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Conference Registration Hours:

Sunday, January 24, 2010.....	4:00 pm -6:00 pm	Foyer Mardi Gras Ballroom
Monday, January 25, 2010	7:30 am -5:30 pm	Foyer Mardi Gras Ballroom
Tuesday, January 26, 2010	8:00 am -3:00 pm	Foyer Mardi Gras Ballroom
Wednesday, January 27, 2010.....	8:00 am -9:00 am	Foyer Mardi Gras Ballroom

Break Locations:

La Galerie 4-6.....	2 nd floor – down one level
Mardi Gras Ballroom Foyer	3 rd floor – this level

Monday, January 25, 2010

Mardi Gras Ballroom

7:30 am	Registration	Foyer Mardi Gras Ballroom
8:45 am	Welcome Dr. Beverly Wright (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University) Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Jr. (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) Gregory Green (EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards)	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-H
9:15 am	New Environmental Justice Initiatives, Q&A <i>Moderator:</i> Gregory Green (EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards) Gina McCarthy (EPA, Office of Air and Radiation) Cynthia Giles (EPA, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance) Lisa Garcia (EPA, Office of the Administrator) (<i>invited</i>) Dr. Gwen Collman (NIEHS, Division of Extramural Research and Training)	
11:15 am	BREAK	
11:30 am	Respondent Panel (Community Leaders) <i>Moderator:</i> Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Jr. (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) Dr. Beverly Wright (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University) Peggy Shepard (WE ACT for Environmental Justice) Dr. Paul Mohai (The School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Michigan) Dr. Robert Bullard (Clark Atlanta University, Environmental Justice Resource Center)	
12:15 pm	LUNCH (<i>on your own</i>)	
1:30 pm	Track Sessions Overview: Understanding Disproportionate Impacts on EJ Communities Goods Movement: Omega Wilson (West End Revitalization Association) Ambient Air/Climate Change: Elvin Lang (Alabamians United for Environmental Justice) Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training: Sharon D. Beard (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-H
2:00 pm	Sustainability and Green Jobs: Opening Remarks and Keynote <i>Moderator:</i> Deepay Mukerjee (Progenesis Technologies, LLC) <i>Moderator:</i> Shirley Augurson (EPA Region 6) <i>Keynote:</i> Dr. Robert Bullard (Clark Atlanta University, Environmental Justice Resource Center)	
2:15 pm	Sustainability and Green Jobs and EJ: An Expert Overview <i>Moderator:</i> Mustafa Ali (EPA, Office of Environmental Justice) Dr. Beverly Wright (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University) Dr. Paul Mohai (The School of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Michigan) Dr. David Widawsky (EPA, National Center for Environmental Innovation) Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Jr. (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)	
3:45 pm	BREAK	

Monday, January 25, 2010 (continued)

4:00 pm	Sustainability and Green Jobs – Green Job Creation and Training <i>Moderator:</i> Sharon D. Beard (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) <i>Moderator:</i> Deepay Mukerjee (Progenesis Technologies, LLC) Bill Keith (Sun Rise Solar) Pam Broom (Food and Farm Network, New Orleans) Brandy Toft (Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe) Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes (Department of Urban Planning, San Francisco State University) Dr. Myra Lewis (Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University) Kizetta Vaughn (CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training)	
5:30 pm	ADJOURN	
6:00-8:00 pm	Poster Session and Reception (<i>See page 16 for Poster Session Awardees</i>)	La Galerie Room

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

Mardi Gras Ballroom

8:00 am	Sustainability and Green Jobs: Opening Remarks <i>Moderator:</i> Deepay Mukerjee (Progenesis Technologies, LLC) <i>Moderator:</i> Shirley Augurson (EPA, Region 6) Lawrence Starfield (EPA, Region 6)	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-H
8:15 am	Sustainability and Green Jobs: The Community Perspective <i>Moderator:</i> Peggy Shepard (WE ACT for Environmental Justice) Troy Von Otnott (South Coast Solar) Brent Brown (Building Community CORPS) Donele Wilkins (Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice) Hilton Kelley (Community In-power and Development Association) Elaine Proctor, Student Graduate (New Orleans Carpenters/CPWR – The Center for Construction Research and Training)	
9:30 am	Funding and Resourcing Grass Roots Work <i>Moderator:</i> Vernice Miller-Travis (Maryland State Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities) Judy Hatcher (Environmental Support Center) Patty Ochoa (Pacoima Beautiful) Sharon D. Beard (National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences) Marva King (EPA, Office of Air and Radiation) Sheila Lewis (EPA, Office of Environmental Justice)	
10:45 am	BREAK	
11:00 am	LUNCH – “Meet the Funders” This will be a town-hall working lunch featuring numerous foundations and funding sources for community organizations that are engaged in environmental justice work. This is a unique opportunity to get information and advice directly from foundations on how to obtain funding and resources. <i>Moderator:</i> Diane Takvorian (Environmental Health Coalition) Dr. Aisha Nyandoro (Foundation for the Mid South) Dawn Harris Jeffries (Bank of America) Beth Galante (Global Green USA)	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E
11:50 am	SESSION CHANGEOVER	

