

Local Environmental Public Health Training Needs Assessment Summary

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services' Bureau of Environmental and Occupational Health (BEOH) recognizes the Wisconsin environmental public health workforce has undergone many changes in the last five years.

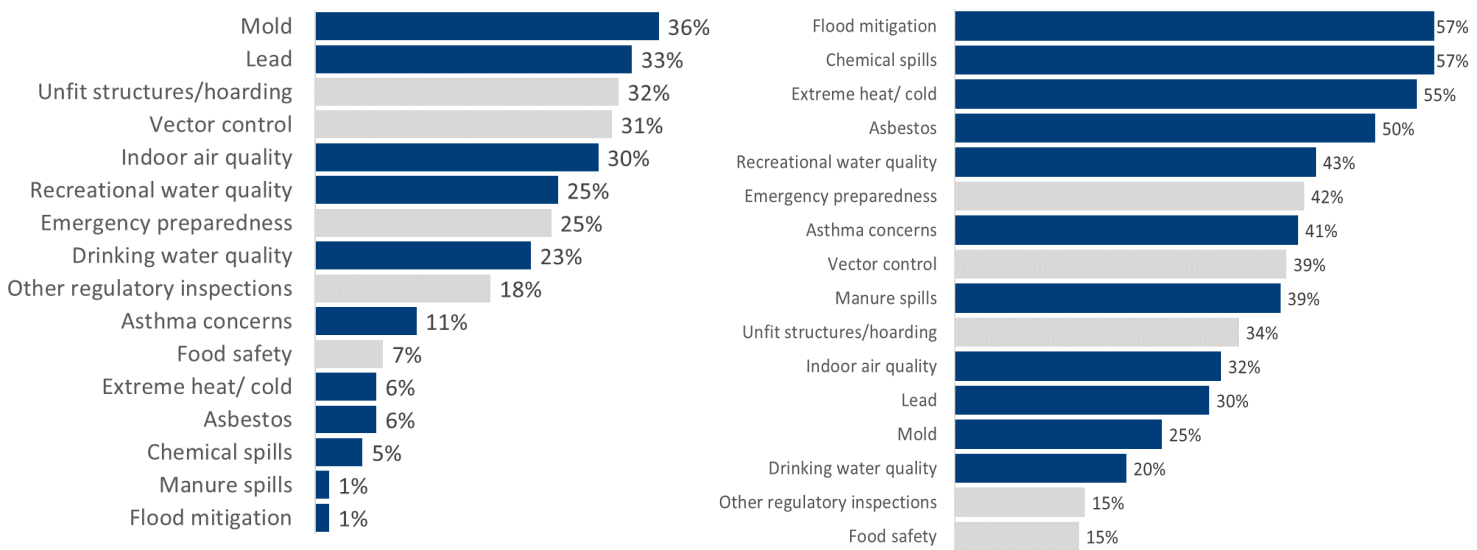
The objective of the Environmental Health Training Needs Assessment is to understand the needs of the current local environmental public health workforce. The following goals guided the assessment to meet this objective:

1. Identify how often local and Tribal environmental health staff (LTHD) work on BEOH programmatic areas.
2. Determine LTHD staff's confidence and ability to conduct work in these topic areas.
3. Identify training, resource, or support needs that the BEOH should prioritize and provide in coming years.

Key Findings

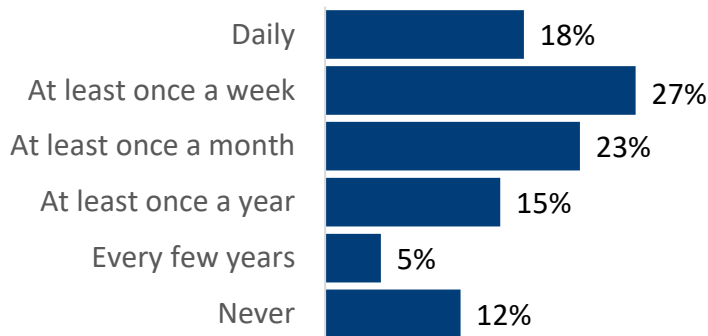
Most **BEOH programmatic topic areas** are addressed on a monthly to yearly basis.

Percent of respondents who work on a topic monthly (left) versus yearly (right).

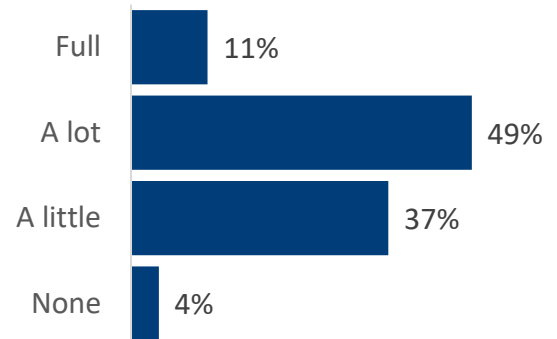


The more **often** staff worked on a topic, the more **knowledgeable** they felt about that topic. Using drinking water quality as an example, most staff work on it daily to monthly and also have a lot of or full knowledge about it.

How often do you work on drinking water quality?



What is your current level of knowledge or skill with drinking water quality?



LTHD staff **use nine main types of resources** in their work, ranging from BEOH staff providing technical assistance to using professional organizations' resources.

They **want the following additional resources**, with the most popular ones in **bold**:



Trainings



Toolkits, with topic specific resources



Prepared outreach materials



Human health hazard checklist



Meetings with BEOH staff



Centralized resource library



Routine emails or newsletters



Emerging contaminants resources

Recommendations

1

Establishing regular bureau-wide communications with LTHDs.

2

Prioritizing ready-to-use materials for LTHDs to share with the public.

3

Promoting, sharing, or developing subject matter trainings in workshop or virtual forum formats.

4

Collaborating (BEOH and LTHDs) on a centralized resource library that could include locally developed resources.