



# Center For Environmental Health



*2003 Annual Report*

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*Cover photos - top to bottom:*

*Dr. Brian Linde and son Noah, and Joanne Skinner and son Carl at CEH press conference on dangers of lead in children's medicines.*

*CEH staff and interns Joanna Mattson, Chau Tong, Ani Gupta and Basmah Mourad at a 2003 rally demanding environmental justice.*

*Long-time CEH supporter Hal Carroll protests outside Oakland's IES incinerator. CEH was instrumental in the successful campaign to shut down IES, the last medical waste incinerator in the state.*



## From the Executive Director

Preventing Pollution

Promoting Safe Alternatives

Creating Healthy Communities

Dear Friends of CEH,

It's been a great year for the Center for Environmental Health. In 2003, we made important strides to reduce and prevent pollution and promote healthy communities. We created pressure that brought national change in several major industries that were putting our children's and families' health at risk. And we continued to expand our networks, collaborating for greater progress towards a healthy planet.

Our programs continued to develop and grow in 2003, making even deeper connections between environmental pollution and health threats to workers, consumers, and children. Our Pollution Prevention work is leading the health care industry to safer, less toxic materials in their buildings, and urging major health care companies to call for recycling and responsible disposal of computers. Our work to hold corporations accountable for products made with toxic chemicals won some of our greatest victories in 2003, and began new investigations for future work. Our Policy Program forged cutting-edge environmental protection policies locally, and is collaborating nationally and internationally to bring these policies to an even larger audience.

In addition, we have recently launched an exciting new Community Health Program. In this Program, we are building bridges between community-based organizations, organizations focusing on specific environmental illnesses and technical experts working on the connections between toxic chemicals and health. In the coming years, we expect this program to enrich all of our work at CEH, as we deepen our commitment to those most at risk from toxic exposures.

In 2003, our successful litigation to eliminate harmful lead exposures in children's medicines also helped secure our finances for the year (please see our Financial Report on page 15). Yet there are many tough battles ahead, and your support now is more crucial than ever. I am grateful for and humbled by the support that so many of you consistently offer to CEH. Together, we will share many more victories to come.

Sincerely,

[signature]  
Michael Green  
Executive Director



# Pollution Prevention

*The Center for Environmental Health is a leading member of Health Care Without Harm (HCWH), an international 400+ member coalition of hospitals with health care, environmental and other public interest advocates committed to eliminating pollution from health care facilities, without compromising patient care or safety.*

## Bay Area Hospital Survey

In 2003, we completed a two-year project assessing pollution prevention measures for Bay Area hospitals. Our initial survey was geared to helping hospitals identify areas in which they could do more to reduce their use of toxic chemicals and protect patients, staff and surrounding communities. Topics included eliminating mercury (which is especially hazardous to children and pregnant women, as it can damage the nervous system and lead to learning and other developmental disabilities), reducing the use of PVC (used in vinyl medical devices such as IV bags and tubes, PVC can leach a chemical that is a reproductive and developmental toxin), and minimizing medical waste. With the information we received we produced customized reports of our findings for each hospital that participated. These major reports provided hospitals with site-specific guidance to help them change risky practices and institute safer alternatives.

## Sustainable Hospitals Forum

One tangible result of our hospital survey was to identify the urgent need and interest hospitals have in sustainable, "green building." Building construction uses tremendous amounts of hazardous materials, many of which release toxic chemicals into the environment. "Green" builders and designers use safer materials to create energy efficient structures. To introduce major health care companies to this burgeoning field, CEH partnered with Catholic Health Care West, Kaiser Permanente, Health Care Without Harm (HCWH) and the Healthy Building Network to produce the first-ever conference connecting hospitals with leaders in the green building movement. Ultimately, the conference gave participants the opportunity to learn about cutting-edge design, healthier materials, and conservation practices for use in their facilities. For our green building work, the national organization Architects, Designers and Planners for Social Responsibility presented CEH with its 2003 Lewis Mumford Environmental Award.

