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The National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH) in British Columbia will look at how environmental factors such as climate, water quality, toxins, food quality, air quality and shelter influence the state of human health and the role of public health in promoting healthy living and working environments.

The British Columbia Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Society will be the host agency for this NCC. BCCDC currently has responsibility to support a comprehensive program of communicable disease and environmental health prevention and control for the province of British Columbia.

The activities the organization will undertake to meet the objectives include organizing cross-country focus groups and workshops with key individuals and organizations to develop the vision, goals, priorities, roles, structures and identify the key players for the NCCEH; completing an environmental scan to identify experts, leaders, best practices and existing networks in the field; examining current strategies being used for knowledge translation and identifying knowledge gaps that will need to be addressed; developing a range of mechanisms to communicate with stakeholders including a web site, list server, newsletter and the establishment of liaison functions with key environmental health organizations; identifying potential sources for future funding; developing proposals which address priority areas of activity; and collaborating with the other National Collaborating Centres (NCCs).