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 (continued)

12:00 noon	Breakout Session I (see page 6 for breakout information) Track I: Goods Movement Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon F-H Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-C
12:50 pm	SESSION CHANGEOVER	
1:00 pm	Breakout Session II (see page 8 for breakout information) Track I: Goods Movement Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon F-H Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-C
1:50 pm	SESSION CHANGEOVER	
2:00 pm	Breakout Session III (see page 10 for breakout information) Track I: Goods Movement Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon F-H Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-C
2:50 pm	BREAK	

Community Tour *(Limited Seating Available, Pre-registration Required)*

Time	Location	Description
3:00 pm	Meet in Hotel Lobby	Board buses at New Orleans Marriott, 555 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA
3:30pm - 4:15 pm	Toxic Land Community Agriculture Street Landfill 2938 Benefit Street New Orleans, LA	The Agriculture Street Landfill is an African American community developed on top of a municipal landfill in the 1970's. The community is contaminated from soil, air and water pollution from the municipal waste. More than 1 out of 4 homes reported an incidence of cancer or abnormal growths. After Hurricane Katrina, soil tests in neighborhood yards showed 50 times the normal level of the cancer-causing petroleum byproduct, benzo(a)pyrene.
4:30pm - 5:30 pm	Sustainable Community Lower Ninth Ward "Make It Right Project" 1742 Deslonde St. New Orleans, LA	On August 29, 2005, Hurricane Katrina flooded 80 percent of the City of New Orleans and killed 1,577 people. Hardest hit was the Lower 9th Ward where more than 4,000 homes were destroyed. Two years later, when actor Brad Pitt toured the city, the once-vibrant neighborhood was still silent and razed, failed by government, frustrated by a lack of progress. After meeting with community groups and families, Pitt established the Make It Right Foundation to build 150 green, affordable, high-quality design homes in the neighborhood closest to the levee breach.
6:00 pm	New Orleans Marriott	Return to hotel

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

Mardi Gras Ballroom

8:00 am	Breakout Session IV (see page 12 for breakout information) Track 1: Goods Movement Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon F-H Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon A-C
9:30 am	Session Changeover	
9:45 am	Plenary Session: Next Steps and Evaluations	Mardi Gras Ballroom Salon D-E
10:45 am	BREAK	
11:00 am	Closing Remarks and Speakers Mathy Stanislaus (EPA, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response) (<i>invited</i>) Lisa Garcia (EPA, Office of the Administrator)	
12:00 noon	Adjourn	
1:00 pm	National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) – begins	
1:30 pm	NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program Awardee Meeting – begins	

Plenary Sessions Overview

Sustainability and Green Jobs

This session will focus on the intersection of sustainability, green jobs, and the needs of EJ communities. A green job is one that supports environmental goals, such as clean air, clean water, and land revitalization, while offering adequate wages, safe working conditions, job security, reasonable career prospects, and worker rights. This session will also address the issues and barriers that EJ communities face when taking on sustainability and green jobs, and identify available resources and programs that deal with these concerns. A group of experts drawn from the community, as well as the public and private sectors, will share information and their experiences with attendees. Topics for discussion include an overview of sustainability, green jobs, and EJ; hands-on experience in green jobs creation; and EJ communities' experience with green jobs programs. Open discussion with the panel is encouraged.

Funding and Resourcing Grassroots Work

The availability of funding and other resources has a major impact on the ability to conduct grassroots work around environmental justice issues. The panel will present resources that are available to community groups, and advice on how to access those resources to support community-based work.

Track Session Overview

Track 1: Goods Movement

This track will focus on strategies to empower communities that are overburdened by air pollution and other negative effects of transporting goods and products, e.g., from rail, truck, and air traffic. This track will also cover the highlights of the recent Goods Movement policy recommendations provided from the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The focus of this discussion will be on the Community Facilitated Strategy section (CFS) which offers basic principles and recommendations designed to empower community and tribal engagement in the “goods movement supply chain” (from mining and manufacturing to landfill disposal and recycling). This track will also feature small group discussions on best practices and ideas for alternative air monitoring; legal strategies (such as relocation assistance); and capacity building of EJ and Tribal areas through the use of community-owned and managed research (COMR).

