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EPA Region 6 - TEXAS EJ COMMUNITY TRAINING WORKSHOP 2014

Keynotes	Opening, Thursday & Friday Morning Lunch	All Keynotes and Panels will Meet in the Corpus Christi / Padre Island Room
Panels	Range of EJ and Social Equity Presenters	
Breakouts	Deeper conversations based on panel sessions	All Breakout sessions locations shown on agenda
Student Perspectives		

**Day 1 Wednesday, August 06, 2014**

10:30 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration			
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Houston Galveston Fence Line Communities Tour Bus picks up registrants at Marriot at 1:00 pm and departs by 1:15 pm Casual Walking Shoes Recommended			
4:30pm - 5:00 pm	Bus Returns to Marriot - Break Until evening Session			
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Opening Sessions - <u>Corpus Christi Room</u>			
	6:00 pm - 6:30 pm	6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	7:00 pm - 8:00 pm	8:00 pm - 9:00 pm
	<u>WELCOME</u> Bryan Parras (TEJAS) Stephen Gilrein, Director OEJTA (EPA)  Agenda Over View -Juan Parras (TEJAS) -Agatha Benjamin (EPA)	<u>CHAT</u> Derrick Evans - Turkey Creek Community - Gulfport Mississippi	<u>MOVIE</u> "Come Hell and High Water"	<u>RECEPTION</u> Slide Show-an overview of the day activities.
<b>Embracing Environmental Justice: Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of E.O. 12898</b>				



**Day 2 Thursday, August 07, 2014**

8:00 am - 4:00 pm	Registration			
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast			
8:30 am - 9:05 am	<p align="center"><b>Welcome</b>  <b>Ron Curry, EPA Regional Administrator</b>  <b>and</b>  <b>Juan Parras, TEJAS</b></p>			
9:05 am - 9:55 am	<p><b><u>GOALS &amp; OBJECTIVES</u></b>  Israel Anderson EPA  Agatha Benjamin EPA</p>	<p><b><u>NEW MEXICO WORKSHOP RECAP</u></b>  Richard Moore, Program Director  Los Jardins Institute</p>	<p><b><u>NEW ORLEANS WORKSHOP RECAP</u></b>  Dr. Beverly Wright Founder and Executive Director, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</p>	
9:55 am - 10:05 am	<b><u>BREAK</u></b>			
10:05 am - 10:45 am	<p align="center"><b>Vernice Miller - Travis, Skeo Solutions</b>  <b>From Passion to Action:</b>  <b>Influencing policy,</b>  <b>Effective and Strategic Communication</b></p>			
10:45 am - 12:05 pm	<p align="center">Juanita Lopez, Assistant Administrator , South Texas Colonia’s Initiative (Facilitator)  Community Presentations (Introductions, short talks, videos, slides, monographs)</p>			
12:15pm - 1:15 pm	<p align="center"><b>Keynote Lunch Speaker - Jacqui Patterson - Director, Environmental and Climate Justice NAACP</b>  Climate Change: How the Drivers, Effects, and False Solutions of Climate Change Disproportionately Impact Communities of Color and Low Income Communities</p>			
1:30 pm - 2:50 pm	<p align="center"><b>Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</b>  <b>Panel Discussions Facilitator</b></p>			
	<p><b><u>PUBLIC/ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH</u></b>  Living near Toxins and Hazardous Substances, Improving infrastructure and access to clean water in Urban, Rural and Colonia Communities</p> <p>Presenter:  David Lopez - CEO, Harris County Hospital District</p>	<p><b><u>CHEMICAL SECURITY AND TSCA</u></b>  Improving Chemical Security, Chemical Safety and protecting near-by communities</p> <p>Presenter:  Michele Roberts, National Co-Coordinator EJ Health Alliance for Chemical Policy Reform</p>	<p><b><u>LAND USE PLANNING</u></b>  (Reducing environmental burdens and increasing benefits). <b>Influencing local land-use, zoning and facility siting</b> (school, solid waste and facility siting, storm water and flood mitigation, Green Space)</p> <p>Presenters:  Don Carroll, DC Planning</p> <p>Russ Poppe, P.E. Director of Operations, Harris County Flood Control District # P2</p>	<p><b><u>TITLE VI TRAINING</u></b>  Improving Civil Rights enforcement by environmental agencies (EPA, TCEQ, Tribes) Procedural and Analytic Approaches, Reducing complaint backlog, timely investigations</p> <p>Presenter:  Helena-Wooden Aguilar  Office of Civil Rights  HQs US EPA</p>

