This month’s cover article, “Organizational Characteristics of Local Health Departments and Environmental Health Services and Activities,” explores the association between organizational characteristics of local health departments and the environmental health services rendered in the community. The study identified eight different organizational characteristics to determine their association to 34 environmental health services. While all the available organizational characteristics had association with some of the environmental health services, the variation of environmental health services provided in communities could also be explained by a combination of factors such as fee generation, community needs, type of governance, and population size.

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