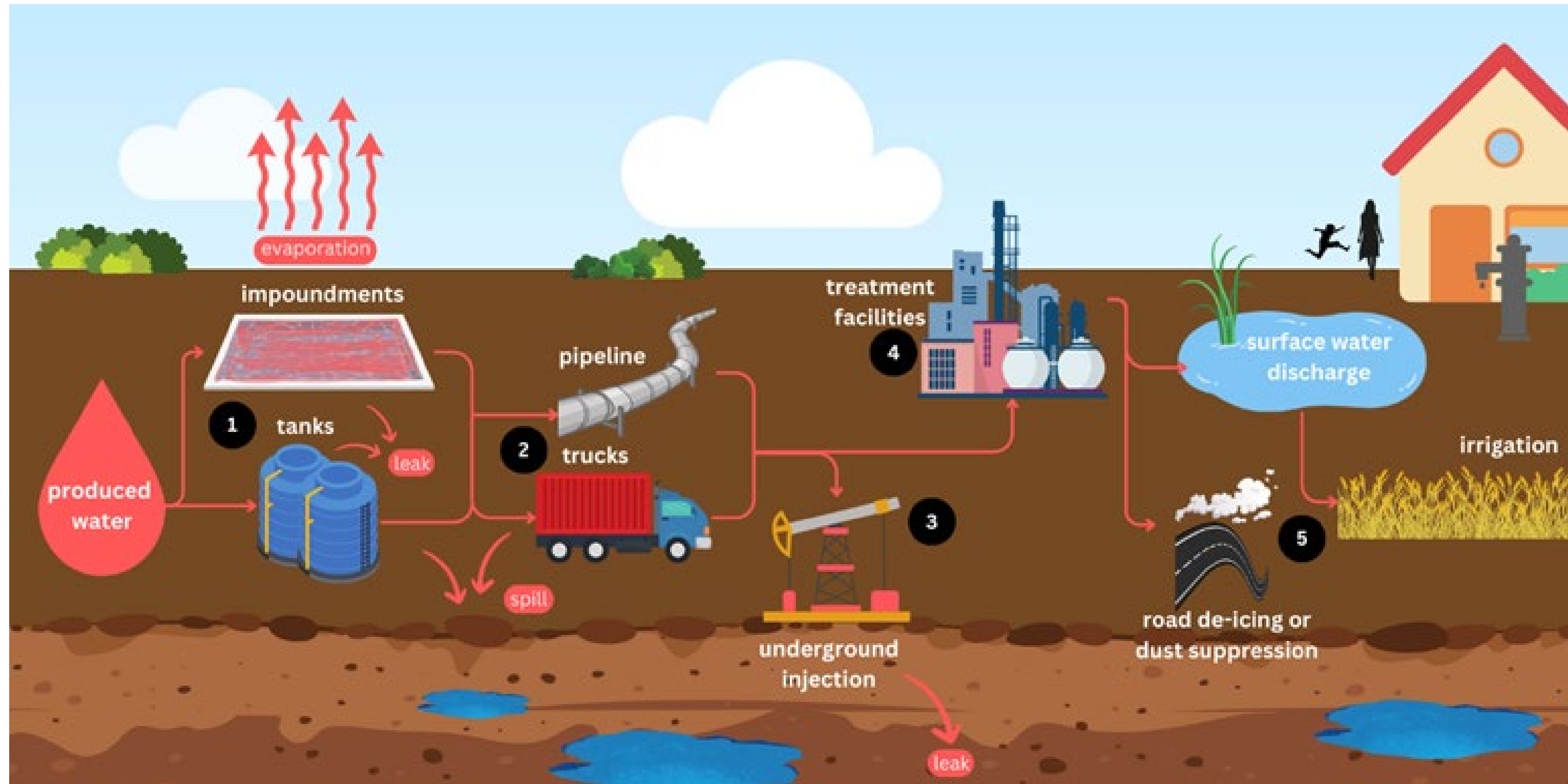
LEARN MORE



HEI
energy

RESEARCH PLANNING WORKSHOP ON COMMUNITY EXPOSURE TO OIL & GAS PRODUCED WATER

Summer 2024, Golden, Colorado



OUTREACH FOR RESEARCH



**In-person & virtual
community open
houses**



**Jeffrey Collett presents his research
at the Colorado Oil and Gas
Conservation Commission weekly**

**Briefings with
government, industry,
