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The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) represents nearly 7,000 environmental public health professionals in governmental, private, academic, and uniformed services sectors in the U.S., its territories, and internationally. We are the profession's strongest advocate for excellence in the practice of environmental health and thought leaders in delivering on our mission to build, sustain, and empower an effective environmental health workforce.

We shepherd one the most vital next generations of professionals—the environmental public health professional who is on the front line protecting communities from the harmful impacts in our environment, including animal-borne disease, water contamination, air pollution, hazardous materials, contaminated food, and environmental disasters.

Position Statement on Natural Disasters

Devastating environmental disasters continue to impact human health and harm states across the U.S., including hurricanes from Florida to Texas, flooding in New England, hailstorms in the Midwest, and wildfires in California and Hawaii. We know the environment is continuing to change and we will experience more and more of these natural disasters in more and more places. Each disaster influences our livelihoods, our economies, the vibrance of our communities, and our sense of security.

Despite the continued changes to the environment and rapid escalation of disasters, the environmental health community remains prepared to respond to natural disasters. Alongside this workforce, we are committed to providing the education and support needed to keep their communities safe and healthy from the environmental risks created by every emergency—from mold and contaminated water to new and reemerging mosquito-borne diseases.

We partner to identify needs and develop tools to support environmental health disaster preparation, response, and recovery actions. Some of our preparedness materials and activities include:

- [Wildfire Response Guide for Environmental Health Professionals](#)
- [Health in All Policies Preparedness Guide](#)
- [Concurrent Disasters Needs Assessment Report](#)
- [Preparedness Committee](#)

Our hearts go out to those who have suffered from natural disasters. We and the environmental health community remain prepared to respond and provide the services and support to enable communities to rebuild and prosper.

Sincerely,



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