



2012 National Environmental Justice Conference
& Training Program

*“Enhancing Communities through Capacity
Building and Technical Assistance”*

AGENDA

DAY 1—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11, 2012

GRAND OPENING PLENARY SESSION AND RECEPTION

**Howard University School of Law
2900 Van Ness Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20008**

5:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. The 2012 National Environmental Justice Conference and Training
Program Kick-Off

Welcome/Opening Remarks

**Dean O.C. Dark
Professor of Law and Associate Dean for
Academic Affairs
Howard University School of Law**

**Benjamin F. Wilson, Esq.
Managing Principal
Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.,
Chairman, Board of Directors
National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc.**

**The Honorable Harold Mitchell
ReGenesis Project
Spartanburg, SC**



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5:15 p.m.—7:15 p.m.

Panel Discussion: Best Environmental Justice Practices for Community Capacity Building

This session will focus on best environmental justice practices for community capacity building and technical assistance and emerging new issues in environmental justice.

Session Moderators

Timothy Fields, Jr.
Senior Vice President, MDB, Inc.

Lessie Price
Manager, Government Operations, URS, Inc.

Session Speakers

Glenn Parker
Director, Parks & Recreation
Aiken, SC (*Local Government Perspective*)

Willie Taylor, PhD, Director,
Office of Environmental Policy and
Compliance
U.S. Department of Interior (DOI) (*DOI
Perspective*)

Sue Briggum
Vice President, Federal Public Affairs
Waste Management (*Industry Perspective*)

Harold Mitchell
ReGenesis Project
Spartanburg, SC (*Community Perspective*)

Quentin Pair
Trial Attorney/Environmental Justice
Coordinator
U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)
(*DOJ Perspective*)

Sandra Howard
Senior Environmental Health Advisor,
Office of Assistant Secretary for Health,
U.S. Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS) (*HHS Perspective*)

Vernice Miller-Travis
Maryland Commission on Environmental
Justice and Sustainable Communities
(*Community Advocate Perspective*)

Charles Lee
Deputy Associate Assistant Administrator
for Environmental Justice
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
(*EPA Perspective*)



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7:15 p.m.—9:00 p.m. Reception

DAY 2—THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

FIRST FULL DAY OF THE 2012 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM

Washington Marriott at Metro Center
775 12th Street, N.W.
Washington, DC 20005

7:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Registration

Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 a.m.—8:45 a.m. Welcome

Mistress of Ceremonies
Ms. Carolyn Sawyer
Communications Strategist
Tom Sawyer Company

8:45 a.m.—9:30 a.m.

Remarks and Introduction of Keynote Speaker
Remarks

The Honorable Melvin G. Williams, Jr., Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret.),
Associate Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

Introduction

David W. Geiser, Director, Office of Legacy Management, U.S.
Department of Energy

Opening Keynote Speaker

The Honorable Thomas P. D'Agostino
Under Secretary for Nuclear Security and Administrator for the
National Nuclear Security Administration
U.S. Department of Energy

9:30 a.m.—10:00 a.m.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities Present
Award to the U.S. Department of Energy

The Honorable Steven Chu, PhD,
Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy

The Honorable Thomas P. D'Agostino
Under Secretary for



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Nuclear Security and Administrator for the National Nuclear Security Administration

**William Brinkman, PhD, Director,
Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy**

0:00 a.m.—10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 a.m.—12:15 p.m. **Federal Title VI Enforcement Panel**

Moderator
Daria Neal, Esq.
Deputy Chief
Federal Compliance Section, Civil Rights Division
U.S. Department of Justice

Mark Brenman
Social Justice Consultancy

Mark Matulef
Trial Attorney, HUD Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity

Warren Whitlock
Assistant Administrator for Civil Rights, DOT Federal Highway Administration

Helena Wooden-Aguilar
Assistant Director, EPA External Complaints and Compliance Program Office of Civil Rights

The purpose of this panel is to discuss federal agency efforts in enforcing Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. As an important legal tool in achieving environmental justice, the panelist will discuss their successes and challenges in achieving compliance. Panelists will also share upcoming initiatives and program changes to strengthen compliance. With audience participation, the group will engage in a dialogue on identifying the types of complaints with environmental justice issues, best practices as applied to those complaints, and potential remedies to address discriminatory impacts.

