



## **FINAL PREPARATIONS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2014 NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFERENCE & TRAINING PROGRAM**

Conference returns to D.C. March 26-28, 2014 and announces keynote speakers for the program

(Washington, DC) – March 3, 2014—The [National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc.](#) primes itself for another successful event as hundreds of guests prepare to attend the 2014 National Environmental Justice Conference & Training Program.

On March 26-28, 2014, members of the government, academia, communities, tribes, and businesses are provided with the opportunity to share ideas and concerns regarding environmental justice, building healthy, sustainable communities, and other related topics. While the program is held annually, attendees can look forward to new, innovative and interactive experiences building on last year's conference.

There will be many notable presentations at this year's conference and several keynote speakers including Congressman James E. Clyburn, Assistant Democratic Leader. Clyburn's experience and leadership within the environmental justice community make him a highly anticipated guest. The Congressman will address attendees on the second day of the conference – March 27th at 10:45 a.m. Clyburn's address will be followed by Congresswoman Donna M. Christensen, a member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. Dr. Ernest Moniz, Secretary, U.S. Department of Energy, has been invited to give the opening keynote address. On Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup> U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment, Arthur "Butch" Blazer, will address the conference. Closing the conference will be Dr. H. Beecher Hicks, Jr., Senior Servant of historic Metropolitan Baptist Church in Washington, D.C, who is known for his congregation's social service contributions.

A noteworthy addition to this year's agenda will be a special tribute in which the Department of Energy joins the conference organizers in celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Executive Order 12898 on Environmental Justice, which will culminate with a program and reception on day two of the conference. All participants at the 2014 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 or-

ganizations, and government employees. For corporate members and other attendees, the [registration](#) fee is \$125.

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