and communities**



**Regular plain English
updates on progress**



**Video summaries of
Energy posters at HEI
Annual Conferences**

GENERAL OUTREACH



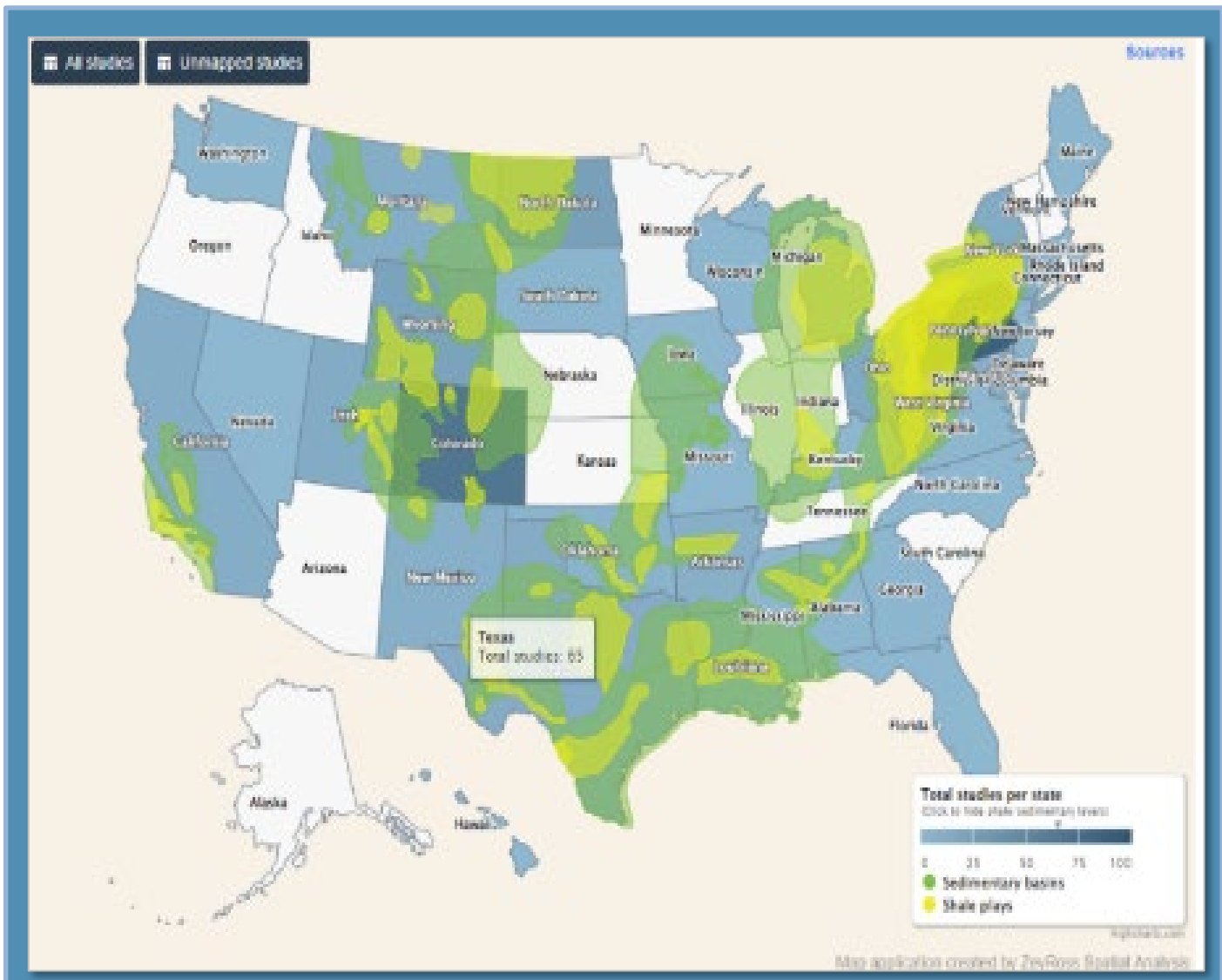
Human Exposure Research in a Cyclical Industry: Abandoned and Orphaned Oil and Natural Gas Wells

November 30, 2021
11:50 AM to 1:00 PM ET

Welcome! The webinar will begin shortly.