Our *Sustainable Hospitals Forum* was made possible with generous support from:

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## Computer Take-Back Collaboration

CEH and HCWH joined with Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition, Clean Production Action and others in the Computer Take Back Campaign (CTBC) in 2003. Our special role in this effort is to leverage our relationships with health care companies, urging them to help eliminate the toxic chemicals used by electronic equipment makers. Hospitals can demand safer electronics when they upgrade their equipment, and since they are massive buyers of computers and other electronics, their purchasing demands can change the entire computer industry.

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In 2003, CEH facilitated a meeting between major health care chains, Kaiser Permanente and Catholic Health Care West, with CTBC and HCWH. The hospitals were willing to pursue and support green purchasing guidelines, and agreed on the next steps needed to pressure computer makers to take responsibility for their obsolete equipment. CEH has also led a process for developing computer procurement guidelines and other tools for HCWH members. The guidelines are useful for government, academic, and other institutions with large, centralized purchasing. In December 2003, Pollution Prevention Program Manager Mamta Khanna joined the international CTBC Steering Committee, giving CEH a leadership role and stronger alliances with other leaders in the campaign.

## *Green Roundtables*

**B**uilding on the findings of our Bay Area Hospital Survey, CEH will coordinate Roundtables for hospitals to find solutions, resources and tools on toxics reduction in a more hands-on way. Cleaning chemicals, green building issues, electronic procurement, PVC elimination, and medical waste minimization are some topics to connect environmental health, cost and occupational health issues for health care decision makers. The San Francisco Department of the Environment and CEH will engage city hospitals in this process in 2004, to educate their staff on environmental and public health issues. We worked throughout 2003 to lay the groundwork for this exciting project.

### *Green Guidelines for Health Care*

**I**n 2003, CEH staff worked with the Healthy Building Network to design a new website to introduce and promote Green Guidelines for Healthcare Construction ([www.gghc.org](http://www.gghc.org)). The Guidelines will provide the healthcare sector with a process whereby designers, owners, and operators can evaluate their progress towards implementing green building practices and using safer materials in health care facilities. The web site was launched in late 2003, and was the key tool for collecting feedback from senior health care and building industry professionals on the first draft of the Guidelines. Over 1,000 comments were under review, with the Guidelines due out by mid-2004.

CEH worked with California Department of Health Services-Occupational Health Branch (OHB) in January 2003, to assess the risks to waste handlers and other workers in medical waste treatment facilities. This collaboration led OHB to conduct a site assessment at a medical waste treatment site identified by CEH, and to develop a report that will be used to lobby government regulators for more precautionary regulations to protect waste workers. Our work with OHB has benefited CEH greatly by helping us determine the specific health concerns workers have, while giving us a credible, objective study we can use to advocate for policies to protect worker health and safety and prevent pollution in the healthcare industry.

### *Health Care Justice*

**C**EH is increasingly looking at environmental justice through the lens of occupational exposures to hazardous chemicals. We are examining risks to health care workers, working to identify factors that lead to health hazards, and looking at ways to protect workers in a more proactive way.



*Mamta Khanna*  
*Pollution Prevention Program Manager*

# Public Interest Litigation

*CEH holds corporations accountable for their use of toxic chemicals. We challenge corporations that expose the public to harmful chemicals, forcing them to reduce or eliminate the toxic chemicals in their consumer products and emissions. CEH is a public enforcer of California's tough toxics law, Proposition 65. We use Prop 65 as a tool in our public interest litigation, to compel polluters to comply with the law.*

## Environmental Exposure Cases

**P**erchloroethylene: Using Prop 65, in 2003 CEH brought legal action against three California dry cleaners who emitted perchloroethylene (perc) extremely close to homes and schools. A potent carcinogen, perc is commonly used by dry cleaners, even those operating near residents, daycare facilities, and other vulnerable groups.

In one of our legal cases, the company's facility was exposing more people to perc than any dry cleaner in the state. The company agreed to switch entirely away from perc, replacing one of their machines with a cutting-edge, environmentally-friendly wet cleaning system. Our settlements in each of the other cases brought significant reductions in perc emissions.

## Consumer Product Cases

**A**rsenic: Our cases against makers of wood playground structures, for using arsenic-treated wood, were finalized in 2003. Throughout the year we worked to develop a study to determine how wood play structures that are not immediately replaced can best be sealed to protect children from arsenic-treated wood.

