

Effective Risk Communication Regarding Mercury in Certain Montana Tribal Communities

The project involves working with Tribal college student (s) and relevant stakeholders in a tribal community in Montana to determine what the current understanding is of the human health risks posed by ingestion and inhalation of mercury. Tribal college students will be educated by the project lead on mercury issues. The project lead will work in conjunction with students to determine current beliefs about mercury in the environment.

Where gaps in understanding exist, the project lead will develop a culturally sensitive educational resource that will aid the Agency in delivering human health risk information about mercury to the identified target communities.

Subsequently, the project lead will work with tribal college students, community members, and other stakeholders involved in this effort to design and implement an effective process for dissemination of the educational materials developed.

Deliverables - Information Tools/Products

The project lead will deliver a culturally appropriate educational resource– to highlight current beliefs about mercury. This will be in the form of at least one of the following: Brochure/DVD/Film/Play Script/Poster/Educational Curriculum/Web-based materials.

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