

BIOGRAPHY

KEVIN M. STEWART

Kevin Stewart is director of environmental health for the American Lung Association of the Mid-Atlantic, encompassing Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia. Since 1987, Stewart has served the American Lung Association on issues pertaining to environmental and occupational health. From 2000 through 2005, he was director of environmental health for the American Lung Association of Pennsylvania, having been regional director and director of environmental and occupational health for the American Lung Association of Lancaster and Berks Counties (Pa.) prior to that.

His major responsibilities include informing the public and policymakers about indoor and outdoor air pollution, its health effects, its sources, and its means of control. He addresses pollutants ranging from tobacco smoke and mold emissions to outdoor ozone and particle pollution. Stewart administers a grant from the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency providing services to school districts promoting the establishment of indoor air quality management programs, and he is in the early stages of work under a grant from the Heinz Foundations aimed at reducing wood smoke in Allegheny County communities. He serves on groups convened by state government that have explored, among other things, asthma strategic planning, public policy development on mold, and environmental public health tracking.

With respect to indoor air pollution, he is perhaps best known for his work administering grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to educate people about the health risks of radon gas, and about appropriate testing and mitigation procedures. He serves on several national advisory bodies in this regard. In recognition of his work Stewart was named the 2008 Radon Hero Award recipient by the Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors.

Another major aspect of his work is advocating for measures to control outdoor air pollution. Stewart has given testimony before numerous local, state and federal legislative and regulatory bodies on matters relating to lung health. He has served as a stakeholder and advisor to groups convened by state government to make recommendations for the control of ozone smog, and emissions from vehicles and industry. He serves on a number of ongoing bodies whose goals are related to the control of outdoor air pollution. He also develops information provided across the region pertaining to the American Lung Association's annual *State of the Air* report.

He has been a math and science teacher and a computer programmer and has also served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ghana studying and designing processes for making charcoal more efficiently. He is a valedictory graduate of Lancaster Catholic High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering with high honors from Princeton University. He resides with his wife Rose Breneman Stewart in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania; they are the parents of adult children Amy and Henry.
