

UPCOMING EPA ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

EPA Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

The purpose of the webinar series is to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority EJ issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples. For more information about the Tribal and Indigenous Peoples webinar series, please contact Daniel Gogal, EPA OEJ (gogal.danny@epa.gov)

Next Session

Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO) and its Use in Indian Country and in Indigenous Communities

May 26, 2021, 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Eastern

This session will focus on the EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online (ECHO), a tool for identifying the environmentally regulated facilities, including in Indian country and in indigenous communities, as well as in other areas of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples. The webinar will start with an overview of how EPA and tribes regulate facilities in Indian country.

Register Here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/enforcement-and-compliance-online-history-echo-and-use-in-indian-country-tickets-152355458277>

Upcoming Webinars

Late June 2021: *Meaningful Involvement in Environmental Programs, Sound Practices, and Examples of Tribal Approaches*

July 21, 2021: *Overview of NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act)*

EPA Environmental Justice and Systemic Racism Speaker Series:

The first five sessions will focus on redlining and current environmental challenges. Future topics will include: Title VI and civil rights program, EJ research and analysis, rural inequities, and others. Suggestions are welcomed. For more information, please visit the series webpage

(<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-systemic-racism-speaker-series>) or contact Charles Lee (lee.charles@epa.gov) or Sabrina Johnson (johnson.sabrina@epa.gov).

Next Session

California EPA's Pollution and Prejudice Project

June 10, 2021, Noon – 1:00 pm Eastern

Through its [Pollution and Prejudice](#) project, CalEPA's racial equity team designed a set of tools to explore the connection between racist land use practices of the 1930s and the persistence of environmental injustice. Understanding how environmental conditions are informed by legacy land use practices helps CalEPA to ensure equitable access to clean air, water, and land for all Californians through policy development and implementation. **Register Here:**

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/california-epas-pollution-and-prejudice-project-tickets-153190217063>

Environmental Justice Consultations on Risk Management Rulemakings

EPA invites environmental justice communities and stakeholders to participate in Environmental Justice Consultations regarding the development of proposed risk management actions under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). To learn more about the upcoming meetings and webinars on risk management, visit <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/risk-management-existing-chemicals-under-tsca>. To learn more about EPA's current risk management activities, please contact Amanda Hauff (hauff.amanda@epa.gov)

June 16 and July 6

The two sessions will provide an overview of the TSCA risk management requirements, the findings from the final risk evaluations, the tools available to manage the unreasonable risks from TCE and PCE, and an opportunity for EPA to obtain input on environmental justice concerns.

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Oil and Natural Gas Methane Proposed Rule

EPA is taking the first step to develop a proposed rule to reduce methane and other harmful pollutants from new and existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry, beginning with a broad public outreach effort to gather community and stakeholder input. These activities include holding training sessions on the rulemaking process and how to participate in it, convening listening sessions for stakeholders, and opening a public docket for pre-proposal comments.

For more information about the proposed Oil and Natural Gas Methane rule, please visit

<https://www.epa.gov/controlling-air-pollution-oil-and-natural-gas-industry/epa-announces-public-listening-sessions>

Training webinars	On May 25, 26 and 27, 2021, EPA will hold training webinars for communities, tribes and small businesses to provide an overview of the oil and natural gas industry and share information to help members of those groups effectively engage in the regulatory process. Each training will be held at 2 p.m. Eastern time.
Public Listening Sessions	EPA will hold virtual public listening sessions from noon to 9 p.m. Eastern time June 15, 16 and 17, 2021. During the listening sessions, registered members of the public will have the chance to provide their views on the oil and natural gas industry as it relates to climate change, health and EPA's upcoming proposed rule.
Providing input	The Agency has opened a non-rulemaking docket for people who wish to provide their input and perspectives in writing

EPA EJ Grants

For more information about EPA's environmental justice grants, please contact Jacob Burney, EPA OEJ, Burney.Jacob@epa.gov

EPA has announced the potential availability of additional Environmental Justice (EJ) grant funds of up to \$10.5 million under the [Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving \(EJCPS\) Cooperative Agreement Program](#) and the [Environmental Justice Small Grants \(EJSG\) Program](#) for projects focusing on air quality and drinking water quality.

Applicants interested in either funding opportunity must submit grant proposal packages by **June 1, 2021** to be considered for the available funding. Applicants should plan for projects to begin on October 1, 2021.

NEJAC

For more information about the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, please contact Karen Martin, NEJAC DFO, Martin.KarenL@epa.gov

Registration is now open for the **NEJAC June 17, 2021 Public Meeting**:

<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlSf-rqzIsHzFtyWuLQ5BsIMA7c5OVig>

National Environmental Justice Conference

The National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program (NEJC) will present the first in its series of virtual workshops and training programs. For more information about the NEJC, please contact Lloyd Moore, Conference Coordinator (email@thenejc.org)

Federal Title VI and Environmental Justice Priorities

May 20, 2021; 10:00 am-11:30 am.

This session will be a panel discussion with Federal civil rights offices engaged in Title VI enforcement and compliance work related to environmental and health programs receiving federal financial assistance. Agency representatives will share updates and current priorities. Panel discussion will include remarks from the U.S. EPA, the U. S. DOT, U. S. DHS, the U. S. HUD, and the U.S. HHS, followed by a discussion with attendees. Register for the Federal Title VI Virtual Workshop at

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8781970210150880016>