			Jeremy Phillips- Senior Director of Infrastructure, Harris County	Washington D.C.
3:00 pm - 3:15 pm	<b>PANEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS</b>			
3:15 pm - 4:45 pm	<u><b>Clearlake Room</b></u> Latrice Babin, Toxicologist/ Special Projects Manager (Presenter)  (Facilitators) Arturo Blanco Bureau Chief-Pollution Control & Prevention-HDHHS	<u><b>Friendswood Room</b></u> Michelle Roberts (EJACS) Hilton Kelley, CIDA  (Facilitator) Adrian Shelley- Air Alliance Houston	<u><b>Pearland Room</b></u> Don Carroll, DC Russ Poppe, P.E., Flood Control Jeremy Phillips- Infrastructure  (Facilitators) Martina Cartwright -TSU/Thurgood Marshall School of Law	<u><b>Deerpark Room</b></u> Helena-Wooden Aguilar  (Facilitator) Leslie Fields- National Sierra Club
5:00 pm - 5:30 pm 5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Evening Wrap up Slide show-Reception			

**Day 3 Friday, August 08, 2014**

8:00 am - 11:00 am	Registration				
7:30 am - 8:30 am	Continental Breakfast				
9:00 am - 9:40 am	<b>Morning Keynote Address</b> <b>Matthew Tejada, Director- EPA Office of Environmental Justice</b> <b>Hilton Kelley, CIDA, Port Arthur, TX</b>				
	<b>Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</b> Panel Discussions Facilitator				
9:40 am - 11:00 am	<p><b><u>SUPERFUND</u></b>                      Status of Superfund Clean-ups in EJ communities and ensuring that equal protection is occurring. (protective clean-up remedies, involvement in remedy selection, increasing public involvement in decision-making)</p> <p>Presenter:                      Carl Edlund, Director of Superfund- EPA Region 6</p>	<p><b><u>PORTS &amp; PORT EXPANSION</u></b>                      How to reduce the negative impacts of Ports in EJ communities. (Roles and Responsibilities, Port Expansion and Dredging Living in Communities burdened by pollution from Port operations)</p> <p>Presenter:                      Azibuike Akaba, Policy Analyst- Regional Asthma Management &amp; Prevention RAMP</p>	<p><b><u>EPA &amp; TCEQ</u></b>                      Expanding public participation and Public Right to Know in Clean Air Act/Refinery Rule and RCRA/Landfill Permitting processes and decision-making</p> <p>Presenters:                      Earl Lott, TCEQ Waste Permits Division Director</p> <p>Erin Selvera, TCEQ Air Permitting Division Director, Special Assistance</p> <p>Laura McKelvey, EPA Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p>	<p><b><u>COAST GUARD</u></b>                      Goods Movement, Hazardous Material Traffic and Transport thru Communities, Pipeline Safety/Gas Lines, etc.</p> <p>Presenter:                      MST3 Jacob A. Burroughs, U.S. Coast Guard</p>	<p><b><u>AIR ALLIANCE HOUSTON</u></b>                      “How to Affect Change”</p> <p>Adrian Shelley, Executive Director</p> <p>Presenter:                      Brian Butler, Community Outreach Coordinator (15)</p>
11:10 am - 12:00 pm	PANEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS - IN DEPTH CONVERSATIONS				