12:15 p.m.—12:30 p.m. Break

12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. **Networking Luncheon with Greetings and Remarks from
The Honorable James E. Clyburn**
Assistant Democratic Leader (Democrat, 6th District, South Carolina)



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1:45 p.m.—2:55 p.m.

Health Disparities Congressional Panel: “Place/Race Matters”

Overview and Introduction

David Rivers, PhD, Assistant Professor, Medical University of South Carolina and Director, Public Information and Community Outreach

**The Honorable Congresswoman Donna Christensen, M.D.
(Democrat, U.S. Virgin Islands)**

**Brian Smedley, PhD,
Vice President and Director
Health Policy Institute, Joint Center for Political and Economic
Studies**

**Danielle Deane
Director
Energy and Environment Program, Joint Center for Political and
Economic Studies**

**Cindy De La Cruz
Southern California Conference Coordinator
California Health Professional Student Alliance**

**Jeanette F. Jordan
Registered Dietitian, Owner, J and J Health Consultants**

3:00 p.m.— 3:30p.m.

Plenary Speaker

**Ignacia Moreno, Esq.
Assistant Attorney General for
Environmental and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice**

Introduction

**Quentin Pair, Esq.
Trial Attorney/Environmental Justice Coordinator,
Environmental and Natural Resources Division
U.S. Department of Justice**

3:30p.m.—5:30 p.m.

**Environmental Justice Federal Interagency Working Group (EJ IWG)
Stakeholder Dialogue**

Moderator and Update of IWG Progress
Lisa F. Garcia, Esq.



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Senior Advisor to the Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Discussion of Partnerships and Abstract Presentations

Department of Interior – America’s Great Outdoors

Environmental Protection Agency – Partnership for Sustainable
Communities (Megan McConville)

Executive Office of the President – Strong Cities, Strong
Communities (SC2)

Housing and Urban Development

U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service – Executing the EJ Strategic Plan
(Kim Lambert)

Health and Human Services – Environmental Justice Strategy:
Insights into Implementation (Chip Howard)

This interactive session will include an update of the EJ IWG progress since the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding and will highlight some of the Federal interagency partnerships established during this Administration. Each partnership will be introduced to conference attendees. Fact sheets will be provided describing the partnerships, including a listing of the partner agencies and a key contact for each one.

5:30p.m. – 5:45p.m. Break

5:45p.m. – 6:15p.m. **Environmental Justice Middle School Competition**
“Uncovering Federal Agency EJ Strategies”
Patriots Technology Training Center/U.S. Department of Energy

DAY 3—FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

SECOND FULL DAY OF THE 2012 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM

8:00 a.m.—9:30 a.m. Exhibit Hall Open

Registration Close-out

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8:00 a.m.—9:45 a.m. **Panel Presentation: Our Experiences:**

Moderator

Lonnie Sharpe, Ph.D., P.E
Samuel P. Massie Chairs of Excellence
Tennessee State University

“The Legacy of Uranium Mining in Navajo Nation”
(Includes a 10 minute video clip from “Sacred Poison”)
Yvonne Latty

“The USDA, Forest Service Land Management Planning Rule”
Brenda Halter-Glenn, Ecosystems Management Coordination,
USDA Forest Service

“Strengthening and Advancing Environmental Justice Sciences”
Peter A. Sam, Ph.D.
School of Technology
North Carolina A&T University

“Engineering Ethics, Environmental Justice and Environmental Impact”
Roger Painter, Ph.D., P.E.
Tennessee State University

“Geospatial Technology Applications in Support of Technical Assistance for an Environmental Justice Community in West Tennessee”
David Padgett, Ph.D.
Tennessee State University

