

# PEPH Webinar

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Please join us on **October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 from 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET**

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**Title:** **Research to Action Program Highlights**

**Description:** This Partnerships for Environmental Public Health webinar will highlight two [Research to Action](#) Programs: [Impact of Traffic-Related Particles on Asthma for Students in an Urban School District](#) and [Environmental Determinants of Autoimmunity](#).

The first presentation: *“A Community-Based Participatory Research Partnership to Reduce Vehicle Idling Near Public Schools”* will be given by PEPH funded researcher Patrick H. Ryan, Ph.D. His presentation will include a general description and background of the role of traffic-related particles on the respiratory health of asthmatic children, the community concerns related to idling vehicles at schools, a description of the research partnership, and preliminary results to demonstrate the impact of idling on air quality at schools. In addition, the development and implementation of the anti-idling campaign will be described.



The second presentation: *“Environmental Determinants of Autoimmunity: Lessons from the Sea Island Gullah Community”* will be given by PEPH funded researcher Diane L. Kamen, M.D. Her presentation will include background on what is known about environmental triggers of autoimmunity, focusing on systemic lupus as the prototype. She will discuss how the interest came about to look at exposure to persistent organic pollutants among the Sea Island Gullah African American community of coastal South Carolina and describe the academic-community partnership that is leading this investigation.



If you have any questions about this webinar please feel free to call or email Justin Crane ([cranej2@niehs.nih.gov](mailto:cranej2@niehs.nih.gov), 919-794-4702).

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