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Centers for Oceans and Human Health

World Headlines

May 11, 2004 - National Science Foundation and the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences establish four joint Centers for Oceans and Human Health, located at the University of Washington, the University of Hawaii, the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Massachusetts and the University of Miami.

NSF and NIEHS will contribute a combined \$5 million annually for the next five years. The COHH program began in 1998 when NIEHS participated in interagency workshops and an Institute of Medicine panel as part of the "International Year of the Ocean". According to NSF, COHH will "bring together experts in biomedical and oceanographic sciences for the first time to study the effects of harmful algal blooms, marine pathogens and the oceans' vast potential for drug discoveries".04470170022_b

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