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Environmental Justice Achievement Award

Community-Based Organization



Center for Environmental and Economic Justice



Residents participate in community rebuilding activities.



Bishop Black addresses concerned residents during a community forum on environmental justice.

EPA is pleased to present a 2008 Environmental Justice Achievement Award to the **Center for Environmental and Economic Justice (CEEJ)** for its activities to address environmental justice concerns in Mississippi's Turkey Creek Basin.

CEEJ has conducted forums to educate the community on environmental justice issues associated with environmental cleanups, and is working to ensure that regulatory agencies comply with EPA and state requirements. CEEJ has also helped to organize training programs for affected residents on lead detection and abatement, brownfields assessment and remediation, and emergency preparedness and response.

In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, CEEJ set up a Community Stabilization and Redevelopment Project, which became a resource clearinghouse for displaced, homeless, and jobless residents. CEEJ provided transportation assistance, support in finding jobs, and support in completing applications for government aid. The training program offered residents impacted by Hurricane Katrina the opportunity to take a proactive approach to cleaning up their neighborhoods by removing environmental contaminants from sediment, soil, homes, and other buildings. CEEJ also made significant contributions to the cleanup of the Keesler Air Force Base, including serving on the Restoration Advisory Board.

