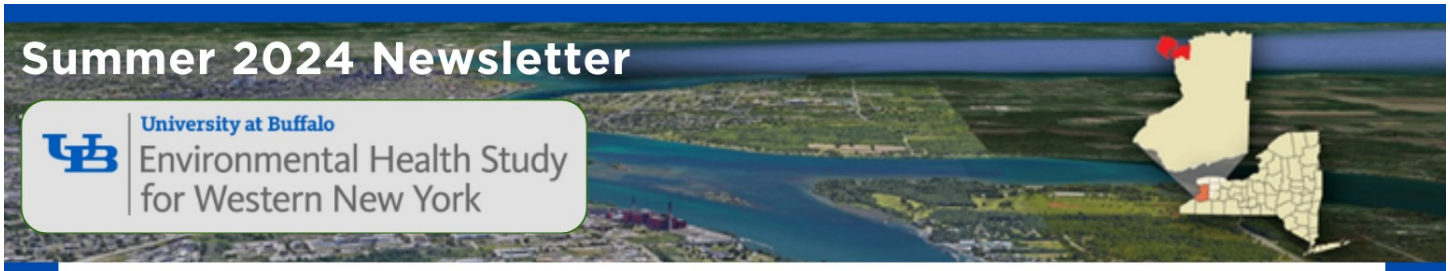
Summer 2024 Newsletter

University at Buffalo
Environmental Health Study for Western New York



HELLO, NICE TO SEE YOU AGAIN!

It's been a while since we sent our last newsletter. We are excited to be back and to share our progress!

WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH STUDY FOR WNY?

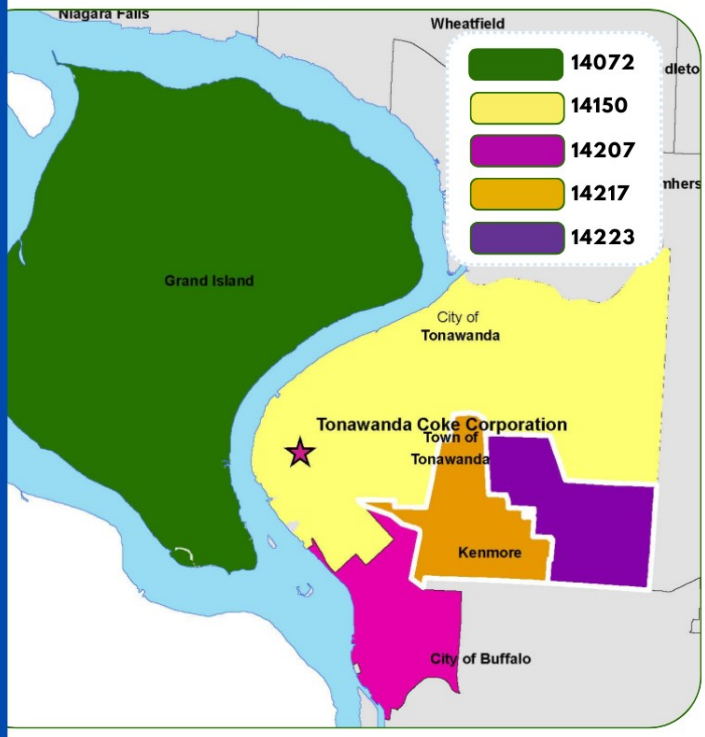
BACKGROUND

The Tonawanda Coke Corporation was convicted of violating the Clean Air Act and the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act by releasing a complex mixture of hazardous air pollutants into the environment. This cohort study is funded by the fines levied against Tonawanda Coke.

GOALS

10-year study

- Learn about the health problems our community is facing.
- Determine if these conditions are linked to exposure to air pollutants.



INSIDE THE NUMBERS

13,904
People enrolled in the study
- 13,390 adults
- 514 children from a total of 392 families

8,328
People participated in 2021 follow-up survey

7,464
People participated in 2023 follow-up survey

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WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW, AND WHAT'S NEXT?

- Participants' biological samples (blood, saliva, urine, etc.) continue to be analyzed
- A new website is currently being designed
- We will be sharing some early findings very soon

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