While our lawsuits helped end the use of arsenic by the wood treatment industry, in 2003 a new chemical threat from this industry rose on the horizon. Late in the year, CEH worked with our allies nationally in responding when EPA was asked by industry to register a new chemical, called Acid Copper Chromate (ACC), for use in treated wood. Hexavalent chromium, the main ingredient in ACC, is the chemical highlighted in the film Erin Brockavich. Leaching of this chemical from wood structures could subject children and communities to increased risks of kidney and liver damage, birth defects, and skin ulcers, as well as contaminate drinking water and increase risks to workers. CEH staff worked with our allies to craft a coordinated response to EPA, and it now appears approval of the chemical has been indefinitely stalled.

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*Joanna Mattson  
Toxics Researcher*

*Micaela Davis  
Corporate Accountability  
Researcher*

## ***Lead in Consumer Products***

**Children's and Teenagers' Jewelry:** Throughout the fall of 2003, our Prop 65 staff spent countless hours procuring jewelry, researching potential exposures, and investigating the producers and retailers. Lab testing showed a severe risk of lead leaching from these products, suggesting that the risk of exposure to young people is very great. In December of 2003, we filed Prop 65 notices against 33 retailers and distributors who make or sell certain types of jewelry that are contaminated by high quantities of lead. This jewelry is marketed towards children and teens who often put the items in their mouths, a serious exposure hazard. Other types of the jewelry are marketed to women of child-bearing age, who are most at risk from the detrimental effects of reproductive toxins. These cases are ongoing in 2004.



CEH staff tested dozens of necklaces and other jewelry, to protect children from lead exposures.

**Garden Hoses:** In 2003, we began investigating vinyl garden hoses that may leach lead into water. When children drink from hoses, they could ingest lead. We filed Prop 65 notices to seven makers of garden hoses, including Sears, Martha Stewart, and Goodyear. We are demanding the companies either switch their production material to 100% lead-free recycled vinyl or to a non-PVC material. These cases are also ongoing.

**Bathroom and Kitchen Tiles:** Testing also helped us identify bathroom and kitchen tiles as potential sources of lead exposure. Our main concern is the threat to small children who may crawl on floors covered with these tiles, or of food contamination if food is chopped or stored directly on the tiles. These investigations are ongoing.

**Rainwear:** After conducting sensitive lead testing at an independent laboratory, we took legal action against two companies that manufacture children's vinyl raincoats and ponchos containing high levels of lead. Our concern is that children can get lead on their hands and then be exposed when they put their hands in their mouths, or could suck or chew on the vinyl.

**Ink on Plastic Grocery Bags:** In early 2003, we identified printed plastic grocery bags as a potential source of lead exposure. CEH collected and tested plastic food bags from small and large grocers that cater to Latino and Chinese-American communities. Our research found that smaller groceries were most likely to have high levels of lead. Rather than use legal action against these mom-and-pop markets, we will do outreach to inform them and offer information about alternatives.

## ***PCBs in Farmed Salmon***

In 2003, along with the Environmental Working Group (EWG), CEH initiated Prop 65 cases against the global salmon farming industry. A major study published in the journal *Science* showed high levels of the toxic polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) in farmed salmon. Throughout the fall, our Prop 65 team conducted extensive industry research to determine the source of the PCBs and outline the structure of the farmed salmon industry. In early 2004, we took legal action against 50 international farms, distributors, and retailers of farmed salmon. Our goal is to force the entire industry to stop using feeding practices that result in high levels of PCBs in farmed salmon - as some salmon farms have already done. Our legal action was featured in stories that ran in more than thirty newspapers across the country.

*CEH works to reduce the use of toxic chemicals by researching, drafting, advocating for, and implementing government policies. Through advocacy and collaboration with governments, CEH promotes progressive policies that implement pollution prevention.*

## The Precautionary Principle

Traditional environmental decision-making rests on risk assessment, which asks the question "How much harm is allowable?" The precautionary principle asks a very different question, which is "How little harm is possible?" The Precautionary Principle states that where there is evidence of a serious threat of harm to our health or the environment, we should take action to prevent harm even in the face of scientific uncertainty. This principle calls on decision-makers to act to prevent harm, rather than wait until the damage is done. It also shifts the burden of proof to proponents to demonstrate that an activity is safe, instead of requiring that the public proves its dangers.