- This webinar is the fourth in a series entitled "Energy Production and Human Health: Surveying Current Knowledge about Deposition from Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas Development."
- Please visit our website for updates about the future series and to learn more about HEI-Energy: <http://hei-energy.org>

"Energy & Health" Webinar Series



Environ. Res. Lett. **18** (2023) 074012 <https://doi.org/10.1088/1748-9326/acdae7>

ENVIRONMENTAL RESEARCH LETTERS

LETTER

Environmental risks and opportunities of orphaned oil and gas wells in the United States

Mary Kang^{1,*} , Jade Boutot¹ , Renee C McVay², Katherine A Roberts², Scott Jasechko³ , Debra Perrone⁴ , Tao Wen⁵ , Greg Lackey⁶ , Daniel Raimi⁷ , Dominic C Digiulio⁸, Seth B C Shonkoff^{9,10,11} , J William Carey¹², Elise G Elliott¹³ , Donna J Vorhees¹³  and Adam S Peltz²

Research Briefs, Reports, and Publications

Draft Strategic Plan

2025-2030

HEI

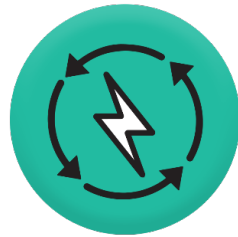
STRATEGIC PLANNING: PROCESS AND TIMELINE



THE CONTEXT



Greater urgency to mitigate and adapt to the effects of **climate change** .



An **energy transition** toward low-carbon technologies and systems.



Global push for the adoption of **new transportation technology** .



Renewed effort to address the **environmental inequities** suffered by historically marginalized communities.

And a desire from HEI sponsors to broaden our scope and diversify our funder base.

Transportation and Health

Environment
& Health



Accountability

Assessment of the effectiveness of specific policies to reduce traffic-related air pollution and improve public health and other policies, such as those to mitigate climate change, that could also affect air pollution exposures.

Non-Tailpipe Emissions

Evaluation of exposure to and health effects of emissions from brake and tire wear and resuspended dust, and identification of better markers of non-tailpipe emissions.

The Vehicle Fleet

Investigation of the effects on air quality, exposure, and health of the turnover of the legacy fleet to cleaner vehicle technologies given the changing emissions of NO₂, black carbon, ultrafine particles, and other pollutants.

Transportation Hubs

Assessment of air pollution exposure and health effects in areas near transportation facilities – ports, railyards, airports, and goods distribution centers – with attention to the role of environmental, social, and behavioral factors. This topic includes evaluation of changes in air pollutant emissions related to implementing new technologies for goods movement.

Alternative Fuels

Assessment of the effects on air quality and health of alternative fuels for motor vehicles, including a comparison of all alternative fuels. This topic would be addressed in conjunction with the Energy and Health Program that would investigate the corresponding effects for alternative fuel production.

HEI

Air Quality, Climate, and Health



The Changing Climate

Evaluation of the health effects associated with the changes in air pollution exposures related to a changing climate. This topic includes the investigation of the role of air pollution in heat-related mortality and morbidity.

Wildland Fires

Evaluation of the health effects of short- and long-term exposures to ambient smoke, including from unintended forest fires, prescribed burning, and agricultural burning. Topic includes the investigation of long-term health effects from repeated vs low-level chronic exposures.

Ozone

Assessment of the health effects of short- and long-term exposure to ground-level ozone and its interactions with other pollutants in relation to cause-specific mortality and morbidity.

Sand & Dust Storms

Investigation of health effects from short- and long-term exposures to sand and dust storms, including effects of long-range transport to neighboring regions.

Accountability

Assessment of the effectiveness of adaptation and mitigation measures, air quality indices, high-heat communications, and early warning systems to reduce exposures to air pollutants and prevent acute health outcomes.

Multipollutant Mixtures

Environment
& Health



Multipollutant Models

Development of modeling approaches to improve estimates of risks and impacts from multipollutant mixtures.

Exposure Estimation

Improvement of air pollutant exposure estimation using novel models that can be applied in epidemiological studies and risk assessment.

Particulate Matter

Assessment of the changing nature of PM, the increasing role of ammonia sources, and emerging sources of PM (e.g., wildland fires, microplastics, and increased biologicals due to climate change).

Cumulative Impacts

Identification of key factors that contribute most to cumulative impacts to focus assessments while maintaining credibility and inclusion of relevant stressors.

Toxic Pollutants

Assessment of exposure and health effects of toxic pollutants for which sources are relatively well understood and emerging contaminants for which sources and exposures are poorly understood (e.g., PFAS, 6-PPD).

