



## 2013 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program

### **ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE 2013 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE AND TRAINING PROGRAM**

(Washington, D.C.) –April 10, 2013—As hundreds met to discuss the challenges and possible solutions surrounding Environmental Justice (EJ), this year’s National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program (NEJC) proved to be the best conference to date.

Hosted in Washington D.C., the 2013 NEJC took place on April 3–5 at the Washington Marriott at Metro Center. Leaders gathered to discuss EJ, building healthy, sustainable communities and other related topics. This three–day series of discussions brought together members of the government, academics, communities, tribes, students and businesses to share ideas and concerns regarding EJ.

Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy, served as the Keynote Speaker on day two of the conference. He was joined by the Honorable Congresswoman Donna Christensen, MD., U.S. Virgin Islands and the Assistant Administrator, Mathy Stanislaus, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

A reception was held to celebrate the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of EJ Program and the 16 other Interagency Working Group Members’ celebration of EJ. Many attendees gathered to remember and pay tribute to the former heroes and ‘sheroes,’ and to celebrate those who are collaborating at the forefront for of EJ for all.

The continued partnership with Howard University School of Law provided opportunities for students, faculty, community, business, government leaders and others involved in EJ to share best practices and lessons learned for capacity building and sustainability.

More than 300 attendees participated in this year’s conference. Communication, information sharing and networking was plentiful throughout the entire conference. This national conference allowed all a voice and seat at the table. EJ, Civil Rights and environmental protection are the holistic approach to achieving EJ.

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