Supervisors in June, making the city the first in the country to implement the principle as city policy.

In 2003, we worked closely with the San Francisco Department of Environment to create a public participation process for step two of the process, which is the development of a "precautionary purchasing ordinance" for the city. The city of San Francisco purchases \$600 million worth of goods and services per year, so its market leverage is substantial. Our coalition also helped pass the first precautionary principle ordinance in Berkeley in October, requiring the city to develop its own purchasing ordinance within a year. We also continue to work with the Oakland Health Commission to find ways to implement the principle in Oakland.

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## Consulting to the City of San Francisco

Throughout 2003, CEH continued its role as a consultant to the San Francisco Department of the Environment, working on city-wide toxics reduction policies. We engaged in several projects with the Department, including tailoring our "green roundtable" series for San Francisco hospitals (in order to lead sessions in 2004 on mercury elimination, computer recycling, waste minimization, and toxics reduction); developing culturally appropriate warnings for anglers on the potential toxins in fish caught from the Bay; providing research and resources to the Department on arsenic-treated wood, PVC plastic, emerging chemical hazards, and other toxics issues; and connecting Department staff with leading thinkers and advocates from the environmental health movement.

## Precautionary Principle

CEH is continuing in our leadership role in the Bay Area Working Group on the Precautionary Principle, a coalition of environmental health and justice groups formed to promote precautionary policies locally and statewide.

Through the early part of 2003, CEH helped to draft and advocate for San Francisco's Precautionary Principle legislation. The first major phase of the legislation passed the San Francisco Board of



*Katie Silberman  
Associate Director  
Policy Program Director*

## REACH Resolution

For several years, a new policy for chemicals management has been in development in the European Union. Called REACH, for Registration, Evaluation and Authorization of Chemical Hazards, the law would shift the burden of proof to chemical manufacturers to test their own products for safety. This is very different from current U.S. systems, where tens of thousands of chemicals are in commerce with no safety testing whatsoever.

In October, CEH coordinated passage of a resolution by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors supporting REACH. Our work was timed to coincide with the San Francisco visit of a group of European experts who were traveling the U.S. to publicize the drive for European approval of REACH and to counter the Bush Administration's attacks on this legislation to protect public health. The resolution passed by a vote of 10-1, and was discussed in national and international press stories on REACH.



## Race, Class and Power Series

Throughout 2003, CEH worked in coalition with numerous Bay Area environmental health and justice groups on a response to strong feelings about the politics of race that came up for many who participated in the 2002 national People of Color Environmental Justice Summit. The groups decided to focus on developing a series of workshops and discussions intended to build the environmental justice and health movements by moving past barriers that separate activists in those movements. Called "It Takes All of Us," the gatherings examine the roles of race, class, gender and power within the environmental justice and health movements, and focus on building relationships based on honesty and frank examination. In addition to working on the planning committee for the series, CEH is the fiscal sponsor (the series, still ongoing, is sponsored by the San Francisco Foundation).

## American Public Health Association



Joe Guth  
Senior Policy Analyst

CEH worked in 2003 to develop several panels and events at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association (APHA), held in San Francisco in November. APHA is the oldest and largest organization of public health professionals in the world, representing more than 50,000 members from over 50 occupations of public health. CEH organized and/or participated in panels covering financial conflict of interests in environmental health science (which drew an overflow crowd into the hallway), the precautionary principle, and the intersection of occupational and environmental health. We also co-led a well-received environmental justice bus tour of Bayview Hunter's Point, a low-income neighborhood that is heavily polluted from a former Navy Yard (now a Superfund site), power plants, and other industries. The tour brought out-of-town delegates to this neighborhood to see firsthand the problems of environmental injustice, and hear from developers and community groups who are changing the neighborhood.

