

# Climate Change & Public Health

Understanding the role for public health and health care practitioners

April 7, 2010      Maple Hill Farm, Hallowell, ME      7:30am – 4pm

## Goals for the Conference:

- To create a common understanding in the public health community about the causes of climate change and its impact on health
- To put climate change mitigation and adaptation in the context of a public health framework
- To identify co-health benefits and linkages with public health, environmental, healthcare and community organizations to address climate change from a public health perspective
- To identify and commit personal, organizational or policy actions to address the public health impact of climate change

## Keynote Speaker

### MICHAEL McGEEHIN PhD MSPH

Director, Division Environmental Hazards & Health Effects  
National Center for Environmental Health  
U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)  
Adjunct Professor, Emory University School of Public Health

Dr. McGeehin has been a scientist with the CDC for over 28 years and has spent most of that time working on environmental health issues including lead poisoning in children, asthma, drinking water contamination, air pollution, radiation exposures, environmental health tracking, cancer clusters, and morbidity and mortality related to heat waves, hypothermia and extreme weather events.

Dr. McGeehin also served as co-chair of the Human Health Sector for the U.S. National Assessment Team, responsible for assessing the possible human health effects on the U.S. population resulting from global climate change.



**Dr. Michael McGeehin, PhD, MSPH**



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### **WHO SHOULD ATTEND**

*Healthy Maine Partnerships*

*Environmental Health Organizations*

*Environmental Health Advocates*

*State & Local Health Departments*

*District Coordinating Councils*

*Physicians*

*Public Health Advocates*

*Anyone with an interest in transportation,  
agriculture, nutrition, physical activity and chronic  
disease prevention*



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# **Agenda**

7:30am – 9:00am

Registration & Breakfast

9:00am – 9:15am

## **Welcome & Purpose of Meeting**

**Karen O'Rourke, MPH**

**Paul Campbell, PhD**, Harvard School of Public Health, NE Alliance for Public Health Workforce Dev.

9:15am – 10:15am

## **The Public Health Response to Climate Challenge**

**Michael McGeehin, PhD, MSPH**, U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC)

10:15am – 10:30am

Question & Answer Session

10:30am – 10:45am

Break

10:45am – 11:45am

## **Addressing Climate Change in Maine: Overview of Maine's Activities**

**Dora Anne Mills, MD, MPH**, Director, Maine CDC

**David Littell**, Commissioner, Maine Department of Environmental Protection

11:45am – 12:00pm

Question & Answer Session

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Lunch

1:00pm – 1:30pm

## **Maine's Climate Future**

**George Jacobson, PhD**, State Climatologist, Climate Change Institute

1:30pm – 1:40pm

Question & Answer Session

1:40pm – 2:10pm

## **Data & Surveillance**

**Andrew Smith, SM, ScD**, State Toxicologist, Maine CDC

2:10pm – 2:20pm

Question & Answer Session

2:20pm – 2:30pm

Break

2:30pm – 3:30pm

## **Effective Change at the Community Level**

**Barbara MacKinnon, PhD**, President & CEO, New Brunswick Lung Association

3:30pm – 3:40pm

Follow-Up & Adjourn

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