



Environmental Justice

National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc.

Initiative: Partnered in developing the 1997 Environmental Justice conference, "The State of Environmental Justice in America"

Cooperative Agreement, created in 1999

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Goal: The cooperative agreement enhances the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM) members' capacity for energy and environmental planning through computer-based technology, Internet access and a training workshop.

Technical Assistance: The NCBM will establish a formal relationship with DOE's Dr. Samuel P. Massie Chairs of Excellence Program participants. The Massie Chairs of Excellence Program partnership will provide the NCBM's members with technical assistance in the environmental area. NCBM will partner with the Department's Massie Chairs of Excellence Program, which consists of nine Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and one Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), to address energy and environmental problems facing their communities. The Massie Chairs of Excellence Program participants have made great strides towards establishing technical excellence in environmental research, which will be made available to the NCBM communities.

Communities Served: These communities are predominately low income and minorities which have traditionally failed to participate as stakeholders in EM's planning and cleanup efforts. This is especially relevant for the large number of low income and minority communities impacted by the Savannah River Site. A large number of cities and towns along the Savannah River are served by NCBM members. Furthermore many of their communities are adjacent to DOE facilities and have been affected by activities conducted at these facilities or are along transportation routes and affected by DOE shipments.

Community Impact: With the unique talents and experiences of the Massie Chairs of Excellence Program in partnership with the NCBM, the communities will be better prepared to meet their energy and environmental problems as well as have meaningful participation in EM's planning and cleanup efforts.

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