# Community Health

*In order to create healthier neighborhoods, CEH works with local communities for environmental justice and the reduction of toxic chemicals, offering technical assistance to community-based organizations. This year we began to develop a new program area at CEH. Our Community Health program works to connect disparate facets of the environmental movement, to create a stronger, more unified force for environmental health and justice.*



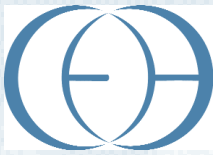
**I**n 2002, CEH joined together with a wide variety of health-affected groups, health professionals, health advocates, and environmental organizations in co-founding the Collaborative on Health and the Environment. Partners in the Collaborative now include nearly 1000 organizations, including the National Brain Tumor Foundation, Learning Disabilities Association of America, Breast Cancer Action, the Asthma Education and Resource Council, and many other groups nationwide. Collaborative members and leaders have much to offer each other, including scientific expertise, and proven ways to win better health and a cleaner environment.

It is common knowledge that communities of low-income people and people of color are the most affected by exposures to toxic chemicals. At the same time, financial support, time, and access to scientific tools are all challenges to community-based organizations as they identify and act on environmental health threats. Ironically, many professionals with the technical knowledge and skills that could support community-based campaigns are disconnected from the most affected communities. As a leading member of the Collaborative with significant ties to community-based organizations, CEH is taking a leadership role in facilitating collaborations between environmental advocates, health professionals, and leaders of communities fighting disproportionate impacts.

Our new Community Health Program is working with environmental justice leaders to understand their environmental health priorities, to identify Collaborative partners working on those priority issues, and to make links to resources within the Collaborative that can support community-based campaigns. We hope that by building bridges between the environmental health and justice groups engaged in the Collaborative, we can also do our small part to build bridges between the environmental health movement and the environmental justice movement.



*Anjali Gupta  
Community Health Program Manager*



# Our

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left to right: Charles Margulis, Burton Li, Sara Bergman and Basmah Mourad

### Board of Directors

**André Carothers** is the Executive Director of the Rockwood Leadership Program, and serves on the Board of Directors of the Rainforest Action Network.

**Tomiko Conner** is a multicultural health consultant. She was Director of the local Community Voices Project, and served as the Executive Director of the California Pan-Ethnic Health Network.

**Antonio Diaz** is Executive Director of People Organizing to Demand Environmental and Economic Rights (PODER), a community-based organization in San Francisco's Mission District.

**Michael Dorsey** is on the faculty at Dartmouth College. He is a former National Board Member of the Sierra Club and has worked for a decade on corporate accountability, biodiversity, and environmental justice and ethics.

**Karleen Lloyd** is a well-known leader in the environmental justice movement. She was Lead Organizer at People United for a Better Oakland, a local community-based organization.

**Anuja Mendiratta** is Coordinator of the San Francisco Foundation's Environmental Health and Justice Initiative, and is on the board of La Peña Cultural Center.

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**Lawrence Smith, CPA**, is the founder and principal at Smith and Company CPAs. He provides fiscal and managerial oversight to CEH's operations.

**Francesca Vietor** is a Senior Research Associate at Commonweal. She was formerly the Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment.

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Left to right: Karleen Lloyd, Marni Rosen, Francesca Vietor, Larry Smith, Michael Dorsey, Anuja Mendiratta. Not pictured: Antonio Diaz, André Carothers, Tomiko Conner



# 2003 Highlights

## January 2003

CEH completes its survey of Bay Area hospitals; Pollution Prevention Program Manager Mamta Khanna meets with the American Nurses Association, California Department of Health Services, and Greenaction to begin researching risks to workers from medical waste.

The Oakland Health Commission hears a presentation by CEH Associate Director Katie Silberman on the Precautionary Principle.

## March

Katie Silberman co-facilitates a workshop on the Precautionary Principle at Breast Cancer Action's Town Hall.

## April

The *Oakland Tribune* features CEH's legal victory to eliminate risks from lead in baby powders.

*U.S. News & World Report* publishes Katie Silberman's letter to the editor on mercury pollution.

CEH coordinates a face-to-face meeting between Health Care Without Harm, the international Computer Take-Back Campaign and two major hospital chains, Kaiser Permanente and Catholic Healthcare West, to discuss the hospitals' commitment to electronics procurement and recycling.

## May

CEH staff organizes support and testifies to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors on Precautionary Principle legislation.

KQED public radio's Forum program hosts a debate on the Precautionary Principle between Katie Silberman and industry representatives.

