Environmental effects are adverse environmental conditions caused by pollutants. Indicators representing various aspects of environmental degradation, ecological effects and threats to the environment and communities were selected.

Environmental Effects Indicators:

Clean-up Sites
- Sum of weighted sites within each ZIP code. Contaminated sites are weighted based on the type and cleanup status of the site. 
  Data Source: EnviroTracker Cleanup Sites Database, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Impaired Water Bodies
- Summed number of pollutants across all water bodies designated as impaired within the area. 
  Data Source: 2010 List of Impaired Water Bodies, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Leaking Underground Storage Tanks and Groundwater Cleanup Sites
- Sum of weighted sites within each ZIP code. Leaking underground storage tanks are weighted based on site type and status. 
  Data Source: GeoTracker Database, State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

Solid Waste Sites and Facilities and Hazardous Waste Facilities
- Sum of weighted solid waste sites and facilities and permitted hazardous waste facilities within each ZIP code. 
  Data Sources: Solid Waste Information System (SWIS), California Department of Resource Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle), and EnviroTracker Hazardous Waste Facilities Database, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Regional Environmental Effects
(based on average of percentiles for the four indicators)

Statewide Environmental Effects
(based on average of percentiles for the four indicators)