Track 2: Ambient Air and Climate Change

This track will highlight recent community, tribal, and government initiatives to improve ambient air quality in overburdened communities and reduce the impacts of climate change on these communities. Speakers will focus on best practices and innovative approaches. There will also be a 90-minute interactive tools session/demonstration. Included are tools that can assist communities in developing and evaluating customized plans for reducing climate and local air pollution, such as fence-line monitoring equipment, diesel emissions calculator, and lessons learned from Tribal strategies to mitigate climate change.

Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup and Job Training

This track will focus on exposure of workers and communities to environmental toxics from hazardous waste and other contaminated properties such as brownfields, Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities (TSDF), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), etc. This track will also explore the various health effects and exposures to those living, working near, or at these sites as well as resources available to communities for understanding and assessing exposure, and training for communities and workers to safely clean up these sites. Some of the resources to be shared include: worker training curricula, how to use material safety data sheets and other hazardous waste reference tools, community based exposure/risk assessment tools, and other resources such as community right to know, disaster/emergency response plans, understanding and interpreting Health and Safety Plans (HASP's) for sites, etc.

Breakout Session I
Tuesday, January 26, 2010
12:00 noon – 12:50 pm
Mardi Gras Ballroom

Salon F-H

Track I: Goods Movement: Critical Elements of Goods Movement Policy Recommendations-Community and Tribal Facilitation Strategy

Session Overview: This session explores how a “Community/Tribal Facilitated Strategy” empowers impacted areas by addressing issues of funding, support, training, and implementation timetable.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Elizabeth Yeampierre	UPROSE, Inc. (Brooklyn, NY) NEJAC Acting Chair	Moderator, Q&A
Omega Wilson	West End Revitalization Association Mebane, NC) NEJAC Member	Viewpoint as a “Community Perspective” Member of NEJAC Goods Movement Workgroup.
Margaret Gordon	Community Member of American Association of Port Authorities (Oakland, CA)	Viewpoint as a “Community Input” Member of the NEJAC Goods Movement Workgroup.
Gay MacGregor	EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (Washington, DC)	Perspective on NEJAC Goods Movement Policy Recommendations.
Senior Official <i>(Invited)</i>	US Department of Transportation (Washington, DC)	

Salon D-E

Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change: Best Practices for Evaluating and Improving Air Quality from Mobile and Stationary Sources

Session Overview: This session will focus on the latest federal activities and community experiences relating to ambient air and air toxics.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Elvin Lang	Alabamians United for Environmental Justice (Montgomery, AL)	Moderator, Q&A
Richard Wayland	EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (RTP, NC)	EPA’s School Air Toxics Monitoring Project
Corey Masuca	Jefferson County, Department of Health (Birmingham, AL)	School Air Toxic Sampling in Jefferson County
Connie Ruth	EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (Ann Arbor, MI)	National Clean Diesel Campaign
Catherine Maas	Chelsea Collaborative (Chelsea, MA)	Putting Federal Dollars to Work in Chelsea, MA
Wilma Subra	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (New Iberia, LA)	Toxic Chemicals Being Released from Natural Gas Compressor Stations and Human Health Impacts Experienced by Community Members in DISH, Texas

Breakout Session I (continued)

Tuesday January 26, 2010

12:00 noon – 12:50 PM

Madri Gras Ballroom

Salon A-C

Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training: Getting to the Heart of Job Training- Recruitment, Screening and Supportive Services

Session Overview: This session will focus on the strategies and tools used by experienced job training programs to provide quality recruitment, screening, job retention and supportive services to train environmental, hazardous waste and construction trainees who may be new to the industry, transitioning from prison, welfare to work, non-traditional women in trades, and those who have other barriers to employment.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Donald Killinger	New York City Carpenters/University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (New York, NY)	Moderator, Q&A
Patrick Brown	OAI, Inc., (Chicago, IL)	Best practices in training - Working with underserved populations such as those transitioning from prison.
Connie Ashbrook	Oregon Tradeswomen, Inc. (Portland, OR)	Recruitment and training of women in non-traditional trades.

Breakout Session II

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

1:00 – 1:50 pm

Madri Gras Ballroom

Salon F-H

Track I: **Goods Movement; Community Mission: Beyond Goods Movement Policy Recommendations**

Session Overview: Where is the EJ “community voice” in prioritizing strategies for the survival of impacted communities and tribal areas? Are we thinking out of the box?

