

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Public Meeting in 6 Slides

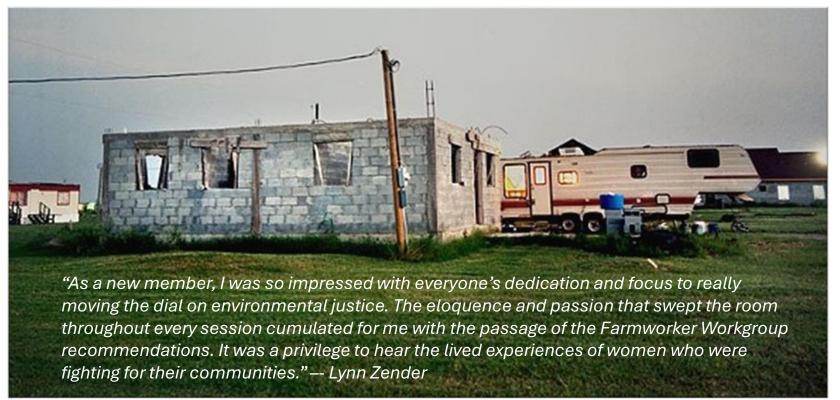
Houston, Texas April 23-25, 2024 The National Environmental Justice Advisory Council

(NEJAC) held a hybrid public meeting in Houston, Texas from April 23 – 25, 2024. Before the meeting, we welcomed our new additions to the council with a new members training. We then had a chance to visit communities with complex environmental justice challenges within the Houston area, as well as talk to community members about the impacts they were facing due to environmental issues. The public meeting officially opened on Tuesday, April 23rd, with a welcome from the Region 6 administrator Dr. Earthea Nance. Throughout the course of three days, we held a public comment session, received programmatic updates on the water technical assistance & NEPA recommendations, and engaged in two consultations. There were also multiple panels where we learned about colonias and disadvantaged unincorporated communities, lead (Pb), energy and climate justice, and the US-Mexico border EJ challenges. On the last day of the meeting, members of the council provided updates on the Cumulative Impacts Framework workgroup draft recommendations, presented and accepted the Farmworker and Pesticides recommendations, and received a Civil Rights Title VI charge. The next public meeting will be virtual and held this summer.

"The meeting was excellent and one of the best I have attended. It was well-organized, informative and for the most part, the speakers were engaging." -- Pam Talley









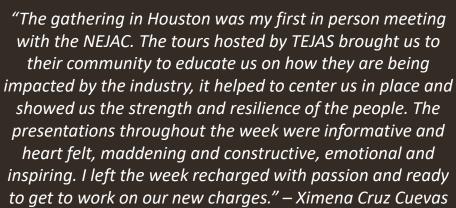














"When I saw a farmworker start to cry, when the NEJAC voted to accept the recommendations on Farmworkers and Pesticides Report to submit to the EPA Administrator on behalf of the injustices and harm that has been afflicted on her, her family, her community it humbled me to my core. The NEJAC is needed, the NEJAC is important and the NEJAC can make a difference to address EJ issues across our country." -- Jacqueline Shirley



