

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Diseases Registry (ATSDR) is holding a special meeting on Monday afternoon May 18, 2009 at the University of Toledo Student Union in room SU2592 from 1 – 5 p.m. , immediately preceding the IAGLR conference. The ASTDR meeting is **not** part of the IAGLR conference but is offered at this time to accommodate IAGLR attendees who may arrive early for the IAGLR Annual Meeting. Registrants to the IAGLR meeting are welcome to attend the ASTDR meeting and to contribute to the discussion.

ATSDR is a sister organization to the Centers for Disease Control. The ATSDR is charged with preventing exposure, adverse human health effects, and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment. Congress also mandated ATSDR to conduct the Great Lakes Human Health Effects Research Program (GLHHERP). The GLHHERP characterizes toxic contaminants in the Great Lakes basin and potential short- and long-term health effects associated with exposure to these contaminants. To date, most of the data available on human exposure to Great Lakes contaminants come from analyses of their levels in drinking water and sport fish. Given the existing research and new and emerging health issues in the Great Lakes basin, ATSDR is seeking guidance on the future direction of the GLHHERP and other potential Great Lakes projects. We anticipate this stakeholders meeting to be the commencement of this discussion.

If you plan to attend this ASTDR meeting please Respond by May 13th to Ms. Nia Murphy (Nmurphy@cdc.gov , 770.488.3674). For additional information, or to discuss your attendance at the meeting, please contact either Steve Dearwent (SDearwent@cdc.gov , 770.488.3665) or Robin Lee at (Rlee3@cdc.gov , 770.488.3811).