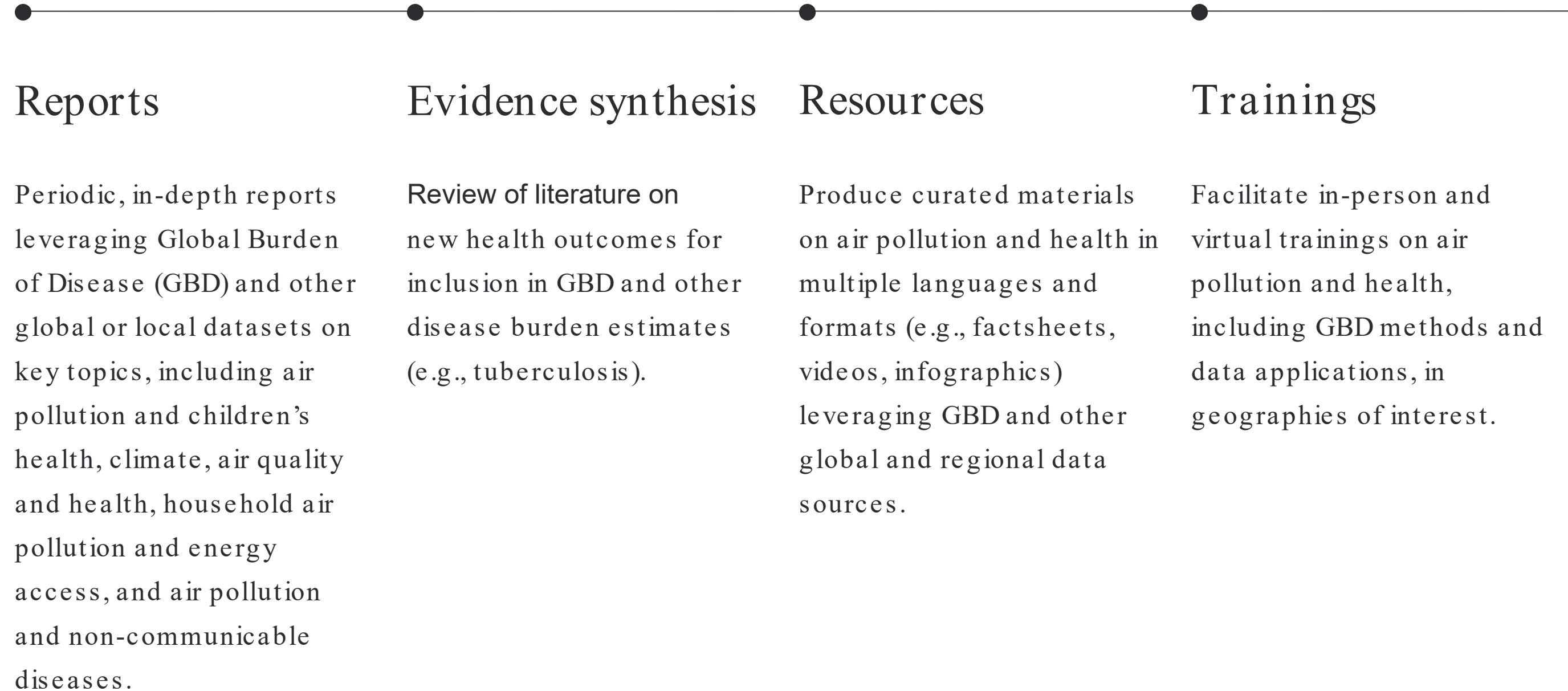
Reducing Environmental Inequities



Method Development	Contributing Factors	Solutions	Accountability	Resources & Tools
Development of methods to assess historically marginalized community exposure to chemical and non-chemical stressors at high resolution, including characterization of uncertainties, biases, and accuracy.	Identification of contributing factors to inequities in environmental exposures and health outcomes, especially those that can be changed.	Identification of national and local policies and solutions to determine how best to address environmental inequities.	Assessment of EJ investments under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and the Inflation Reduction Act to determine whether policies or actions are having the desired effects.	Creation of EJ literature database and spatial bibliography and aggregation of environmental data to facilitate solution-oriented research and decision-making.

Research involves a spectrum of community engagement, including research led by community-academic partnerships.

State of Global Air



Research Synthesis and Evidence Generation

Global Health
Initiatives



Epidemiology

Evaluation of the health effects of short- and long-term exposures to air pollution in select geographies with high pollution levels.

Accountability

Assessment of the effectiveness of specific policies to reduce air pollution and improve public health, with a focus on target geographies of interest.

Particulate Matter

Quantification of contribution of key sources to $PM_{2.5}$ at high temporal and spatial scales.

Climate & health

Investigation of health effects from short- and long-term exposures to sand and dust storms, extreme heat, and wildland fires.

Environmental Inequities

Mapping inequities in exposure patterns in target geographies of interest.