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Jesse Marquez	Coalition For A Safe Environment (Wilmington, CA)	Moderator, Q&A
Albertha Hasten	Louisiana Environmental Justice Community Organizations Coalition (White Castle, LA)	Local View of Why Consider Relocation Assistance - Options when there is little reduction of air pollution and related water and soil contamination.
Margaret Gordon	Community Member of American Association of Port Authorities (Oakland, CA)	American Association of Port Authorities Involvement: How To? Community and tribal involvement in port activities, planning, and expansion in EJ communities.
Dr. Sacoby Wilson	University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)	Impacts on EJ Families - Damage to community and tribal infrastructure, housing, work, play, and public health.

Salon D-E

Track 2: **Ambient Air/Climate Change: Best Practices for Evaluating and Adapting to Climate Change**

Session Overview: This session will focus on the latest information on climate change and community experiences addressing and adopting to climate change.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Wilma Subra	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (New Iberia, LA)	Moderator, Q&A
Jane Williams	California Communities Against Toxics (East Los Angeles, CA)	Short Lived Greenhouses Gases - Opportunities to Achieve Co-Benefits in Environmental Justice Communities from Efforts to Reduce Greenhouse Gas
Rose Kalistook	Orutsararmuit Native Council (Bethel, AK)	Climate Change in Alaska - Orutsararmuit Native Council
Sonja Favors	Alabama Department of Environmental Management (Montgomery, AL)	A State’s Approach to Climate Change - Alabama’s Response to the growing concern of EJ communities
Larry Wasserman	Swinomish Indian Tribal Community (Lacconner, WA)	Swinomish Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation

Breakout Session II (continued)

Tuesday January 26, 2010

1:00 – 1:50 PM

Madri Gras Ballroom

Salon A-C

Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training: Successful Models of Occupational and Environmental Health Programs

Session Overview: This session will focus on describing the unique public environmental health contributions and training activities to provide innovative environmental, health, education and safety training to environmental justice communities and disadvantaged workers.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Sharon D. Beard	NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (RTP, NC)	Moderator, Q&A
Reverend Brendolyn Jenkins	Imani Group (Aiken, SC)	Savannah River Site Superfund Jobs Training Initiative
Karen L. Martin	US EPA (Atlanta, GA)	
Abe Hassan	Merrick Community Services/Center for Construction Research and Training (St. Paul, MN)	NIEHS Minority Worker Training Program - Learning from Successes in St. Paul, MN.
Bernadette Rivera	Laborers International Union of North America (LIUNA) Training, (Pomfret, CT)	LIUNA Training - Minority Outreach Program
Yolanda Rivera	Hartford Jobs Funnel (Hartford, CT)	

Breakout Session III

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

2:00 – 2:50 pm

Mardi Gras Ballroom

Salon F-H

Track I: Goods Movement; Community Mission: Building Community and Tribal Capacity

Session Overview: Small Groups will produce a priority/action list of ideas and strategies to advance further capacity building of community/tribal voices. There will be five concurrent 30-minute small group breakout sessions.

Introduction to Small Group Breakout Sessions - Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association (Mebane, NC)

Panelist	Organization	Small Group Breakout Session
Herbert Fraser-Rahim Hilton Kelly	Low-Country Alliance for Mode Communities (North Charleston, SC) Community In-Power and Development Association (Port Arthur, TX) and NEJAC Member	Small Group 1: How-To Get Input on Port Expansion and Operation - Discussion of challenges and strategies for influencing decisions on port expansion/operation, related manufacturing, storage, transport, ports transfer sites, distribution/sales, end use incineration and recycling.
Omega Wilson Richard Grow	West End Revitalization Association (Mebane, NC) and NEJAC Member EPA Region 9 (San Francisco, CA)	Small Group 2: How-To Build Capacity for EJ Communities/Tribal Areas, & Regional EPA Offices - Topics include community/tribal training of EPA officials to more effectively address goods movement issues across cultural barriers and more effective access/use of funding and technical support by local community and tribal organizations.
Devon Hall and Dothula Hall Angelo Logan	Rural Empowerment Association for Community Help (Duplin County, NC) East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice (City of Commerce, CA)	Small Group 3: How-To Identify Links in Goods Movement Supply Chain - Including Mining Raw Product, Manufacturing, Warehousing, Transportation (air, highway, marine, rail), Ports (air, highway, marine, rail), Public Distribution (box stores, malls, grocery), End Use (Recycling, Incineration, Landfill).
Angel McCormack Jesse Marquez	EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (RTP, NC) Coalition For A Safe Environment (Wilmington, CA)	Small Group 4: How-To Include Alternative Approaches to Monitoring and Action Plans - Examples include long-term monitors on-site of impacted EJ communities/tribal areas, relocation assistance when pollution cannot be resolved, ways to challenge Environmental Impacted Statements (EIS), tribal tools, low/no cost shareware & GIS tools, and alternatives to monitoring.
Milton Bluehouse, Jr. Beryl Thurman Ayanna King	Tribal Liaison for New Mexico Environment Department (Santa Fe, NM) North Shore Waterfront Conservancy (Staten Island, NY) Formerly of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (Harrisburg, PA)	Small Group 5: How-To Access/Input State/Local and Tribal Goods Movement Actions - Perspectives on effective community and tribal input into government decisions that impact goods movement (land use/zoning, local/county/state planning boards, and environmental impact statements).

