

Hello, this is Kevin O'Donovan, and I'd like to welcome you to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Superfund Research Program monthly Research Brief podcast.

This month, we celebrate the 200th Research Brief – a significant milestone in research dissemination.

This Research Brief was released on August 3, 2011, and was written by SRP contractor Maureen Avakian.

When we created the Research Briefs in 1997, email was a new and untapped technology and developing our Research Briefs for this mode of communication was novel and exciting. While email has become a standard communication tool, we hope that you continue to find the information in the Briefs cutting-edge and relevant.

The Research Briefs continue to present timely and relevant SRP-funded research findings in the areas of environmental health sciences and remediation. Each issue provides context; summarizes the findings, significance and applicability; and includes citations and contact information so that interested readers can find additional information.

The Research Brief series has grown impressively in both circulation and impact. From an initial subscriber list of 400, we now send the Briefs to over 4,700 subscribers each month, and often hear that the documents are forwarded to colleagues, posted on web pages, and used in classrooms. Originally plain-text emails, today's Briefs are full color with photos, graphics, and links. You can download the Briefs as PDF documents or MP3 files - or listen to them on iTunes.

Research Brief 200 is being sent to readers in 54 countries, including:

- Environmental health officials from 35 federal agencies, 46 state agencies, and 12 local agencies;
- Leaders of 5 Tribal governments;
- Students, teachers, and researchers from 240 colleges and universities;
- Members of 70 not-for-profit organizations; and
- Employees and affiliates of 82 for-profit environmental and engineering firms.

We look toward the next 100 issues. The Research Briefs will continue to provide essential information to our readers. We welcome your suggestions on areas of interest and relevance. We encourage you to review past editions when you are looking for concise and useful information about important scientific and technological developments related to hazardous waste research. Past and future issues of the Research Briefs can be accessed on the SRP website at www.niehs.nih.gov/srp. Just click on the "Research Briefs" link in the left-hand menu.

If you have any questions or comments about this month's podcast or if you have ideas for future podcasts, contact Maureen Avakian at avakian@niehs.nih.gov.

Join us next month as we discuss Dr. James Swenberg's discovery of the seventh and eighth bases of DNA. This finding could have applications as a tool for cancer researchers to reactivate tumor suppressors.