

THE TRACKING TIMES

MINI-GRANT AWARDEES ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to the eight agencies that successfully competed for funds to help improve the environmental health of their communities!

The Tracking Program is pleased to announce the eight awardees of the *Taking Action with Data* funding opportunity!

Each of the eight grantees were awarded up to \$10,500 to work on environmental public health projects in their communities. Below is a list of the awardees and the topic they will be working on:



- **Burnett County Department of Health and Human Services:** Carbon monoxide
- **Eau Claire City-County Health Department:** Nitrates in private wells
- **Florence County Health Department:** Arsenic in private wells
- **Grant County Health Department:** Heat stress
- **Iron County Health Department:** Nitrates and bacteria in private wells
- **Lincoln County Health Department:** Heat stress
- **Rock County Health Department:** Nitrates in drinking water
- **South Central Environmental Health Consortium:** Nitrates in drinking water

We will be filling you in with more details on their projects in future newsletters. Congratulations again to the awardees!

TRACKING IN ACTION

In each newsletter, we share a Tracking success story.

Active Alerts for a Public Health Emergency: The Case of Carbon Monoxide

Late in the evening of December 13, 2014, a teenager passed out after finishing an indoor hockey game in southern Wisconsin. Other players and spectators reported headaches, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. Local emergency response staff were contacted and conducted an air quality test that revealed dangerous levels of carbon monoxide (CO).

Tracking staff worked with the Wisconsin Poison Center to create an alert system for these types of mass poisoning events. [Read more...](#)



How do we know if a public health threat is making an impact in our community?

PREVENTING ICE ARENA AIR QUALITY HAZARDS

New resources are available to help address air quality at indoor ice rinks.

Mass carbon monoxide and nitrogen dioxide poisonings at enclosed ice arenas are unfortunately quite common (see our Tracking in Action story). The Tracking Program teamed up with others in the Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health to put together resources to help prevent these poisonings from happening.

On the [Ice Arena Air Quality page](#) on our website, you will find documents like [Recommendations for Enclosed Ice Arena Management](#) and fact sheets on Healthy Air for Active Kids for [parents](#) and [coaches](#).



[Resources are available](#) for parents, coaches, and ice arena owners and operators.

YOUR TRACKING TOOLBOX

In each newsletter, we share environmental health articles and resources.

County Environmental Health Profile Template Slide Deck

Last spring we released the [2015 County Environmental Health Profiles](#). While presenting on the profiles throughout the state, people told us they would find a [template slide deck](#) helpful for sharing their community's data with stakeholders. You asked, we listened! The template slide deck is just a starting point; make it yours by adding your community's data and highlighting the great things you are doing to address environmental health issues in your area.



TRACKING ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH:

2015 County Environmental Health Profiles

Our new [PowerPoint template](#) makes it easier than ever to present on your [County Environmental Health Profile](#).

Cancer Infographics

Our partners at the Wisconsin Comprehensive Cancer Control Program have a great [set of eight infographics](#) that quickly illustrate cancer burden and prevention strategies. These are perfect for conferences, coalitions, and meetings with decision makers.

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STOP BY AND SEE US SOMETIME

We'd love to talk in person.

Check out our [calendar of events](#), stop by, and say hello!



DROP US A LINE ANYTIME

Have questions about Tracking? Unsure how to use your data? Want to share a success story? Got feedback?

[We want to hear from you!](#)



JOIN THE CONVERSATION

Interested in Wisconsin environmental public health? Connect and share with public health colleagues by [joining the envhealth listserv](#).



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