

**EPA Making a Visible Difference Portland
Environmental Justice and Air Toxics Workshop
Portland Community Engagement and Capacity Building Workshop**

**LOCATION: Jade/APANO Multicultural Space
8114 SE Division Portland, OR 97206**

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The purpose of this one-day workshop is to build relationships among community members and federal, state and local agencies, and to develop a shared understanding of regional air quality issues and impacts to communities with environmental justice concerns.

Education around air quality, diesel emissions, health impacts and tools to assess impacts can help build capacity to work collaboratively with community and industry members to identify strategies to improve air quality for the area. People attending the workshop will leave with an enhanced knowledge of state rulemaking processes, which can help lead to more constructive engagement on areas for action. Agency attendees will learn tools for meaningfully and effectively engaging with environmental justice communities on issues that matter to them.

This workshop is a joint work effort of Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Neighbors for Clean Air (NCA), Portland State University (PSU), Multnomah County (Mult Co), Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ), and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA). The proposed attendees are local community groups; state, local, and federal agencies; tribal governments; PSU; and national experts. NCA and PSU will support additional workshops following this session.

Draft Agenda

8:30 Registration Open

9:00 Welcome and Introduction to the Day – Session facilitator

9:15 Introductions to Local Environmental Justice Leaders and Community Members

- Key leaders and workshop partners will welcome the group and introduce themselves and their organizations, including the focus and expertise they bring to work in Oregon

9:45 Incorporating Environmental Justice into Everyday Actions and Policies—Charles Lee, Assistant Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency

Charles Lee has been working actively to bring environmental justice issues to the forefront of thinking and planning at a national level. He will share principles, practices and examples from how he and others have successfully integrated EJ into policy making and thinking.

10:15 Oregon’s Current Air Quality Policies and Local Regulatory Context--Leaders from ODEQ and OHA

Where are we in the Clean Air Oregon process? How can today’s discussion and information fit into that context?

10:45 Break

- 11:00 Understanding Cumulative Risk and Impacts – Dr. Kristie Ellickson, State of Minnesota**
Dr. Eillickson will share information on the State of Minnesota’s process and outcomes related to including cumulative risk and impacts on EJ communities in state regulation. This presentation will be followed by small group discussions on the topic/lessons that could be applied in Oregon.
- 12:00 Working Lunch (will be available) “Open Space”:** All participants will be invited to name a Topic (related to air quality and diesel emissions) and at which table they will be sitting so that others may join to discuss the topic
- 1:15 Best Practices for Community Engagement on EJ Issues – Ms. Shalini Gupta, Executive Director, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy**
Ms. Gupta will provide information and examples of how her organization has successfully engaged communities to enhance effective engagement on air polices nationwide. An interactive format will allow people to engage with her and others at the sessions
- 2:30 Break**
- 2:45 Developing Policies Using an EJ Lens: Case Studies from around the Nation**
How DO policy makers apply EJ principles into policy and practice?
A panel will address:
- Incorporating EJ into Standards at the National level, Holly Wilson, EPA North Carolina
 - EJ in the Director’s Office, Charles Lee, EPA Washington DC
 - EPA’s Diesel Initiative, Dan Brown, EPA Oregon
- 3:45 Reflecting on Key Messages, Commitments and Next Steps**
Small and large group discussion on the lessons learned and next steps needed in Oregon
- 4:30 Adjourn**