



AGENDA

**U. S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING**

April 23 – April 25, 2024

Omni Houston Hotel, Four Riverway, Houston, Texas 77056

DAY 1: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024 – NEJAC PUBLIC MEETING

8:55 AM CST	Please be seated by 8:55 AM - we go live at 9:00 AM (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM CST	<p>Public Meeting Opens (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)</p> <p>Paula Flores-Gregg, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Designated Federal Officer - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
9:05 AM – 9:15 AM CST	<p>Welcome</p> <p>Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council</p> <p>Jerome Shabazz, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Co-Chair - JASTECH Development Services Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Education Center</p> <p>April Baptiste, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Vice Chair - – Colgate University</p>
9:20 AM – 9:30 AM CST	NEJAC Member Introductions
9:30 AM – 9:45 AM CST	<p>Opening Remarks – Theresa Segovia</p> <p>Theresa Segovia, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
9:45 AM – 10:15 AM CST	<p>Opening Remarks & Presentation</p> <p>Dr. Earthea Nance, Regional Administrator for Region 6 - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>

<p>10:15 AM – 11:45 AM CST</p>	<p>Panel: Environmental Justice Challenges Along the US-Mexico Border</p> <p><u><i>US-Mexico Border Program Overview</i></u> Carlos Rincon, Border Office Director - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6</p> <p><u><i>Chemical Safety Outreach to Farmworkers & EJ Communities</i></u> Stormy Monks, Ph.D., MPH, CHED – Associate Professor/Research Scientist, Director of Research Division, Department of Emergency Medicine, Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso</p> <p><u><i>Water Challenges</i></u> Tricia Cortez, Executive Director - Rio Grande International Study Center</p> <p><u><i>Air Quality Challenges</i></u> Hilda Villegas, Lead Organizer - La Mujer Obrera</p>
<p>11:45 AM – 1:00 PM CST</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>1:00 PM – 2:15 PM CST</p>	<p>Panel: Shining a Light on the Needs of Colonias and Other Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities in the Southwest</p> <p><u><i>Introduction</i></u> Olivia Balandran, Staff Director - Outreach, Community Involvement and Engagement, Office of Public Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6</p> <p><u><i>History and Barriers</i></u> Cecilio Ortiz-Garcia, Ph.D., Professor - The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley</p> <p><u><i>Community's Perspective & Recommendations</i></u> Roque Barrios, Executive Director - Imperial Valley Wellness Foundation Ramona Casas, Co-Founder and Community Organizer ARISE Adelante</p>
<p>2:15 PM – 4:00 PM CST</p>	<p>Panel: Climate & Energy Justice</p> <p><u><i>Introduction</i></u> Loren Hopkins, Ph.D., Chief Environmental Science Officer - City of Houston Health Department</p> <p><u><i>Community Challenges</i></u> Roishetta Sibley Ozane, Founder, Director, CEO, - Vessel Project of Louisiana</p> <p>Juan Parras, Executive Director - Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services (TEJAS)</p> <p><u><i>Legal Gaps, Equitable Planning, and Resilience</i></u> Adrian Shelley, Texas Director - Public Citizen</p>

	<p><u><i>Climate Cascading Impacts on Energy and Industry</i></u> Hanadi Rifai, Ph.D., Professor - Civil and Environmental Engineering Department, University of Houston</p> <p><u><i>What Has Worked and What Has Not</i></u> Elena Craft, Ph.D., President - Health Effects Institute</p> <p><u><i>Closing Thoughts</i></u> Lisa Jordan, Director & Clinical Professor of Law - Tulane Environmental Law Clinic</p>
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM CST	Dinner Break
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM CST	Public Comment Period
8:00 PM CST	Public Meeting Adjourns

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024 - NEJAC PUBLIC MEETING

8:55 AM CST	Please be seated by 8:55 AM - we go live at 9:00 AM (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM CST	<p>Public Meeting Opens (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)</p> <p>Paula Flores-Gregg, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Designated Federal Officer - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
9:05 AM – 9:15 AM CST	<p>Welcome & Recap</p> <p>Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council</p> <p>Jerome Shabazz, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee C Co-Chair - JASTECH Development Services Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Education Center</p> <p>April Baptiste, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Vice Chair - – Colgate University</p>
9:15 AM – 9:25 AM CST	NEJAC Member Introductions
9:25 AM – 9:35 AM CST	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Laura Ebbert, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>

