

EJ Conference, Inc., Presents

The State of Environmental Justice in America 2011 Conference

Building the Clean Energy Economy with Equity

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Environmental Justice Conference Speakers



Keynote Address

Daniel B. Poneman
Department of Energy,
Deputy Secretary

Nominated by President Obama to be Deputy Secretary of Energy in the spring of 2009, Daniel B. Poneman initially joined the

Department of Energy in 1989. A member of the Council of Foreign Relations, Mr. Poneman later became a part of the National Security Council staff as Director of Defense Policy and Arms Control. For three years Mr. Poneman served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Nonproliferation and Export Controls. Mr. Poneman will join *The State of Environmental Justice in America 2011 Conference* this year as the opening keynote speaker on the second day of the event. Mr. Poneman will present the Thursday, April 28, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

Conference Speaker

Laura Turner Seydel
Environmental Advocate/ Eco-living Expert



Laura Turner Seydel is a nationally recognized environmental advocate and eco-living expert committed to the education, conservation and efforts working to continuously build and maintain a cleaner planet. Chairman of the Captain Planet Foundation and co-founder of Mothers and Others for Clean Air, Laura is the owner and resident of EcoManor, the first Gold Land Environment Economics and Development certified residence in the Southeast. A contributing eco-editor, philanthropist and spokeswoman, Laura will speak at the Environmental Justice in America on Thursday, April 28, 2011.

The State of Environmental Justice in America 2011 Conference

Washington, DC

Dates: April 27–29, 2011

Official Conference Hotel:

Washington Marriott at Metro Center

775 12th Street NW

Washington, DC 20005

(202) 737-2200

Conference Theme:

***Building the Clean Energy Economy
with Equity***

Registration Fee:

\$150.00 until April 1, 2011

\$250.00 April 2, 2011, or later

No Registration Fee for Students

You may register at www.ejconference.net

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Speaker Spotlight

Harris Sherman is the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment at the Department of Agriculture. From 2007 until 2009, Sherman served as the Executive Director of Colorado's Department of Natural Resources. Sherman will speak at this year's fifth annual *The State of Environmental Justice in America 2011 Conference* on Friday, April 29, 2011.

Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen will Chair the Health Disparities Congressional Panel on April 29, 2011. Congresswoman Christensen was the first Delegate to Congress in history to serve on the exclusive Energy and Commerce Committee. She is the First Vice-Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus Health Braintrust, which oversees and advocates minority health issues nationally and internationally.

Nancy Helen Sutley is the Keynote Luncheon Speaker on Friday, April 29, 2011. Chair Sutley leads the White House Council on Environmental Quality and serves as the principal adviser to the President. She has committed over twenty years to protecting public health, the environment and to energy and climate change issues.

Participate in "Meet the Agencies" at the EJ Conference

One of the purposes of the EJ Conference is to bring together individuals from diverse backgrounds interested in environmental justice, economic development, clean energy and other matters. For some, this Conference may present the only opportunity for a 30 minute face-to-face discussion with a high-ranking Federal official, this year. Therefore, conference planners have decided to allocate significant time to "Meet the Agencies".

Participants interested in the conference representatives arranging appointments with the agencies must make their request no later than April 1, 2011.

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EJ Conference Support to Minority Alternative and Renewable Energy Pre-Conference

The Department of Energy will sponsor a Minority-Serving Institutions Alternative Energy Pre-Conference on April 27, 2011, in Washington, DC. A multi-disciplined group of professionals, academics and community interests will also constitute panels for the conference. The conference will also include a Federal feedback session on response and next steps.

Potential Panel Themes:

- Research Interests & Collaborations;
- Faculty Development Opportunities;
- Student Interests & Opportunities;
- Green Jobs & Contract Opportunities; and,
- Policy & Planning.

The purpose of the pre-conference is to establish Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) and other Minority Serving Institutions (MSI) Consortium on Alternative and Renewable Energy. The goal of the Consortium is to increase HBCU and MSI participation in Federal alternative and renewable energy procurement activities, as well as other Federal procurement opportunities. The United States Department of Agriculture has joined DOE in this initiative.

The "Return of Navajo Boy" Film Screening and Discussion



Jeff Spitz, director of the award-winning documentary *The Return of Navajo Boy* will screen the film which depicts a Navajo family history and an environmental justice struggle of Navajos dealing with Cold War era uranium contamination. The film will be shown on Thursday, April 28th at 3:30 p.m.

An extended question and answer and discussion session will take place, Friday, April 29, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.