



## HESI Environmental Epidemiology Committee - Risk Assessors Survey

Help us explore the (potential) role of epidemiology in human health risk assessment!

**This survey is offered by the Environmental Epidemiology Committee of the Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI).**

**Its purpose is to understand the practical needs risk assessors may have regarding epidemiological data. It explores how much they currently use, or may wish to use epidemiology studies for their assessments, and what might help them make epidemiological data more central to their work.**

**Question 3, 4, 5, 6, and 9 are open-ended. Although they might take more thought on your part, we encourage you to elaborate on these questions, so they help us better understand the nuances of the needs and experiences that come into play in the risk assessment process.**

**Your responses will remain anonymous and all identifying information will be removed from reports resulting from the data we collect.**



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Tell us about your experience

1. Have you ever **participated in developing values that define exposure limits** (e.g., reference doses, cancer slope factors, minimum risk levels, occupational exposure limits... etc.) for risk assessment applications?

Yes

No

2. Have you ever **participated in the review or evaluation of values that define exposure limits** (e.g., reference doses, cancer slope factors, minimum risk levels, occupational exposure limits...etc.) for risk assessment applications?

- Yes
- No

3. Have you ever considered using epidemiologic data in risk assessment?

- Yes
- No

If not, can you tell us why?

\* 4. What do you find **helpful** in epidemiology papers when you conduct risk assessments or develop exposure limits?

\* 5. What do you find **unhelpful** in epidemiology papers when you conduct risk assessments or develop exposure limits?

\* 6. If you could ask anything from an epidemiologist to help you conduct a risk assessment or develop exposure limits, what would it be?

\* 7. Thinking about the **potential of epidemiology**, how valuable do you think it **can be** in risk assessment (including the development of exposure limits)?

0 (Not useful at all) 100 (Extremely useful)

\* 8. Thinking about **current state of epidemiology**, how valuable do you think it **currently is** in risk assessment

0 (Not useful at all) 100 (Extremely useful)

\* 9. Could you share an example from your experience where you used epidemiologic evidence in risk assessments (or the development of exposure limits)? Did these data make a difference in the risk assessment outcome, whether they confirmed or contradicted the other available data.



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Tell us about yourself.

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\* 10. What is your **main** sector of activity? (Please, limit response to only one option)

- Academia
- Consulting
- Industry
- NGO
- Government Agency
- Regulatory Agency
- Other (please specify)

None of the above

\* 11. What is your highest university degree

Other (please specify)

12. In what field is your highest university degree?

\* 13. Could we contact you to follow-up on your answers, if needed?

- Yes
- No

14. Contact information

**Name**

**Name of your  
organization**

**Email address**