EPA Region 6 Environmental Justice Forum

Tuesday, June 12, 2018; 1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Wednesday, June 13, 2018; 8:30 AM-5:00 PM

Crowne Plaza Hotel (Bryan Ballroom A)

1015 Elm Street, Dallas, TX 75202

AGENDA

United States Environmental Protection Agency

Day 1 - Tuesday, June 12, 2018	
11:00 am – 1:00 pm	Registration
1:00 pm – 1:30 pm	Opening Remarks, Introductions, Remarks by the U.S. EPA Region 6 Administrator, Anne Idsal
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	**Collaborative Efforts to Address the Tar Creek (Ottawa County) Superfund Site** *Presenters* -Trevor Hammons, Environmental Attorney Supervisor - Environmental Complaints and Local Services Division, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) -Rebecca Jim, Executive Director, Local Environmental Action Demanded (L.E.A.D) Agency -TBD Speaker, EPA *Overview* ODEQ; Quapaw Nation of Oklahoma; Tar Creek; History of how tribe started doing own clean up; state saw tribe had capacity; state co-lead with tribe @Superfund site; cooperative agreement signed by governor; established process; thought outside the box; worked well together.
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm – 4:45 pm	**Addressing Condemned and Dilapidated Structures with Asbestos Containing Material in Blytheville, Arkansas** *Presenters* -Demetria Kimbrough, Enforcement/Asbestos Branch Manager, Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) -James Sanders, Mayor, City of Blytheville *Overview* Asbestos is naturally occurring material that was used to strengthen many manufactured products, mostly in building materials. Though not so common today, asbestos still is used and is found in many older structures across the United States. In Arkansas, many cities and towns are having to develop a plan to resolve with the issue of dilapidated residential and commercial structures in their communities that were constructed with possible asbestos containing materials. The City of Blytheville is one of the many Arkansas cities with this issue. They have over 200 condemned and dilapidated structures, primary residential, in Blytheville that needed a plan. The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, along with Blytheville Mayor Mr. James Sanders, will present information on the issue, the possible solutions, and the path forward to a successful solution for the City of Blytheville.
4:45 pm – 5:00 pm	Announcements/End-of-Day Wrap up

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Day 2 - Wednesday, June 13, 2018	
8:00 am – 8:30 am	Registration
8:30 am – 8:45 am	Welcome/Summary of Day One, Look ahead for Day Two
8:45 am – 10:15 am	**The Merger of Small Water Systems in Rural New Mexico** *Presenters* -Kathryn Becker, Assistant General Counsel, New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) -Steven Deal, Engineer, Construction Program Bureau, NMED -Karen Nichols, Project Manager, Lower Rio Grande Public Water Works Authority *Overview* Consolidation of five water systems (now 10) into one mutual domestic water consumer association as an umbrella association with membership from individual systems in order to apply for and administer regional funding. Merger of systems allowed for shared resources (operators, consultants, attorneys, etc.) to reduce costs and increase knowledge base. Looked at issues such as treatment of naturally exceeding arsenic, gaining legislative support, performing Joint infrastructure capital improvements plan, etc.
10:15 am – 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Community Voices** *Presenters* -Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network (Air Emissions) -Kelly Harrigan, Texas Law Clinic (Harbor Bridge, Corpus Christi) -Stacey Walters, Regulatory Environmental Administrator, Water Department, City of Fort Worth (Lead) *Overview* Community members present on how EPA can best serve them in areas identified in the Strategic Plan. Possible topics include reducing lead contamination, chemical safety, Superfund Site expedited clean-up; modernization/updating of drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructures.
12:00 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 pm – 2:45 pm	**Responses to Hurricane Harvey** *Presenters* -Kelly Cook, Division Director, Critical Infrastructure Division, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - Hilton Kelley, Director, Community In Power and Development Association (CIDA) -Ronnie Crossland, Removal Manager Representative, EPA *Overview*

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	Hurricane Harvey response; enviros has access to TCEQ/EPA; listening/response/state/local authorities; lessons learned.
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	**Addressing Odor Complaints Near Industrial Facilities in Louisiana** *Presenters* -TBD Speaker, Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) -Keith Adams, President, St. Rose Community One Voice *Overview* Presentation: St. Rose Saint Rose (St. Rose) located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, has a population of 6,540 residents, and is part of the Greater New Orleans Metropolitan area. In 2014, the local group St. Rose Community One Voice and other environmental advocates initiated H2S odor complaints surrounding the International-Matex Tank Terminal (IMTT) facility and Shell Refinery. As a result of the complaints, EPA and LDEQ performed several monitoring events. The refinery agreed to no longer process a crude believed to cause the odor and IMTT installed a secondary control system on a regenerative thermal oxidizer.
4:30 pm – 5:00 pm	Closing remarks/ Wrap up

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