Small groups will come together for a review of the Goods Movement priority lists, Q & A, and evaluation of the session: facilitated by Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association (Mebane, NC)

Breakout Session III (continued)

Tuesday, January 26, 2010

2:00 – 2:50 pm

Mardi Gras Ballroom

Salon D-E

Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change: Communities Presenting their Experiences in Evaluating and Improving Air Quality

Session Overview: This session will focus on local experiences and solutions related to air quality issues.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
Nara Crowley	Save Lake Peigneur, Inc. (New Iberia, LA)	Moderator, Q&A
Bill Droessler	Minnesota Environmental Initiative (Minneapolis, MN)	Air Quality and Environmental Justice - Aspirations and Reality in Minnesota.
Karen Monahan	Sierra Club (Minneapolis, MN)	
Charles LaPradd	Miami-Dade County (Cutler Bay, FL)	Dade County Clean Diesel Repower Program for Local Farmers - Improving Air Quality for Farmers and Farm Workers.
Bill Gallegos	Communities for a Better Environment (Huntington Park, CA)	Dirty Crude Oil: A Trend that Threatens Communities and Threatens the Planet.
Jim Blackburn	Rice University (Houston, TX)	Legal Actions and Social Change in Environmental Justice Communities.

Salon A-C

Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training: Communicating Risk Effectively During Emergency Response Activities

Session Overview: This session will focus on local response activities, tools, and strategies for effective risk communication regarding pre-incident planning, community and worker health and safety education.

Panelist	Organization	Topic Area
James “Jim” Remington	NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (RTP, NC)	Moderator, Q&A
Ron Snyder	Kirkwood Community College/ Hazardous Materials Training and Research Institute (Cedar Rapids, IA)	Responding to the Iowa Flood & Assisting the Community- AFSCME and Kirkwood Community College provided the NIEHS Flood Response Orientation Safety Awareness for Responders to Floods entitled, “Protecting yourself while helping others.” Training focused on mold awareness, and personal protective equipment that is used (disposable respirators, gloves, tyvek suits) to assist members with in-home and employer cleanup.
Dan Varner	AFSCME Training and Education Institute (Ottumwa, IA)	
Dr. Beverly Wright	Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University (New Orleans, LA)	Safe Way Home Project - The speakers will share the need for this training; discuss how to: characterize a site after a disaster, develop a HASP, develop and implement training, and implement the plan.
James Frederick	United Steel Workers (Pittsburgh PA)	
Maureen Lichtveld, MD	Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)	Lessons Learned from the HEAL Study (Head-off Environmental Asthma in Louisiana) - Overview of HEAL focusing on: community-based participatory design and impact and engaging the community; challenging community conditions under which the study was conducted after Katrina; communicating risk to residents; and new frontier of biological “agents”.

Breakout Session IV

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 – 9:30 am

Madri Gras Ballroom

Salon D-E

Track I: Goods Movement: Access and Evaluate Community Capacity and EPA Support of Community and Tribal Areas

Session Overview: What community representatives, university research partners, and others see as “principles of empowerment” for EJ and tribal communities that are impacted by Goods Movement.

Presenter	Organization	Topic Area
Herbert Fraser-Rahim	Lowcountry Alliance for Model Communities (North Charleston, SC)	Moderator, Q&A
Nick Weiner	ChangeToWin.org (Washington, DC)	Truckers’ Issues - Retrofits and Unions - Double impacts as goods movement labor force and as community/tribal residents in impacted EJ areas.
Daria Neal	Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law (Washington, DC)	Legal Strategies Beyond Litigation - Community/Tribal use of legal alternatives, strategies, and options beyond the Clean Air Act.
Omega Wilson	West End Revitalization Association (Mebane, NC) and NEJAC Member	“Community Peoples’ Table” Paradigm Poster(s) - Goods Movement’s Community Facilitated Strategy and the Goods Movement Policy Recommendations.
Dr. Sacoby Wilson	University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)	Community-Owned and Managed Research (COMR) Model - Promotion of Equity in Funding and Parity in Management.
Omega Wilson	WERA/USC Community-University Partnership	Completion of Survey/Questionnaire - Assessment and Evaluation of Operating Indicators of Community/Tribal Facilitated Strategy.