## June

San Francisco adopts Precautionary Principle legislation; CEH continues advocacy for similar legislation in Oakland and Berkeley.

CEH legal victory to eliminate risks from lead in children's medicine featured in national news stories, including major coverage in the *Baltimore Sun*, *Sacramento Bee* and *San Francisco Chronicle*.

CEH co-sponsors and coordinates the first-ever conference for Green Building in Health Care. The event draws nearly 400 participants.

The national Architects, Designers & Planners for Social Responsibility presents CEH with the Lewis Mumford Award for environmental leadership.

## July

Health Care Without Harm appoints Mamta Khanna Coordinator of its Electronics in Health Care workgroup.

## August

CEH public interest litigation team conducts in-house testing of over 700 consumer products, most marketed to children, for the presence of lead and other toxins.

## September

*East Bay Express* publishes CEH intern Alexis Petru's letter to the editor on hazards from toxic ceramic tiles.

## October

CEH drafts and organizes support for a resolution for the San Francisco Supervisors, offering the city's support to Europe's REACH proposal, an effort to strengthen chemical regulations.

CEH's hospital survey project moves forward with production and distribution of detailed, customized reports

on pollution prevention to each surveyed hospital. The reports provide each hospital with information on reducing toxic waste and implementing green practices that is directly applicable to its facility.

CEH Executive Director Michael Green and Senior Policy Analyst Joe Guth testify in support of a San Francisco's REACH resolution at the city's Board of Supervisor's meeting.

## November

KQED public radio's *Forum* program and Bay Area Pacifica community radio station KPFA interview Katie Silberman on Women's Health and the Environment.

Michael Green joins a delegation of American environmentalists traveling to Israel and the West Bank to advise Israeli and Palestinian leaders on environmental concerns.

Katie Silberman speaks on women's health and the environment at the Women's Foundation press conference in Sacramento.

CEH staff leads three presentations at the American Public Health Association's national Annual Meeting.

## December

Launch of the Green Guidelines for Health Care website, designed and hosted by CEH for the Healthy Building Network.

Mamta Khanna joins the Steering Committee of the international Computer Take-Back Campaign.

## January 2004

CEH files legal action to eliminate health threats from PCBs in farmed salmon; an *Associated Press* story on the CEH legal action runs in over thirty newspapers nationwide.

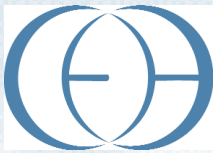
## Public Interest Litigation Successes

	Company	Product	Result
<b>January</b>			
	KC Pharmaceuticals, Inc.	Anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Pepto-Bismol)	Agreed to significantly reduce lead in medicine
	Playworld Systems*	Wood playground structures	Agreed to stop selling arsenic-treated playsets nationwide, and to warn past purchasers of wood playsets about the potential hazard
	Leisure Time	Wood playground structures	Agreed to stop selling arsenic-treated playsets nationwide, and to warn past purchasers of wood playsets about the potential hazard
<b>February</b>			
	L. Perrigo Co	Anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Pepto-Bismol)	Agreed to significantly reduce lead in medicine
	Proctor and Gamble	Anti-diarrheal medicines (Pepto-Bismol)	Agreed to significantly reduce lead in medicine
	Hedstrom	Wood playground structures	Agreed to stop selling arsenic-treated playsets nationwide, to warn past purchasers of wood playsets about the potential hazard, and to fund a study on sealing older structures.
	Kompan	Wood playground structures	Agreed to stop selling arsenic-treated playsets nationwide, and to warn past purchasers of wood playsets about the potential hazard
	Wyeth-Ayerst Pharmaceuticals	Anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Kaopectate)	Stopped producing the product
	Accumed, Inc	Children's anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Kaopectate)	Agreed to reduce lead in medicine by at least 80%
<b>March</b>			
	Playcore	Wood playground structures	Agreed to stop selling arsenic-treated playsets nationwide, and to warn past purchasers of wood playsets about the potential hazard
<b>April</b>			
	Baby Powder Cases (Johnson & Johnson, Walgreens, Pfizer, et al)	Baby powders and diaper rash creams	Agreed to significantly reduce lead in products; most companies reduced lead by 80% or more
<b>June</b>			
	Aaron Industries	Anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Pepto-Bismol)	Agreed to significantly reduce lead in medicine
	Lil' Drugstore Products, Inc.	Anti-diarrheal medicines (generic-brand Kaopectate)	Agreed to place warning labels on any lead-containing products
	Pharmacia	Anti-diarrheal medicines (Children's Kaopectate)	Agreed to reduce lead in medicine by at least 80%
<b>July</b>			
	Super Fine Cleaners	Dry cleaning (perchloroethylene emissions)	Agreed to stop using perc in their operations
<b>October</b>			
	Dollar Cleaners, Inc.	Dry cleaning (perchloroethylene emissions)	Agreed on emissions cap of perc and to regularly warn affected residents of their hazardous exposure so long as perc is in use
	Four Seasons	Dry cleaning (perchloroethylene emissions)	Replaced one perc machine with a non-perc alternative; agreed to warn customers and residents about potential perc exposure from remaining perc machine
	*In all, CEH brought suit against 31 producers of wood playground structures; settlements not listed here were reached in late 2002.		

