



The State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference

May 27–29, 2009

Howard University School of Law (2900 Van Ness Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20008) on May 27, 2009
Crystal City Doubletree Hotel (300 Army-Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202) on May 28 and 29, 2009



The Third Annual State of Environmental Justice in America Conference will convene at the Howard University School of Law on May 27, and the Crystal City Doubletree Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia, on May 28 and 29. The 2009 conference is moving to larger quarters 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.

Government Rate Available at Doubletree Hotel Until May 2, 2009

Participants attending the State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference have until May 2, 2009 to take advantage of the conference rate of \$209.00 per night. According to the Conference Facilities Manager, Laretta Miles, "We are able to get the government rate at the hotel until May 2, 2009. After that date, rooms may be available at the then prevailing rate. I encourage all conference participants to reserve their room as soon as possible. Hotels in this area are very expensive."

To get the conference rate, call the Doubletree Hotel at 1-800-222-TREE or 703-416-4100. Mention the State of Environmental Justice in America 2009 Conference to get the government rate.

To register for the conference, visit www.ejconference.net

Meet the Agencies

One of the recommendations from the 2008 State of Environmental Justice in America Conference was to provide participants an opportunity to engage in short-but-informative conversations with representatives of various Federal agencies. It was noted that the conference is one of few occasions for many local community participants to obtain an audience with high-level Federal officials. Since one of the stated purposes of the conference is to bring

together diverse groups of individuals interested in environmental justice through a process of substantive and honest dialogue and learning from each other, this recommendation supports the very reason the conference exists. To that end, conference planners have allocated the afternoon of the first day of the conference to the first Meet the Agencies event.

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"Meet the Agencies is a unique opportunity for individuals and government officials to participate in an open discussion about environmental justice issues."

– Melinda Downing,
Department of Energy Environmental Justice
Program Manager

Meet the Agencies will allow conference participants to establish a 20-minute appointment with participating agencies to discuss specific matters of interest to the individual participant, and as well broader issues of mutual concern. Each agency will be assigned to a location that will provide privacy and allow uninterrupted conversation. The highest-level agency officials with environmental justice responsibility and decision-making authority will be invited to participate in this activity. Registered conferees will make requests for interviews and appointments in advance of the conference in order to give the agencies prior notice and an opportunity to have the most appropriate agency personnel available for the discussions.

All conferees requesting agency appointments will do so through the conference registration process. While the individual agencies will grant or deny the appointments and interviews, conference staff will maintain the agency schedules, monitor the appointment activity, and provide an evaluation of the event to the agencies.

Schedule Your Meeting With a Government Official

To request an appointment with a Federal official, visit www.ejconference.net. Click the Agency Appointments link on the left navigation bar, complete the application, and return it to:

EJ Conference, Inc.
1629 K Street, Suite 300
Washington, DC 20036

Or, e-mail your request for an appointment to ejinamerica@hotmail.com.

Your request must be submitted on or before May 1, 2009.

Conference Registration Is Required

Conference Registration Fee Still \$150.00

Registration for the EJ Conference is \$150.00 until May 7, 2009, at www.ejconference.net. After May 7, registration increases to \$250.00.

Conference Contact Information

For additional information, please contact John Rosenthal at ejinamerica@hotmail.com.