

# SOUTH REGION ASSESSMENT FOR CHEMICAL EXPOSURES (ACE)



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) is working with the County of San Diego to learn more about **health concerns and impacts from exposure to sewage and pollution in the Tijuana River Valley** and frequently contaminated beaches. This will be done through an **online survey** called an Assessment for Chemical Exposures, or ACE.

## WHAT IS AN ACE?

ACE stands for Assessment for Chemical Exposures.

- It is a way to quickly gather information about the impact of the release of a substance or chemical on an individual, as well as the community.

## HOW IS AN ACE DONE?



An ACE is done by collecting information through an online survey. This survey:

- Will take about 20 minutes to complete.
- Will ask about where and when you are in contact with the affected area, your health as it relates to sewage and pollution in the area, your lifestyle, and work history.
- Is voluntary and confidential.

## HOW DO I FILL OUT THE SURVEY?

People who live, work, or recreate near the Tijuana River Valley and Imperial Beach may fill out the survey through **November 22, 2024**.

- Use a mobile device to scan the QR code to the right, which should take you directly to the survey in a web browser, or
- Click, or copy and paste into your browser, the following link:  
<https://redcap.link/tjrv2024>.
- Parent(s)/guardian(s) may complete the survey for themselves, and again, for each of their minor children.

SCAN HERE ↙



## WHAT WILL THE DATA BE USED FOR?



There has been a long history of cross-border flows containing untreated sewage, sediment, and trash entering the Tijuana River Valley. This impacts local recreation, damages sensitive habitats, threatens public health, and causes beach water contact closures. Your input will help us better understand the health status, experiences, and needs of the community.



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