



Technology, Data, and the Assessment of Atmospheric Exposure on Finer Scales

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Dear Colleagues,

Epidemiological studies of weather influences upon human health have historically relied on coarse aggregations at the scale of municipalities or larger. Health outcomes were then typically associated with point data of atmospheric conditions—whether thermal, pollution, or extreme environments—from which individual-level exposure would be approximated. Technological advances in sensing equipment now allow researchers to more precisely assess environmental exposure at the scale of an individual person. These more-localized response data, geocoded and available on finer scales, have enabled more in-depth responses to be assessed. The improved ability to geospatially integrate and analyze all these data has led to exciting new research, in which the variability of individuals' exposure and response is coming to light.

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