Goods Movement Track Evaluations - Omega Wilson, West End Revitalization Association (Mebane, NC)

Salon F-H

Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change: Tools Session

Session Overview: Provides a hands-on opportunity to learn and ask experts about tools for evaluating air quality and selecting control strategies.

Computer Table Setup – How it Works (computer stations open at 8:15am)

Presenter	Organization	Topic Area
Sue Wotkyns	Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (Flagstaff, AZ)	Tribes & Climate Change website - Features audio files of elders offering views on climate change, profiles of tribes affected by climate change, what they are doing in response, and numerous helpful links on climate change.
Mike Steinhoff	ICLEI-Local Government for Sustainability (Boston, MA)	Climate and Air Pollution Planning Assistant (CAPPA) - Assists local governments in developing plans for reducing climate and local air pollution by screening over 115 climate protection and emissions reduction strategies.
Mark Sendzik	EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (RTP, NC)	i-Tree - Estimates the ecosystem services and economic value provided by trees and other vegetation in communities of all size.

Breakout Session IV (continued)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 – 9:30 am

Madri Gras Ballroom

Track 2: Ambient Air/Climate Change: Tools Session (continued)

Presenter	Organization	Topic Area
Reggie Harris Alan Walts	EPA Region 3 (Philadelphia, PA) EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (Chicago, IL)	EJ SEAT and EJ ASSIST - EPA tools used to identify areas with potentially disproportionately high and adverse environmental and public health burdens.
Andrew Geller	EPA Office of Research and Development (RTP, NC)	C-FERST - Community-Focused Exposure and Risk Screening Tool.
Bill Droessler Connie Ruth	Minnesota Environmental Initiative (Minneapolis, MN) EPA Office of Transportation and Air Quality (Ann Arbor, MI)	The Diesel Emissions Quantifier - Interactive tool to estimate emission reductions and cost effectiveness for clean diesel projects.
Erika Wilson	EPA Office of Atmospheric Programs (Washington, DC)	Google Earth Tool for Cap and Trade Programs - Provides views of sulfur dioxide (SO ₂) and nitrogen oxide (NO _x) data from power plants and large industrial sources.
Lesley Jantarasami	EPA Office of Atmospheric Programs (Washington, DC)	EPA Climate Change Website
Wilma Subra	Louisiana Environmental Action Network (Baton Rouge, LA)	CARE Roadmap - Ten step plan to improve community environment and health.
Donna Rogers	EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (RTP, NC)	AirNow - Index for reporting daily air quality and information on how clean or polluted your outdoor air is, and what associated health effects might be of concern to you.
John Bosch	Private Environmental Consultant and Advisor (RTP, NC)	New Generation of Emission Measurement Technology - new state-of-the-art monitoring devices to collect credible scientific evidence for documenting fence-line impacts from sources of air pollution.
Andrea Denny	EPA Office of Atmospheric Programs (Washington, DC)	Greenhouse Gas Equivalency (GGE) Calculator - a tool that translates abstract measurements into terms useful to communicate GGE, reduction targets aimed at combating climate change.

Breakout Session IV (continued)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 – 9:30 am

Madri Gras Ballroom

Salon A-C

Track 3: Hazardous Waste Cleanup/Job Training: Roundtable Discussions on Use of Health and Safety Training Tools

Session Overview: During this session, several roundtable presentations and discussions will be held. This session will focus on the sharing and use of training specific tools and resources in the fields of hazardous waste/job training, environmental public health, adult education, literacy tools and/or immigrant worker training resources.