9:45 a.m.—10:00 a.m. **Break**



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- 10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker
Dr. Mildred McClain, Executive Director, Citizens for Environmental Justice
- Introduction
**Melinda Downing,
Environmental Justice Program Manager
U.S. Department of Energy**
- 10:35 a.m.—12:15 p.m. **Community, Academia, Business, and Government Capacity Building and Technical Assistance Collaboration**
- Moderator
**Sue Briggum
Vice President, Federal Public Affairs
Waste Management**
- David Matthews
Director, Division of New Reactor Licensing
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission**
- Lonnie Sharpe, Ph.D., P.E.,
Samuel P. Massie Chairs of Excellence
Tennessee State University**
- Rose Scott
Intergovernmental/Public Affairs, Strategic Communications, URS
Washington TRU Solutions**
- Cynthia Peurifoy
Environmental Justice Coordinator
Environmental Protection Agency (Region 4)**
- Jacqueline Shirley
Senior Environmental Scientist
Zender Environmental Health and Research Group**
- 12:15 p.m.—12:30 p.m. Break
- 12:30 p.m.—1:30 p.m. Luncheon Keynote Speaker
**The Honorable Gwendolyn Keyes Fleming, Regional Administrator,
Southeast Region (Region 4), United States Environmental
Protection Agency**



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Introduction
Jewell Harper, Senior Advisor to the Regional Administrator

1:30 p.m.—1:45 p.m. Break

1:45 p.m.—2:45 p.m. **Panel Presentation: Our Experiences (continued)**

“The Urban Waters Federal Partnership”
Alice Ewen, National Program Manager
Urban and Community Forestry Program
USDA Forest Service

Roy Simon, Special Assistant for Urban Waters Program
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

“The Watershed Condition Framework and Environmental Justice”
Annie Zimmermann
Director, Wildlife, Fish, Watershed, Air & Rare Plants Staff
USDA Forest Service

**“2010 Nashville Floods and African American Homeowners in the
White Creek Watershed Pathway”**
Dwight D. Martin
College of Engineering Technology & Computer Science
Tennessee State University

2:50 p.m.—4:15 p.m. **Future Leaders Initiatives in Environmental Justice**

Moderator
Melinda Downing,
Environmental Justice Program Manager
U.S. Department of Energy

Tracy A. Wright
Regional Marketing Director
Raycom

Abré Conner
National Attorney General
National Black Law Students Association

Rodniqua Brothers
Senior, St. John’s High School
John’s Island, SC



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Daphne Rubin-Vega
Law Student
Howard University Law School

Don Ami
Intergovernmental Program Specialist
National Nuclear Security Administration
U.S. Department of Energy

4:15 p.m.—4:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

Vernice Miller-Travis
Vice Chair
Maryland Commission on Environmental
Justice and Sustainable Communities

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Because of chemical sensitivity of many people, we are requesting that attendees wear unscented toiletry items.



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TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING PROGRAMS

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4:00 p.m.—5:30 p.m.

Environmental Justice Training Course

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These Environmental Justice Training Courses were designed for DOE and EPA employees, in both management and decision-making positions, to gain greater awareness of environmental justice and to help provide strategies for incorporating environmental justice and increased public participation into agency policies, decisions, and activities.

1:30 p.m.—3:30 p.m.

Title VI Workshop

Presentations, interactive discussions, and practice sessions will be lead by a faculty of experienced practitioners and experts in Title VI issues to inform grassroots communities on suggested basic elements in preparing and submitting viable Title VI administrative complaints and the legal tools needed to address environmental justice at the Federal level. The focus will be on how to use the administrative process in addressing disproportionate and negative environmental and health impacts suffered by low-income and minority communities.

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1:45 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

Grant Writing and Technical Assistance

Part 1. *Ready, Set: Give Me Your Money, What's In A Name?* and, *Do We Really Want To Do This?* Terms and Techniques of Grant Writing

Part 2. *Go: How Do We Do It?* and *How Much Do We Need?* Developing a Proposal and Budget

Part 3. *Where Is The Money?* Finding Available Grant Funding Agencies

Presenter: **Ms. Deborah N. Blacknall, Grants Administrator and Assistant Officer, Office of Sponsored Programs, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC**

Presenter: **Ms. Gwendolyn F. Mitchell Ulmer, Grant Administrator, Office of Sponsored Programs, South Carolina State University, Orangeburg, SC**