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EPA Workshop for Environmental Justice Communities on the Clean Power Plan

November 4-5, 2015

The New Community Development Center

Westside Development Center, Lot 501-A

501 Rev. Raymond Scott Avenue, Port Arthur, TX 77640

Co-Hosted by: Community In-power and Development Association Inc.

Workshop Objectives

- To provide history, context and an understanding of the evolution of the Clean Power Plan.
- To provide an overview of community efforts to lessen the impact of pollution from power plants.
- Prepare environmental justice (EJ) participants to engage effectively in this rulemaking.
- Provide EPA staff with a better understanding of key community concerns regarding the Clean Power Plan.

Wednesday, November 4, 2015

8:00 am – 8:30 am	Arrival and Registration
8:30 am – 9:00 am	<p>Welcome and Introductions --Rhonda Wright, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards --U.S. EPA, Region 6 --Matthew Tejada, U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Justice --Hilton Kelley, Community In-power and Development Association Inc.</p> <p>Objectives, Expectations and Workshop Limitations --Laura Mckelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p> <p>Rules of Engagement During the Comment Period --Laura Mckelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p> <p>Participant Introductions Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</p>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	<p>Overview of the Clean Air Act and the Final Clean Power Plan --Rhonda Wright, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards --Laura Mckelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EPA's mandate under the Clean Air Act • Purpose and elements of the Clean Power Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasons for this new rulemaking • Rulemaking process and timeline • Why is it important to you • How does this rulemaking impacts the community • Overview of the Grid
9:45 am – 10:45 am	<p>State Plans and the Clean Power Plan --Kathleen Aisling, U.S. EPA, Region 6 Staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the state plan requirements of the CPP • Perspectives on state plans from the Region 6 states
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	<p>The Proposed Federal Plan --Nicholas Swanson, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p>
12:00 am – 1:00 pm	LUNCH (on your own)
1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Opportunities for energy efficiency and renewable energy in communities --Cate Hight, U.S. EPA, Office of Atmospheric Programs --Gavin Dillingham, Houston Advanced Research Center</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Clean Power Plan’s Clean Energy Incentive Program • Examples of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy projects that benefit communities
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<p>Introduction to the Public Commenting Process <i>--Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>--Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why is the public comment process valuable? • How can communities influence the content of the proposed Federal Plan? • How can communities develop effective written and oral public comments? • What should commenters expect to happen after they submit a comment? • What do rule-writers do with the comments they receive? • What are other factors that can shape the rule-making process besides public comments?
2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Break
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<p>Organizing and Developing Effective Public Comments Hands-on Exercise <i>Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>--Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i> <i>--Adrian Shelley, Air Alliance Houston</i></p> <p>With the help of a facilitator, presenters, and EPA staff, workshop participants will be broken up into small groups and will be assisted in developing draft public comments</p>
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<p>The Importance of State Engagement (i.e. successes, challenges, opportunities) <i>Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>--Kathleen Aisling, U.S. EPA, Region 6 Staff</i> <i>--Robert McAfee, Arkansas Citizens First Congress</i> <i>--Hilton Kelley, Community In-power and Development Association Inc.</i></p>
5:00 pm – 5:15 pm	Wrap-Up and Adjourn
5:15 pm – 5:30 pm	Reflective Writing (A small workgroup to recap Day 1 discussions and plan for Day 2)
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	Virtual Field Trip of Utility Generating Stations

Thursday, November 5, 2015

9:00 am – 9:15 am	<p>Recap of Day One Discussion <i>--Rhonda Wright, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i></p>
9:15 am – 10:15 am	<p>Stakeholder Perspective on the Clean Power Plan <i>Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>--Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i> <i>--Brian Butler, Air Alliance Houston</i> <i>--Hilton Kelley, Community In-power and Development Association Inc</i> <i>--Robert McAfee, Arkansas Citizens First Congress</i></p>
10:15 am – 11:00 am	<p>EJ Screen and Other Resources <i>--Matthew Tejada, U.S. EPA, Office of Environmental Justice</i></p>
11:00 am – 12:30 pm	LUNCH (On Your Own)
12:30 pm – 2:00 pm	<p>Mini Public Hearing Role Play Exercise with Hearing Officers and Participants Presenting Their Draft Public Comments <i>Facilitator: Bruce Engelbert, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>--Fred Thompson, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group exercise – All
2:00 pm – 2:30 pm	<p>Closing Plenary on next steps in the Federal Plan Rulemaking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future opportunities for engaging and collaborating on the Federal Plan • Public hearing and public commenting opportunities <p>Wrap-up and ADJOURN.</p>