	<p><b>Clearlake Room</b> Jacquelyn Young, Director San Jacinto River Coalition (Presenter) Carl Edlund</p> <p>(Facilitators) Raji Josiam- R6 EPA Camille Hueni- R6 EPA</p>	<p><b>Friendswood Room</b> Azibuike Akaba, Policy Analyst-RAMP</p> <p>Hilton Kelley, CIDA</p> <p>(Facilitator) Stephen Gilrein (R6 OEJTA)</p>	<p><b>Pearland Room</b> Earl Lott, TCEQ (Presenter) Erin Selvera, TCEQ Laura McKelvey, EPA</p> <p>(Facilitator) Vernice Miller-Travis - Skeo Solutions</p>	<p><b>Deer Park Room</b> Bridgette Murray RN MBA</p> <p>MST3 Jacob A. Burroughs, U.S. Coast Guard, (Presenter)</p> <p>(Facilitator) Paula Flores-Gregg. R6 EPA</p>	<p><b>Corpus Christi Room</b> Student Perspectives</p> <p>(Facilitators) Bryan Parras</p>
12:10 pm - 12:55pm	<p><b>Lunch Keynote Address: Dr. Robert Bullard, Dean School of Public Affairs, Texas Southern University</b> “Dismantling Systems That Create Vulnerability: Why We Need ‘Targeted Initiatives’ to Build Healthy, Just, Sustainable and Resilient Communities Now.”</p>				
	<p><b>Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</b> Panel Discussions Facilitator</p>				
1:10 pm - 2:15 pm	<p><b>USDA/TXDOA</b> Agricultural Communities - Living with hazards, toxins and pesticides; Rural Development in Colonia &amp; Rural communities.</p> <p>(rural development, energy assistance, housing and flood mitigation, pesticide exposure, Buffer Zones and limiting runoff into water bodies)</p> <p>Presenter: Deborah Wright Acting Assistant Area Director   Angleton Area Office of Rural Development</p>	<p><b>DOT/HUD</b> Assistance Programs, who is responsible between federal and state agencies to work with EJ communities to implement Buy-outs and Relocation of Public &amp; private homes</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Alfred Henson - Ph.D. Staff Analyst /Strategic Development Planner Planning &amp; Grants Management-Housing and Community Development Department</p>	<p><b>EPA R6 OEJTA</b> EPA R6 Vision for Embracing Environmental Justice; Implementing Plan EJ 2014 and path forward</p> <p>Presenter: Stephen Gilrein Acting Director Office of Environmental Justice and Tribal Affairs-R6</p>	<p><b>METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION</b> Region Planning Considerations to incorporate Environmental Justice &amp; Low Income Community’s concerns in regional growth and development</p> <p>Presenters: Jeff Taebel, Houston/ Galveston Area Council of Government, Planning Division</p> <p>Pat Walsh, Director of Planning, City of Houston</p>	<p><b>Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration</b> RESTORE Act and the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council</p> <p>Public Engagement and the RESTORE Act</p> <p>Ecosystem restoration in the Gulf of Mexico Region</p> <p>Presenter: Bethany Carl Kraft Director, External Affairs</p>
2:15 pm - 2:25 pm	<p><b>BREAK</b></p>				

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2:25 pm - 3:15 pm	<u><b>Clearlake Room</b></u> Randy Rivera, Texas Department of Agriculture (Presenters)  Deborah Wright  (Facilitators) Tom Ruiz, RA Assistant-EPA  Lionel & Juanita Lopez -STCI	<u><b>Friendswood Room</b></u> Brian D. Reese, Houston Office of Public Housing (Presenters)  Dr. Alfred Henson  (Facilitators) Brian Butler, Air Alliance Bryan Parras (TEJAS)	<u><b>Pearland Room</b></u> Matthew Tejada, OEJ/OECA De'Montra L. Rainey, Special Agent (Presenters)  Stephen Gilrein, OEJTA  (Facilitator) Jacqui Patterson, NAACP	<u><b>Deerpark Room</b></u> Jeff Taebel, HGAC  Pat Walsh, City of Houston  (Facilitator) Arturo Blanco Bureau Chief-Pollution Control & Prevention-HDHHS	<u><b>Corpus Christi Room</b></u> Bethany C. Kraft    (Facilitator) Israel Anderson, R6 OEJTA
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	<b>Report Out</b>				
4:00 pm -4:30 pm	<b>Where do we go from here?</b> - Reflections - - Wrap up -				
4:30 - 4:45pm	<b>CONFERENCE CLOSE</b>				

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**Hotel Accommodation  
 Skeo Solutions, Contractor Support  
 Registration, Exhibits-Booths, logistics, etc...**

Map of Conference Center Location and Floor Plan

Main Room First Floor – Corpus Christi/South Padre  
Breakouts Second Floor – Clear Lake, Friendswood,  
Pearland & Deerpark

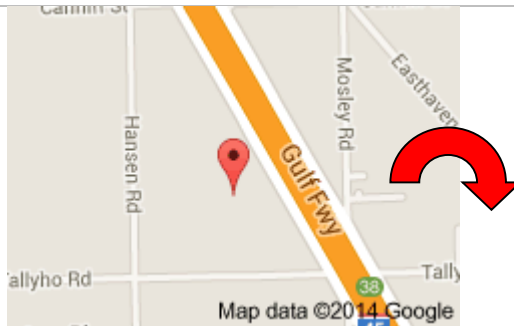


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