

**Kingston Coal Ash Release  
Community Meeting  
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**“Opening Remarks”**

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# Why is ATSDR here today?

- To explain who we are and how we support TDOH
- To assure you of our commitment to providing the best science to address your concerns
- To share information about the PHA process and your opportunity to provide feedback
- To listen to you and answer your questions



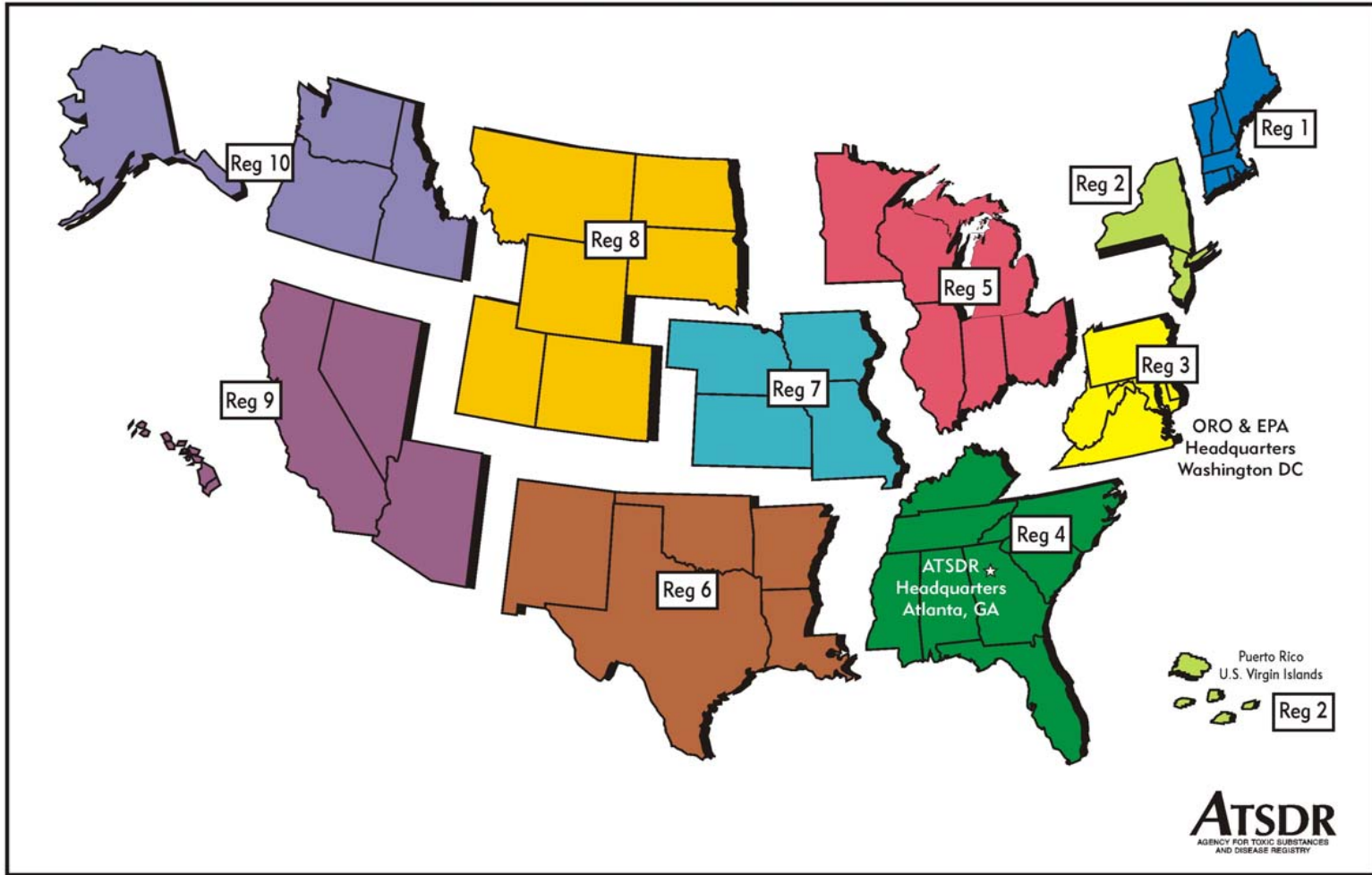
# History of ATSDR



- 1980: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA, or “Superfund law”) passed
- 1984: Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976 (RCRA) amended
- 1985: ATSDR formally organized
- 2004: Consolidation with CDC’s National Center for Environmental Health (NCEH)



# ATSDR Regional Offices



# ATSDR's Functions

- **Protect** people from hazardous chemical exposures
- **Build the science base** about toxic chemicals
- **Educate** people about exposures to toxic chemicals
- **Maintain registries** related to exposures



# ATSDR Products: PHAs and HCs

- May be routine or petitioned
- Performed by Cooperative Agreement States and/or ATSDR staff
- Approximately 380/year
- These efforts:
  - Assess exposures, possible health threats
  - Utilize community engagement
- Make recommendations and identify interventions to protect public health

## Health Consultation

Updated Assessment of PCB Exposures in Anniston, AL

ANNISTON PCB SITE

ANNISTON, CALHOUN COUNTY, ALABAMA

EPA FACILITY ID: ALD004019048

OCTOBER 16, 2006

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# What are the Next Steps?

- Fall – Submit draft PHA to outside peer review
- Winter – Share draft PHA with the public
- Spring - Finalize the PHA
- Continue to work and implement protective measures
- TDOH and ATSDR remain available to review new information.