B o l s t e r i n g T e c h n i c a l C a p a c i t y



Oil and Gas Development: Direct Follow-ons to the Current Program of Exposure Research



Exposure Modeling

Continued development of the TRACER emissions model to quantify local and regional exposures in multiple U.S. oil and gas regions. The model has numerous applications, such as quantifying co-benefits of GHG emissions reduction.

Air Toxics

Evaluation of VOC emissions reduction associated with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Oil and Gas.

Noise

Addition of noise to the TRACER model to predict exposures and to support assessments of health risks from exposure to noise from pre-production processes and flaring.

Abandoned Wells

Assessment of the potential for emissions to air and groundwater before and after plugging abandoned wells to understand the health value of these expenditures and the potential for the plugging process to create adverse exposures.

Wastewater Use

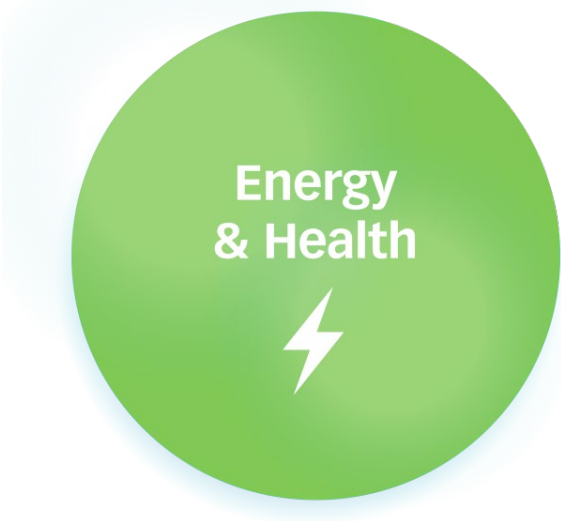
Identification of current and planned use of oil and gas wastewater, referred to as produced water, outside the oil field for road treatment, agriculture, drinking water aquifer recharge, and other applications that might result in human exposures. Assessment of exposure and health risks from the most concerning applications.

Oil and Gas Development: Expanded Scope and Research Methods



Oil & Gas Supply Chain	Health Risk	Method Development	Accountability	Cumulative Impacts
<p>Assessment of exposure and health risk associated with oil and gas distribution and transport (e.g., leaky pipelines and combining natural gas with hydrogen), refining, processing (e.g., cracker plants), and waste streams.</p>	<p>Evaluation of links between oil and gas development and adverse health outcomes using the TRACER model to improve on the exposure metrics based on proximity that dominate the current body of literature.</p>	<p>Development of methods for incorporating community knowledge, including indigenous knowledge & traditional environmental knowledge, into environmental health assessments to improve the credibility and acceptance of assessments.</p>	<p>Assessment of the effectiveness of specific policies to reduce exposure to air emissions from oil and gas development (e.g., EPA's methane rule).</p>	<p>Identification of the most important factors, both beneficial and adverse, to consider in a cumulative impact assessments for communities affected by oil and gas development.</p>

Health Effects of the Energy Transition



<p>Hydrogen Hubs</p>	<p>Carbon Capture</p>	<p>Geothermal</p>	<p>Alternative fuels</p>	<p>Electrification & the Battery Value Chain</p>
<p>Assessment of the health risks and benefits associated with hydrogen hubs. Initial assessments should form part of the U.S. Department of Energy’s Community Benefits Plans for each hub.</p>	<p>Assessment of the health risks associated with emissions and wastes from carbon capture, sequestration, and use technology in heavy industry and other applications. Also, simultaneous consideration of its co-benefits.</p>	<p>Assessment of the health risks and benefits associated with large-scale geothermal operations involving the same pre-production processes used for oil and natural gas development.</p>	<p>Assessment of the health risks and benefits associated with the production of alternative fuels, such as corn-based biofuels, renewable natural gas, and hydrogen.</p>	<p>Assessment of the health risks and benefits associated with an expanded and modified electricity infrastructure, including battery manufacturing and the acquisition of critical minerals from the earth or recycled from produced water and wastes.</p>

← *Frameworks for comparing health risks and benefits associated with alternative energy production pathways* →

We want to hear from you!

Scan the QR code to access the Draft Strategic Plan and the following feedback mechanisms:

1. **Jamboard** – Share brief thoughts on the plan and see what others have to say.
2. **Survey** – Provide detailed feedback submitted directly to HEI.

The Jamboard and Survey will be open until **11:59 PM EDT on May 17, 2024**.



[bit.ly/Draft -Strategic -Plan](https://bit.ly/Draft-Strategic-Plan)