



## **The National Environmental Justice Conference Honors EJ Leaders and Pioneers**

(Washington, DC) – April 1, 2015— The National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. (NEJC) honored Louisiana Wright Sanders, Congressman James E. Clyburn and the Indigenous Environmental Network at this year's National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program, which was held March 11-13, 2015 in Washington, D. C.

Ms. Louisiana Wright Sanders was honored for her tireless efforts to assist those residents affected by the 2005 rail disaster in Graniteville, SC. Her pursuit of environmental justice for the residents of Graniteville led to the establishment of the Graniteville Recovery and Chlorine Epidemiology Study Center (GRACE). Congressman James E. Clyburn was recognized for his unwavering support of the National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. and the Environmental Justice Braintrust. Congressman Clyburn has consistently supported the growth and development of the field of environmental justice, and brought together diverse stakeholder groups together to resolve complex environmental justice concerns. The Indigenous Environmental Network (IEN) was praised for their efforts in building the capacity of Indigenous communities and tribal governments to develop mechanisms to protect sacred sites, land, water, air, natural resources, health of both Indigenous people and all living things, and to build economically sustainable communities.



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