



# Environmental Health Disparities and Environmental Justice Meeting

July 29-31, 2013 | NIEHS, Bldg. 101, Rodbell Auditorium | Research Triangle Park, NC

## Welcome!

On behalf of the planning committee, welcome to the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina for the Environmental Health Disparities and Environmental Justice Meeting. We are enthusiastic about the collaborative nature of this event as it brings together grantees, community partners, health care professionals, and government representatives from different federal grant programs, as well as potential new partners, committed to addressing the environmental contributions to health disparities. The meeting offers us the opportunity to share, listen, and promote best practices of current and past environmental health disparities (EHD) research and environmental justice (EJ) projects, and identify emerging issues and new directions in research, communication, capacity building, training, and evaluation. We hope that this meeting will foster new partnerships at the local, state, regional, tribal, and national levels.

### **Environmental Health Disparities:**

*The unique contribution of the environment to health disparities.*

### **Environmental Justice:**

*“the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.”*

The main goals of this meeting are to:

1. Acknowledge and build off past meetings that have identified historical EHD & EJ issues
2. Prioritize research areas to ensure the most vulnerable populations' issues are addressed
3. Identify emerging EHD or EJ issues (new exposures that have not been considered in the past that may lead to new or additional health disparities) and,
4. Develop a set of priorities that enables participants to set multi-year plans to address the most critical EHD and EJ issues and promote more collaborative efforts on the most salient issues across government agencies

## Meeting Overview

### **Concurrent Sessions**

There are three sets of concurrent sessions. The purpose of these sessions is to have smaller group discussions to identify priorities and next steps for that topic area. Each session will have its own unique aspects, but they all share the following format: panel presentation, group discussion around a set of questions, and then priority identification. You should have received a list of the sessions you signed up for and related discussion questions. If you didn't, please identify the sessions you wish to attend when you check in on Monday morning.

### **Report Back**

On Tuesday after lunch, we will have a report back session, where representatives for each of the concurrent sessions will highlight key priority actions for that topic.

## Poster Session

We invite poster presenters to put up their posters Monday morning so that people have ample time to view them throughout the meeting. The official poster session will take place on Tuesday after the report back sessions.

## Workshops

The meeting culminates with hands-on workshops on Wednesday. You should have received confirmation of the workshops you signed up for. If not, please visit the registration desk when you check in or during one of the breaks.

## Twitter

For those of you who like to use social media, please use #EHD13 as the meeting hashtag.

## Overflow Room

Due to the interest in this meeting, we exceeded our capacity. To accommodate all who wish to attend, we have set up an overflow room that will have the General Sessions displayed on the projection screen. Participants in the overflow room will be able to text their questions to a meeting organizer who will ask the question on their behalf.

## Appreciation

Planning meetings of this nature require a great deal of hard work and commitment from a core group of individuals. This meeting has been a collaborative effort among the [National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences \(NIEHS\)](#), [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#), [National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities \(NIMHD\)](#), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [Office of Minority Health \(OMH\)](#), [Indian Health Service \(IHS\)](#), and several grantees. Please extend a special thanks to the multi-talented planning committee members for this event:

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## Green Meeting

We are committed to holding as “green” a meeting as possible. You can do your part! When the meeting ends, please turn in your name tag and lanyard at the registration table and recycle any printed materials.

