

**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE
COACHELLA VALLEY
AGENDA ITEM FOR OCTOBER 24, 2018 MEETING**

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Title of Topic:	Are there harmful chemicals in your body? The California Regional Exposure (CARE) Study can help you find out
Purpose (outreach, information needed, general discussion, update, solicit request, etc.)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outreach—we are inviting people who are concerned about harmful chemicals in their environments and in their bodies to participate in the CARE Study and get free blood and urine tests. 2. Education—we aim to share information with people about certain chemicals they may come into contact with on a regular basis and how to lessen that contact. 3. Feedback—we want to involve local communities and to ask about their environmental concerns.
Desired Outcome (outreach, action, more information, status update, training, etc.)	<p>If successful in finding participants, the findings of the study will support efforts of policy makers and communities to address concerns about chemicals in the environment.</p> <p>We want to connect with people who care about health and the environment, would like to participate, and may be willing to help us get the word out to other people who would be interested in this opportunity.</p>
Background (Information on the subject matter, past actions, report, etc.)	<p>The CARE Study will test for chemicals (lead, mercury, arsenic, etc.) in the blood and urine of a select group of people who are representative demographically of their counties. We will mail participants their test results along with important, tailored information about health effects, potential sources of exposure, and how to lessen exposure. They will also get a \$50 gift card as a thank you for participating.</p> <p>In the coming months, we will start making appointments with people in Riverside, San Bernardino, Imperial, Mono, and Inyo counties to provide samples that will take place February through May 2019. People who want to secure a spot in the study should express interest soon by filling out the interest form on the CARE Study website (the form will be live in October 2018).</p>
Attachments/ Links:	www.cdph.ca.gov/CARE