

Surname, First Name

IDNR

(We will complete this section for you)

## German Environmental Survey for Adults – GerES VI



# Consent Form for survey participation

I have been informed about the content and aims of the German Environmental Survey for Adults - GerES VI and have received written information about the survey and about data protection. I have had sufficient time to ask any questions about the survey that interest me and I have had sufficient time to consider my decision to participate.

I am aware that participation in the survey is voluntary. I know that I can withdraw my consent to participate in this survey at any time, without giving reasons, and that I will not be disadvantaged in any way as a result.

I hereby confirm my participation in GerES VI. I agree that employees of the German Environment Agency (UBA) or of Oracle Life Sciences, the company commissioned by the German Environment Agency to conduct the fieldwork, and their contractors or potential collaborative partners may contact me and visit me on the dates agreed with me, take receipt of the samples described and take measurements. I am willing to be interviewed and to complete questionnaires myself.

I consent to the fact,

- that my morning urine sample, as well as the other samples from my household, will be examined by or on behalf of the German Environment Agency for the purposes of environmental research;
- that portions of my morning urine sample will be stored at the German Environment Agency for 2-5 years after sampling, in order to be able to take subsequent pollutant measurements. I shall not receive any notification of these results;
- that the data obtained from my samples and questionnaire information will be permanently stored by the German Environment Agency, as well as analysed and processed for the purposes of environmental research;
- that survey results will be published in an anonymous format that does not allow any inference to my personal identity; and
- that my survey data will be included in a data pool („Scientific Use File“) that is available to the wider scientific community public for further research. This data pool does not contain any information that allows conclusions to be drawn about me.

**Please tick the other possible uses of your samples and data accordingly on the following page and sign the statement.**

**The following points are also agreed (please tick):**

I wish to be informed about my readings and about any concentrations found, if these can be assessed in toxicological and environmental medicine terms.

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yes

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no

I consent to my current residential address being used to link generally accessible environmental data such as particulate matter, traffic, noise, green spaces, etc. with my survey data using geo-coordinates.

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yes

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no

The geo-coordinates are permanently stored separately from the survey data. Only information that does not allow identification is added to the survey data with the help of these geo-coordinates.

I agree that portions of my urine and household samples may be stored and examined by the German Environment Agency and by German and international collaborative partners in the event of further questions. I permanently relinquish these urine and household samples to the German Environment Agency for this purpose. The samples are stored with pseudonymised labelling.

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no

I shall not receive notification of my individual results from these future research projects.

I consent to my pseudonymised survey data being passed on by the German Environment Agency to German and international collaborative partners and governmental organisations for further analysis and policy advice.

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yes

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no

I agree to anonymised storage of my survey data in comprehensive German and international environmental databases by the German Environment Agency.

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yes

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no

The survey data stored in these databases does not contain any information that allows identification.

**I have the following data protection rights in accordance with Art. 7, 15 - 21 and 77 para. 1 GDPR:**

- The right to request information about what personal data of mine has been stored (Art. 15) and to correct and/or complete it, if it is inaccurate (Art. 16). The right to deletion (Art. 17). This is only possible, however, if my personal data is no longer required, is processed unlawfully or if the relevant consent has been withdrawn. The right to have processing of my data restricted (Art. 18) and the right to receive the data I have provided in a structured, standard, machine-readable format (Art. 20).

I can assert these rights for as long as the data can be matched to me as a person.

- The right to withdraw my consent at any time without giving reasons and to terminate my participation in the survey prematurely without me being disadvantaged in any way (Art.7).
- The right to object to further processing of my personal data in special situations, where this is justified by the performance of public functions or the safeguarding of public and private interests. In accordance with § 36 BDSG (Federal Data Protection Act), this right does not apply if a public body is legally obliged to process the data (Art. 21).
- The right to complain to the Data Protection Officer of the German Environment Agency [Mr. Langhoff, Bismarckplatz 1, 14193 Berlin, Tel: +49 (0)30 8903 5141] or to the supervisory authority [The Federal Commissioner for Data Protection and Freedom of Information (BfDI), Husarenstr. 30, 53117 Bonn, +49 (0) 228-997799-0] (Art. 77).

Furthermore, I have

- the right to demand the destruction of my samples at any time without giving reasons, and without me being disadvantaged in any way.

I can assert this right for as long as the samples can be matched to me as a person. This means that it will no longer be possible to destroy your samples after we have deleted your address data.

I have received a second copy of this consent form. The first copy remains with the German Environment Agency.

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Place, date

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Signature of participant