



PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2015 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & TRAINING PROGRAM

(Washington, DC) –October 8, 2014— The National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. (NEJC) positions themselves for another successful event as the 2015 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program approaches.

From March 11-13, 2015, leaders will gather to discuss environmental justice (EJ), building healthy, sustainable communities, and other related topics. This three-day series of discussions brings together members of the government, academics, communities, tribes, students and businesses to share ideas and concerns regarding EJ.

The 2014 conference was quite successful, with over 400 registrants, including Federal government, state and local representatives, tribal, and grass route communities, industry, academia and students. It explored an array of topics including Title VI, Health Disparities and Chemical Facility Safety and Security. The conference continued training segments that focused on EJ training, grant writing, technical assistance and more. It also focused on the enhancement of communities and provided ways for improved productivity and efficiency. Attendees were addressed by speakers ranging from The Honorable David Klaus, Deputy Under Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy; Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Arthur “Butch” Blazer, Deputy Under Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture; Congressman James Clyburn, Assistant Democratic Leader, (D-6th District, SC); and Congresswoman Donna Christensen, MD (D-U.S.V.I.) to community activist and pastor, Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., Senior Servant, Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

While the speakers and topics change from year-to-year and are still in the process of being confirmed, this year’s conference will have a special focus on climate justice, and attendees can expect new, innovative and interactive experiences building on last year’s conference with panel discussions and Q&A segments. Training programs and networking opportunities are also part of the 2015 agenda.

This year’s conference will also feature a Youth/Emerging Leaders Summit will showcase the efforts of our young and emerging leaders and warriors in the EJ struggle.

Those interested in attending the conference may register at www.thenejc.org. Registration is free for all students, faculty, community members and grass roots organizations, and government employees.

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