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**Environmental Protection Agency  
Office of Research and Development  
National Center for Environmental Research  
Congressional Briefing**

**Event:** Briefing on Children & Environmental Health

**Date:** Friday, April 18, 2008

**Time:** 10am – 11am

**Location:** Cannon House Office Building, Room #122

**EPA Attendees:**

- Kevin Teichman, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Science, ORD
- William Sanders, Office Director, NCER/ORD
- Nigel Fields, Environmental Health Scientist, ESRD/NCER/ORD
  - Member of National Children Study Interagency Coordinating Committee
  - Project Officer, Centers for Children's Environmental Health and Disease Prevention Research

**Sponsor:** Congressional National Children's Study Working Group – Co-chaired by Rep Matsui (D-CA) and Rep Smith (R-NJ) – launched in October 2007 to keep other Members of Congress informed on the National Children Study and ensure its continued success/funding.

**Agenda:**

- Opening remarks on EPA's Decade in Children's Environmental Health Research Report (K Teichman)
- Specific remarks on EPA's Decade in Children's Environmental Health Research Report (N Fields)
- Partnerships in Research and Translation (Samuel Wilson, Acting Director, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences)
- Building Scientific Foundations and Community Partnerships for Action (Dr. Virginia Rauh, Columbia University)
- EPA's closing remarks/open discussion (K Teichman)

**Background: Representative Doris Matsui (D-CA)**  
Committees

- Member, House Committee on Rules (4<sup>th</sup> highest-ranked member)
  - Vice Chairman, Subcommittee on Rules and Organization of the House
- Member, House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
  - Member, Subcommittee on Aviation
  - Member, Subcommittee on Highways and Transit
  - Member, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment

Priorities

- Flood control
- Transportation systems
- Children's health

**Representative Christopher Smith (R-NJ)**

Committees

- Member, House Committee on Foreign Affairs
  - Ranking Member, Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health
  - Member, Subcommittee on The Western Hemisphere

Priorities

- Human Rights
- Religious Freedom
- Veteran's Affairs
- Healthcare

**National Children Study**

The study will examine the effects of environmental influences on the health and development of more than 100,000 children across the United States, following them from before birth until age 21. The goal of the study is to improve the health and well-being of children. Preliminary results from the first years of the study will be available in 2009-2010.

The study defines "environment" broadly and will take the following issues into account:

- Natural and man-made environment factors
- Biological and chemical factors
- Physical surroundings
- Social factors
- Behavioral influences and outcomes
- Genetics
- Cultural and family influences and differences
- Geographic locations