

## **Biomonitoring Data Summary July 1, 2010**

Biomonitoring is the measurement of chemicals or their metabolites (breakdown products) in a person's body fluids, such as blood or urine, or tissues, such as hair or fat. *Biomonitoring California* (formally known as the California Environmental Contaminant Biomonitoring Program), was authorized by Senate Bill 1379 (Perata, 2006 Legislative session, codified as Health and Safety Code Sections 105440-105459). The legislation requires that any "health and environmental exposure data made available to the general public shall be provided in a summary format to protect the confidentiality of program participants. The data shall be made available, after appropriate quality assurance and quality control, by July 1, 2010, and at least every two years thereafter."

*Biomonitoring California* received its initial funding on July 1, 2007. In 2009, the Program successfully obtained competitive federal funding. This additional resource allowed the Program to develop and enhance laboratory testing infrastructure, data collection protocols and procedures, and results communication methods. *Biomonitoring California* staff is currently implementing several targeted biomonitoring projects, which are in various stages of development. As of July 1, 2010, *Biomonitoring California* has no health or environmental exposure data completed to share with the public. However, the Program anticipates that summarized data from ongoing projects will be available for public release by July 1, 2012.