

Report 29: Moving environmental Research findings to policy

Convener: Brugge

Brief History:

Why does it take so long to change policy and practice?

Discussion Highlights:

We discussed specific case examples that were both successful and not to illustrate how NIEHS, FDA, stakeholders and others can impact policy and practice.

We discussed importance of state and local initiatives and the limitations NIEHS has with respect to this level.

We discussed role NIEHS plays testifying and educating congress.

We discussed issues of territorial nature of agencies.

We discussed MOUs between agencies.

Much discussion on communication needs and challenges facing NIEHS at all facets and levels.

Recommendations:

Encourage more policy relevant research sponsored by NIEHS.

Educate investigators about what study design elements would make their research have more impact in policy circles.

Encourage more cross agency and intra-agency initiatives to impact public policy (more efficiency and less duplication of effort).

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