The following public interest cases were initiated in 2003 and are ongoing in 2004:

Company	Product
Multiple companies	Farmed salmon (PCBs)
Multiple companies	Children's jewelry (lead)
Multiple companies	Garden hoses (lead)
Standard Sales	Children's rainwear (lead)
Multiple companies	Ceramic tiles (lead)
Selix Formalwear	Dry cleaning (perchloroethylene)





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 Panta Rhea Foundation  
 Parkway Theater  
 Rose Foundation  
 San Francisco Foundation  
 Tides Foundation  
 Woodbury Fund



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### Revenue and Expenses, 2003

#### Revenue and Support

Grants (1)	\$422,410
Public interest litigation settlements (2)	350,217
Government contracts	54,522
Donations	52,797
Fees	7,050
Interest	3,070
In-kind donations	2,913

**Total revenue and support** **\$892,979**

(1) Includes multi-year grants and other restricted funds received in 2003.

(2) The CEH Community Environmental Action & Justice Fund distributes a percentage of settlement funds each year to community-based organizations and/or individuals to support their environmental health and justice projects.

#### Expenses

Program expenses	
Policy & other	257,926
Public interest litigation	177,510
Pollution prevention	111,916
<b>Total program expenses</b>	<b>\$547,352</b>
Overhead (17.8%)	
Administration	57,671
Development	61,002

**Total expenses** **\$666,025**

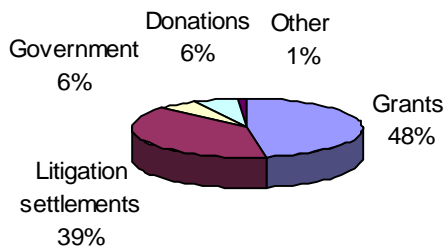
CEH finances are independently audited each year. Figures shown are from our draft 2003 audit provided by Crosby & Kaneda CPAs. For a copy of our final 2003 audited statement or for more information, contact Basma Mourad at 510-594-9864 or [basma@cehca.org](mailto:basma@cehca.org).

*CEH is growing!  
Our surplus revenue from 2003 is funding new programs and new staff in 2004.*

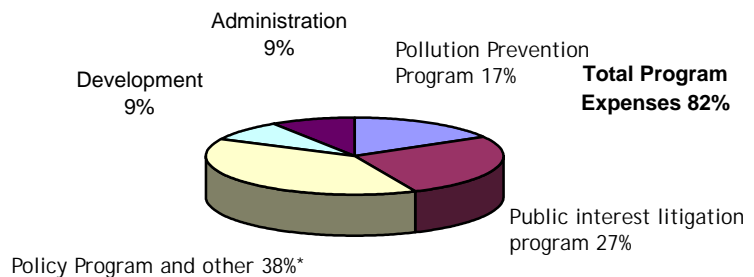
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### How your support was used



\*Includes support to community-based organizations



## OUR MISSION

The Center for Environmental Health protects the public from environmental and consumer health hazards. We are committed to environmental justice, reducing the use of toxic chemicals, supporting communities in their quest for a safer environment, and corporate accountability. We change corporate behavior through education, litigation, and advocacy.

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