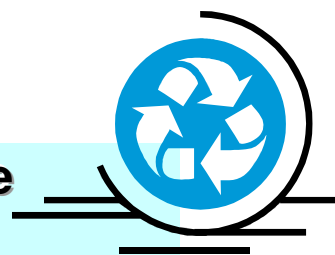


EJ Conference, Inc.
Presents



**The State of Environmental Justice
in America 2008
Conference**



WASHINGTON, DC
MARCH 26- 29, 2008

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

The conference planners are inviting individuals to submit a short abstract of **no more than 150 words** that describes a panel or individual presentation related to the current state of environmental justice associated with the topics listed below.

Topic areas:

- 1) Success stories in assuring justice for communities
- 2) Land Use planning/sustainable community planning and development/smart growth
- 3) Just and sustainable energy policy/alternative energy production
- 4) Climate change/climate justice
- 5) Community participation in environmental decision making
- 6) Environmental justice in Indian Country
- 7) Building community capacity
- 8) Distribution of community benefits
- 9) Environmental justice and health disparities/access to public health benefits
- 10) Provision of infrastructure and resources in rural America
- 11) Facility siting and environmental justice
- 12) Environmental education
- 13) Conservation cooperation
- 14) Innovations in environmental justice legislation, regulation and litigation/environmental justice and legal case studies
- 15) Environmental justice considerations in emergency preparedness and homeland protection
- 16) Integration of environmental justice into Federal, state and local agencies policies and programs
- 17) Other topics of the submitter's choice, so long as they relate to environmental justice

The abstract should include the submitter's name and full contact information as well as **reference the topic and number** under which it is being submitted.

Submissions: Abstracts should be sent to: ejinamerica@hotmail.com

Relevant Dates:

Abstract Due:	December 15, 2007
Notice of Acceptance Received:	January 21-February 1, 2008
Response to Notice of Acceptance Due By:	February 15, 2008
Presenters Contacted by Panel Managers:	February 18-29, 2008
Presentations Due No Later Than*:	March 7, 2008
Conference Dates:	March 26-29, 2008

[*Note: If you are submitting a paper in addition to your presentation, papers are due at this time. Please be advised that all papers will be published as written.]

Purpose and goals of conference (Mission):

The year 2007 marked the 25th anniversary of Warren County, the 20th anniversary of Toxic Wastes and Race, the 15th anniversary of the National Law Journal's work that found inequitable enforcement of environmental laws by race and income, and the first annual *State of Environmental Justice in America 2007 Conference* held on March 29-31, 2007 at the Howard University School of Law.

Last year's conference brought together more than 500 individuals interested in environmental justice from a wide variety of interests and featured a spirited exchange of ideas about environmental justice's past, present, and future. The second annual *State of Environmental Justice in America 2008 Conference* intends to continue this process through the following:

- Identify significant environmental justice success stories, strategies, and lessons learned, and how to replicate them.
- Identify potential collaborations that can produce additional strategies and success stories.
- Identify emerging issues in environmental justice.
- Develop an additional resource in Washington, DC for an annual environmental justice conference and other support to environmental justice efforts.

Expected outcomes:

- Rigorous analysis and discussion of environmental justice issues from diverse points of view.
- Better understanding of environmental justice successes and how to replicate them.
- Stronger commitment to environmental justice from key groups, agencies, business and industry, academic institutions, and other entities.

Projected audience:

The conference seeks to continue bringing together participants from federal agencies, academia, business and industry, non-profit organizations, faith-based organizations, local community activists and others to participate in dialogue on achieving equality of environmental protection. The conference will also continue to serve as an academic legal conference to advance scholarship regarding environmental justice. A related goal of this conference is to expose law students to the myriad and complicated aspects of environmental justice.

Conference Contact Information:

For additional information, conference suggestions, or potential sponsorship support, please contact John Rosenthal at ejinamerica@hotmail.com.