



# The State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference

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The Third Annual State of Environmental Justice in America Conference will convene May 27 through 29, 2009, at the the Howard University School of Law and Crystal City Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia. While the opening session will convene in the Moot Court Room at the Howard University School of Law, the remaining sessions will move to larger quarters at the Doubletree Hotel to provide greater services to participants. This year's conference will concentrate on climate change, community benefits, and youth involvement. The conference continues to bring together participants from Federal agencies, academia, business and industry, non-profit organizations, and faith-based organizations, as well as local community activists and citizens to participate in dialogue on achieving equality of environmental protection.

## EPA and DOE Sign MOU With EJ Conference, Inc.

The U.S. Department of Energy (Department or DOE) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. to jointly plan and conduct The State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference.

According to the MOU, DOE will serve as a co-sponsor of the conference and will be responsible for managing the Plenary Committee, providing one or more individuals to serve on the conference planning committee, and providing one or more DOE speakers for the conference. DOE will also provide logistics support for on-site conference management and service to support conference planning and implementation.

In similar manner, EPA, as the lead Federal agency for EJ, will serve as a co-sponsor of the conference and will be responsible for coordinating Federal interagency sessions for the conference, providing one or more individuals to serve on the conference planning committee, and coordinating EPA speakers for the conference. EPA will also be responsible for activities to support conference planning and implementation.

DOE Secretary Steven Chu and EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson have been invited to be keynote speakers at the conference.

EJ Conference, Inc. is a non-profit education and training organization that was created to produce the annual State of Environmental Justice in America Conference.

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