Presenter	Organization	Topic Area
<p>Linda Delp, PhD. (moderator and speaker)</p> <p>Saket Soni</p>	<p>UCLA-LOSH (Labor Occupational Safety and Health) Western Region University Consortium (Los Angeles, CA)</p> <p>New Orleans Worker Center for Racial Justice</p>	<p>Immigrant Worker Outreach Tools and Resources - Various models and tools to reach immigrant workers will be shared as well as tools and resources in the areas of literacy and education. Individual day laborers will also share their experiences post Katrina as result of their involvement with cleanup and rebuilding of the Gulf Coast</p>
<p>Sharon D. Beard & Kathy Ahlmark (moderators)</p> <p>Faye Grimsley , PhD.</p>	<p>NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (RTP, NC)</p> <p>Tulane University (New Orleans, LA)</p>	<p>Understanding and Communicating Risk and Exposure Data - As a result of Hurricane Katrina, unprecedented flooding in New Orleans led to ruined homes and properties and mold contamination. The rebuilding and recovery of these mold infested homes increased the risk of potential exposures to high levels of mold. The purpose of this presentation is to provide an update and overview of mold contamination in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.</p>
<p>Joseph “Chip” Hughes, Jr. (moderator)</p> <p>Kathy Burris (moderator)</p> <p>Mary Williams</p> <p>Oliver Ball</p> <p>Mark Griffon</p> <p>Steve Hernandez</p>	<p>NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (RTP, NC)</p> <p>Tony Mazzocchi Center for Health, Safety, and Environmental Education/ United Steel Workers(Houston, TX)</p> <p>Deep South Center for Environmental Justice, Dillard University (New Orleans, LA)</p> <p>Community Block Captain, Safe Way Home Project (New Orleans, LA)</p> <p>United Steel Workers(Salem, NH)</p> <p>United Steel Workers (USW), Local 750 (New Orleans, LA)</p>	<p>Safe Way Home Tools and Lessons Learned - Roundtable will discuss how to characterize a site after a disaster, how to develop a HASP, how to develop and implement training, and how to implement the plan while working with the community.</p> <p>Development of the Safe Way Home Project through Dillard University and obtaining community participation and interest in the project.</p> <p>Community resident sharing insight on the training received and how important this training was to the residents.</p> <p>Industrial hygiene efforts to characterize the site and develop the HASP from an industrial hygienist/ worker trainer.</p> <p>Discussion of USW Local Union 750 and Shell Oil Company contributions and actions including equipment donated and volunteers from the refinery and community to work on the project.</p>

Breakout Session IV (continued)

Wednesday, January 27, 2010

8:00 – 9:30 am

Madri Gras Ballroom

Presenter	Organization	Topic Area
<p>Joseph Bruss (moderator)</p> <p>Donald Killinger</p> <p>Calvin Patterson</p> <p>Christopher Douglas</p>	<p>EPA Brownfields and Land Revitalization Office</p> <p>New York City Carpenters /University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, UMDNJ (New York, NY)</p> <p>Fifth Avenue Committee/ Brooklyn Workforce Innovations/UMDNJ (Brooklyn, NY)</p> <p>Student Graduate, OAI, Inc. (Chicago, IL)</p>	<p>Understanding How to Engage and Work with Community Partners - The UMDNJ/NY City Carpenters Pre Apprenticeship Model for Job Entry into the Building Trades.</p>
<p>Ted Outwater (moderator)</p> <p>Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes</p>	<p>NIEHS Worker Education and Training Program (RTP, NC)</p> <p>San Francisco State University, Department of Urban Studies and Planning (San Francisco, CA)</p>	<p>Environmental Literacy - Throughout the country, training programs are preparing youth and adults with barriers to employment for jobs/careers in the green economy. Crucial to participant's success is that they not only become technically skilled, but that they understand the environmental and social context in which green jobs/careers occur. Currently, no curriculum exists to provide youth and adults with limited skills and education with in-depth information about natural systems, land use planning, environmental decision making, and green jobs. The ROOTS of Success curriculum teaches environmental literacy while enhancing academic literacy and job readiness skills. The purpose of this presentation is to introduce people to this curriculum.</p>

