

Attachment 4a. Pre-Survey Email

Dear [Salutation] [FirstName] [LastName],

In a few days you will receive an email that invites you to participate in a ground breaking initiative, **UNCOVER EH** (Understanding the Needs, Challenges, Opportunities, Vision and Emerging Roles in Environmental Health).

The National Environmental Health Association, Baylor University, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention are conducting this survey to understand and describe the environmental health profession, areas of practice, and identify workforce and practice needs. All of the information collected by this survey will be aggregated for analysis. This means that it is impossible to identify any individual or organization, or to link you and your responses.

We are writing you in advance because many people like to know ahead of time that they will be contacted regarding surveys. You were contacted because you are an environmental health professional working at a public health department.

Efforts of environmental health professionals like you are critical to protect public health and the environment, yet these efforts often go unnoticed until problems occur (e.g., foodborne outbreaks, vector borne diseases, contaminated water supplies, disasters). Given the importance of environmental health to ensure healthy communities, it is very timely to understand the challenges faced by environmental health professionals to provide solutions to these needs.

This survey is voluntary. However, you can help us very much by taking approximately 30 minutes to complete this survey. It is very important to hear from environmental health professionals from across the nation to assure that the survey results are as accurate as possible. The survey will take thought and reflection.

It's only with the generous help of individuals like you that our understanding of the environmental health profession can be successful. **When the survey arrives, please take the time to complete it.**

If you have questions about the survey, please send an email UNCOVER_EH@baylor.edu for more information.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.