Greetings, Environmental Justice partners!

We hope you are staying safe and well. The Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) here is writing to inform you of important updates and resources from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

DEP Updates

EJAB Meeting
The end Environmental Justice Advisory Board (EJAB) meeting will be held virtually on Thursday, August 19. DEP and EJAB will meet in-person (if conditions permit) at the end of the session. The meeting will include a presentation on the draft revised EJ Policy and panel discussions with affected partners in the region to discuss the revision process.

EJ Policy Revision
DEP will present the final draft of the EJ Policy at the EJAB meeting on Thursday, August 19. DEP and EJAB will hold public hearings to gather feedback on the revised EJ Policy later in 2021. Please visit the EJAB webpage to learn more and stay date to date on the revision process.

Pennsylvania Climate Leadership Board's Round Tables
Round tables in the Climate Leadership Initiative will provide information on how to prepare for a future climate, using this free workshop series designed to build on Pennsylvania's understanding of the risks and opportunities that climate change presents to the state's economic, social, and environmental well-being.

EPA’s Brownfields and Job Training Grants webpage
Communities. Please go to EPA’s Environmental Justice Grants, Funding and Technical Assistance webpage for more information.

Visit the NEJAC website
Please contact Fred Jenkins at 717-302-9999 or fred.jenkins@pa.gov to learn about the Public Comment Guidelines, please visit the NEJAC EJAB webpage.

Register for the July 20 meeting
As the July 20 White House identified Environmental Impact Statement for the Justice40 Initiative, the White House identified Environmental Justice as a priority component of the Climate Commitment Act. Key components of the Act include requirements to address environmental justice in state and local environmental planning and enforcement.

Tour线上 Public Policy Lab
Policy Brief from Temple University focuses on the importance of addressing environmental justice (EJ) and the needs of communities in transitioning to a sustainable and equitable future. Temple University Policy Proposal for a More Equitable Green Future

Washington State Environmental Justice Laws
Washington State recently passed two laws that focus on Environmental Justice. These laws include requirements to: define EJ in state law; direct funding with environmental benefits flowing to disadvantaged communities; and address EJ in state environmental policies. The Washington State Environmental Justice Laws include requirements that include: define EJ in state law; ensure meaningful benefits to overburdened communities; and address EJ in state environmental policies.

Washington State Environmental Justice Implementation Guidance
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PASSENGER CAR (PC) and LIGHT TRUCK (LT)egrants and rebates
Driving PA Forward Grants and Rebates
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Grants and Rebates
Recycling and Waste Grants for Local Governments
Students and Job Training Tiers
DEP’s federal grants are designed to provide funding to local, state, and tribal governments and organizations in support of projects to improve or protect the water, land, and air in Pennsylvania. Grant opportunities that are currently open include:

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