Monday, January 25, 2010

Poster Session Abstracts

La Galerie Room

1. **Relocation of the Toxic Tank Farm: Restoring the Land and the Hope of Our Community**, PODER (People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources), Presenter: Susana Almanza
2. **Service Learning as a Mechanism for Teaching Environmental Justice**, Georgetown University Medical Center, Presenter: Laura Anderko, RN, PhD
3. **Confronting Goods Movement Pollution Through Direct Intervention and Community Revitalization**, Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice, Presenter: Sylvia Betancourt
4. **CommuniTree- An Urban Agroforestry Transitional Jobs Program on Chicago's West Side**, Cob Connection, Chicago, Presenter: Chad Bliss, Executive Director/Founder
5. **Community Strategies for Linking Environmental Justice and Sustainability: The Nuestras Raíces Model**, Nuestras Raíces, Inc., Holyoke, Massachusetts, Presenter: Giovanna Di Chiro
6. **Diesel Retrofits Can Improve In-Cabin Air Quality on School Buses**, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, Presenter: Ogonnaya Dotson – Newman
7. **Community Policing for the Environment**, California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control, Presenter: Gale Filter
8. **Challenging the Siting of Schools on Toxic Waste Sites in Providence, RI**, RI Legal Services, Presenter: Steven Fischbach
9. **Going Green With Newark**, Environmental Federation (NJEF) and Clean Water Fund (CWF), Presenter: Kim Gaddy
10. **Dirty Crude Oil: A Danger to Communities, A Danger to the Planet**, Communities for a Better Environment, Presenter: Bill Gallegos, Executive Director
11. **Building a Coalition for Air Quality in California's Central Valley**, University of California, Davis (Dept of Human and Community Development), Presenter: Catherine Garoupa White
12. **Impacts and Challenges of Hazardous Materials, Waste Exposure and Cleanup Activities**, MetaMedia Training International, Inc., Presenter: Thomas H. Held, Ed.S,
13. **Environmental Justice for the Community Near Hurricane Debris Landfill**, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, School of Public Health, Presenter: Chih-yang Hu
14. **Climate Change, Sustainability, and the Green Economy**, School of the Environment, University of South Carolina, Presenter: Lesley Joseph
15. **Safeguarding Resources of Drinking Water in the Navajo Nation**, The George Washington University, Presenter: Jennifer E. Lynette
16. **Thirty Years Later: Columbia, MS Revisited**, Jackson State University, Presenter: Dr. Joan Marshall Wesley
17. **Developmental Disabilities and Environmental Justice**, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Presenter: Joyce Martin, Director, Environmental Health Policy
18. **Sustainable Ports: An Exploration of Cross Country Coalitions for Clean and Healthy Ports**, Healthy Ports Coalition (and Ironbound Community Corp.), Presenter: Cynthia Mellon
19. **Savannah, GA: Sustainability and Green Jobs**, Harambee House, Inc./Citizens for Environmental Justice, Presenter: Dr. Mildred McClain
20. **NASA's GSFC: A Case of State Driven Greenhouse Gas Inventory Development and Serendipity**, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Presenter: Kathleen Moxley
21. **Green Jobs Training: DWEJ and UAW Collaboration**, Detroiters Working for Environmental Justice and UAW, Presenter: Kinnus Paul
22. **Software Tool to Assist State and Local Government Rapidly Review Public Health Implications of Contaminated Sites Targeted for Reuse**, Federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR), Presenter: Gary D. Perlman
23. **Ditching Dirty Diesel Collaborative Anti-idling Day of Action: Addressing Air Quality and the Impacts of Goods Movement in San Francisco Bay Area Communities**, San Francisco Department of Public Health/Bayview Hunters Point, Presenter: Karen J. Pierce, JD
24. **Occupational Hazards for Truck Drivers at California Ports: How Employment Status Impacts Health and Safety**, University of California San Francisco; University California Los Angeles, Presenter: Natalie Price
25. **Green Retrofits and Worker Health and Safety- Occupational Health Internship Program**, University of California Los Angeles Labor Occupational Safety and Health Program, Presenter: Maya Saraf
26. **Farming for Health and Wealth: Building a Sustainable Agriculture Sector in the Coalfields**, Rural Appalachian Improvement League, Presenter: Jack Seitz
27. **Coastal Restoration and Management as a Strategy for Wealth Creation in Louisiana**, Young Organizers' Congress and Bayou Interfaith Shared Community Organizing, Presenter: Lakshmi Sridaran

Poster Session Abstracts (continued)

28. **Characterizing Community Responses to Environmental Injustice in South Park: Resources and Recommendations for the South Seattle Interagency Environmental Justice Workgroup**, University of Washington, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences, Presenter: Erin Stamper
29. **Community Driven Land Use for Sustainability**, Environmental Health Coalition, Presenter: Diane Takvorian
30. **Naturehood: People + Native Plants**, Earth Day Coalition, Presenter: Chris Trepal
31. **Green Zones for Environmental and Economic Sustainability**, California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA), Presenter: James Leon Watson, Coordinator
32. **A Community's Perspective of Environmental Hazards: Leveraging Community Resources to Improve Risk Communication**, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, Presenter: Brandi M. White
33. **Cleaning Cleveland's Air: Clean Air Zone Campaign**, Ohio Environmental Council, Presenter: Devan Willemsen
34. **Assessment of a Novel Environmental Justice Community-University Partnership**, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior, University of South Carolina, Presenter: Leah Williams
35. **Was Sediment from Hurricane Ike Dangerous?** An Analysis by a Community Partnership, University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB), Presenter: Bobby Wilson
36. **Conducting a Participatory Study of Respiratory Health in Schools Near Industrial Hog Operations**, Presenter: Devon and or Dothula Baron- Hall
37. **Methamphetamine: Threatening the Health and Environment of Tribal Communities**, Presenter: Kami Snowden

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