<p>9:35 AM – 11:35 AM CST</p>	<p>NEJAC Consultation: Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers Program Implementation Phase</p> <p>Jacob Burney, Division Director - Grants Management Division, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Esther Sosa, Special Advisor on Inflation Reduction Act Implementation - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
<p>11:35 AM – 1:00 PM CST</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>1:00 PM – 2:00 PM CST</p>	<p>Federal Advisory Committee Early Consultation: Revisions on the EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples</p> <p>Andy Bessler, Stakeholder Coalition Coordinator & Tribal Consultation Advisor - Office of Environmental Justice & External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Amanda Hauff, Senior Advisor on Environmental Justice - Office of International and Tribal Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
<p>2:00 PM – 2:15 PM CST</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>2:15 PM – 3:45 PM CST</p>	<p>Panel: Lead (Pb) - Not Far from Home</p> <p><u><i>Flint Water Crisis 10-Year Commemoration</i></u> Claire McClinton, Democracy Defense League - 10 Year Solidarity Movement</p> <p><u><i>The Lead and Copper Rule</i></u> Benjamin J. Pauli, Ph.D., Associate Professor - Department of Liberal Arts, Kettering University</p> <p><u><i>The Lifelong Impact of this Deadly Neurotoxin</i></u> Yvonka M. Hall, Executive Director - Northeast Ohio Black Health Coalition</p> <p><u><i>EPA's Lead-Based Paint Program</i></u> Jerome Shabazz, Executive Director - JASTECH Development Services Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Education Center</p> <p><u><i>Lead Poisoning: Non-traditional Sources, Challenges, and Recommendations</i></u> Loren Hopkins, Ph.D., Chief Environmental Science Officer - City of Houston Health Department</p>

3:45 PM – 5:00 PM CST	<p>Information Exchange</p> <p><u><i>EJScreen Update</i></u> Matthew T. Lee, Environmental Protection Specialist, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p><u><i>Online Library, the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse</i></u> Stacey Lobatos, Programming and Learning Specialist - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
5:00 PM CST	Public Meeting Adjourns

DAY 3: THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 - NEJAC PUBLIC MEETING

8:55 AM CST	Please be seated by 8:55 AM - we go live at 9:00 AM (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)
9:00 AM – 9:05 AM CST	<p>Public Meeting Opens (<i>Constellation Ballroom</i>)</p> <p>Paula Flores-Gregg, National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Designated Federal Officer - U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
9:05 AM – 9:10 AM CST	<p>Welcome & Recap</p> <p>Na'Taki Osborne Jelks, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council</p> <p>Jerome Shabazz, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair - JASTECH Development Services Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Education Center</p> <p>April Baptiste, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Vice Chair - Colgate University</p>
9:10 AM – 9:15 AM CST	NEJAC Member Introductions
9:15 AM – 9:20 AM CST	<p>Opening Remarks</p> <p>Karen L. Martin, Director - Partnerships and Collaboration Division, Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>

<p>9:20 AM – 10:20 PM CST</p>	<p>Office of Policy’s Response to NEJAC National Environmental Policy Act Recommendations</p> <p>Adriana Hochberg, Principal Deputy Associate Administrator - Office of Policy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Sumi Selvaraj, Senior Environmental Justice National Environmental Policy Act Coordinator - Office of Federal Activities, National Environmental Policy Act Compliance Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Laura Ebbert, Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Environmental Justice - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
<p>10:20 AM – 11:20 PM CST</p>	<p>Office of Water’s Response to NEJAC Water Recommendations</p> <p>Morgan Brown, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist - Office of Water, Office of Wastewater Management, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> <p>Sheyda Esnaashari, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist - Office of Water, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p>
<p>11:20 PM – 12:30 PM CST</p>	<p>Lunch Break</p>
<p>12:30 PM – 2:30 PM CST</p>	<p>NEJAC Farmworker & Pesticides Workgroup Recommendations</p>
<p>2:30 PM – 2:45 PM CST</p>	<p>Break</p>
<p>2:45 PM – 4:15 PM CST</p>	<p>NEJAC Cumulative Impacts Framework Workgroup Draft Recommendations</p>
<p>4:15 PM – 6:00 PM CST</p>	<p>NEJAC Public Business Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. New NEJAC Charge - Civil Rights Title VI <p>Marianne Engelman-Lado, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Program Implementation - Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</p> 2. Request for NEJAC Letter of Support <p>Ayako Nagano, Clean Water Fund</p> 3. Upcoming Activities 4. Reflections – Closing Remarks <p>Na’Taki Osborne Jelks, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair – West Atlanta Watershed Alliance and Proctor Creek Stewardship Council</p>

	<p>Jerome Shabazz, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Co-Chair - JASTECH Development Services Inc. and Overbrook Environmental Education Center</p> <p>April Baptiste, National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee Vice Chair - – Colgate University</p>
<p>6:00 PM CST</p>	<p>NEJAC Public Meeting Closes</p>

Note: Please be advised that agenda times are approximate; when the discussion for one topic is completed, discussions for the next topic will begin. For further information, please contact the Designated Federal Officer for this meeting, Paula Flores-Gregg, at flores.paula@epa.gov.