

Report of the Interagency Breast Cancer and Environment Coordination Committee

The Interagency Breast Cancer & Environmental Research Coordinating Committee (IBCERCC) released its report, "Breast Cancer and the Environment: Prioritizing Prevention" on February 12, 2013. The IBCERCC was established by Congress in 2008 to review the current state of the science and investments by federal agencies and other organizations, and make recommendations to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for actions to better understand how breast cancer risk is affected by changing environmental circumstances. The committee consists of federal agency representatives, non-federal scientists and physicians, and advocates. The major recommendations from the Report and detailed presentations from the three subcommittees, notably the State of the Science; Research Process; and Research Translation and Dissemination will be made by the chair, Dr. Michele Forman and the sub-committee chairs, Dr. Michael Gould and Ms. Jeanne Rizzo. The presentations will explore: compelling themes for future investigation in transdisciplinary research; the funding for this area of research; and optimal approach for dissemination of research progress to inform policy and the public such that individuals can make evidence based decisions about the environment and breast cancer.