



## **PREPARATIONS FINALIZED FOR THE 2013 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & TRAINING PROGRAM**

*Deputy Secretary of Energy Daniel B. Poneman is one of many speakers to grace the agenda in honor of 20 years of Environmental Justice at the Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency*

(Washington, DC) – March 11, 2013— The National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. positions themselves for another successful event as the 2013 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program approaches.

From April 3-5, 2013 leaders will gather to discuss environmental justice (EJ), building healthy, sustainable communities, and other related topics. This three-day series of discussions brings together members of the government, academics, communities, tribes, students and businesses to share ideas and concerns regarding EJ.

With numerous individuals set to speak this year, among them is keynote speaker Daniel B. Poneman, Deputy Secretary of Energy. Poneman was selected by President Obama to be the Deputy Secretary of Energy in April 2009, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate a month later. His experience and success in the industry make him a much anticipated guest, and he will address attendees on the second day of the conference--April 4 at 9 a.m.

While the speakers and topics change from year-to-year, attendees can expect new, innovative and interactive experiences building on last year's conference, with panel discussions, and Q&A segments. Training programs and networking opportunities are also part of this year's agenda.

One addition to this year's agenda is a special tribute with the Department of Energy joining the Environmental Protection Agency in celebrating 20 years of environmental justice, which will culminate with a reception on day two of the conference. All participants at the 2013 conference are invited to attend.

Those interested in attending the conference and anniversary celebration may register at [www.thenejc.org](http://www.thenejc.org). Registration is free for all students, faculty, community members and grass roots organizations, and government employees. For corporate and other attendees, the registration fee is \$125.

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