

# EPA Workshop for Environmental Justice Communities on Proposed Updates to Emission Standards for Refineries

June 26-27, 2014

Dillard University

Professional Schools Building (PSB), Room 131/135  
2601 Gentilly Blvd., New Orleans, LA, 70122

## Workshop Objectives

- To provide history, context and an understanding of the evolution of the proposed refinery emission standards rule.
- To provide an overview of community efforts to lessen the impact of pollution from refineries.
- Prepare environmental justice (EJ) participants to engage effectively in this rulemaking.
- Provide EPA staff with a better understanding of key community concerns about the proposed refinery rule.

Thursday June 26, 2014	
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <i>-Israel Anderson, U.S. EPA, Region 6</i> <i>-Dr. Marva King, U.S. EPA, Headquarters Office of Air and Radiation and the Office of Environmental Justice</i> <b>Participant Introductions</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i>  <b>Rules of Engagement During the Open Comment Period</b> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i>  <b>Objectives, Expectations and Workshop Limitations</b> <i>-Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i>
10:30 am – 11:30 am	<b>Panel Discussion on the Experience of Fenceline Communities and the History, Context and Evolution of the Refinery Rule (i.e. successes, challenges, litigation, community organizing)</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i>  <i>-Monique Harden, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights</i> <i>-Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i> <i>-Dr. Beverly Wright, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</i> <i>-Velma White, Residents for Air Neutralization</i> <i>-Dorothy Felix, Mossville Environmental Action Now</i>
11:30 am – 12:30 pm	<b>LUNCH (on your own)</b>
12:30 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Overview of the Clean Air Act and the Proposed Refinery Rule</b> <i>-Holly Wilson, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <i>-Andrew Bouchard, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EPA's mandate under the Clean Air Act</li> <li>• Purpose and elements of the proposed refinery rule <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of previous requirements</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Overview of new proposed requirements</li> <li>- Reasons for the new proposed requirements</li> <li>- Rulemaking process and timeline</li> </ul>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	<p><b>Key Issues and Considerations in the Proposed Refinery Rule</b></p> <p>-Andrew Bouchard, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p> <p>-Velma White, Residents for Air Neutralization</p> <p>-Stephanie Anthony, Louisiana Democracy Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>How does the proposed refinery rule address the following?</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fenceline monitoring</li> <li>- Control technologies</li> <li>- Flaring</li> <li>- Fugitive emissions</li> <li>- Buffer zones</li> <li>- Startup, Shutdown and Malfunction (SSM) exemptions</li> <li>- Other key community concerns</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:00 pm – 2:45 pm	<p><b>The Effect of the Proposed Rule on Fenceline Communities: A Hypothetical Case Study</b> (<i>small groups with charge questions</i>)</p> <p>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</p> <p>- Community, Regional, HQ (leads)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</li> <li>▪ David Gauthier, Bayou Interfaith Sharing Community Organizing</li> <li>▪ Monique Harden, Advocates for Environmental Human Rights</li> <li>▪ Stephanie Anthony, Louisiana Democracy Project</li> <li>▪ Margie Richard, Truth Community Outreach</li> <li>▪ Dr. Beverly Wright, Deep South Center for Environmental Justice</li> </ul> <p>-Small Group Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What are the impacts of X refinery on a fenceline community?</li> <li>• What will X refinery have to do differently because of the proposed rule?</li> <li>• What changes will the industry have to make in controlling the emissions from refineries because of the implementation of this rule?</li> <li>• What steps will local/state/tribal governments have to take to implement the proposed refinery rule?</li> <li>• How will the community be affected as a result of the proposed refinery rule?</li> <li>• What will the benefits be, including public health benefits, once the rule is finalized?</li> </ul>
2:45 pm – 3:30 pm	<p><b>Stakeholder Perspective on the Proposed Refinery Rule</b></p> <p><i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i></p> <p>-Dorothy Felix, Mossville Environmental Action Now</p> <p>-Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</p>
3:30 pm	<b>ADJOURN</b>

<b>Friday June 27, 2014</b>	
<b>8:00 am – 8:30 am</b>	<b>Arrival and Registration</b>
<b>8:30 am – 8:45 am</b>	<b>Recap of Day One Discussion</b> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i>
<b>8:45 am – 9:30 am</b>	<b>Introduction to the Public Commenting Process</b> <i>-Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <i>-Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why is the public comment process valuable?</li> <li>• How can communities influence the content of the proposed refinery rule?</li> <li>• How can communities develop effective written and oral public comments?</li> <li>• What should commenters expect to happen after they submit a comment?</li> <li>• What do rule-writers do with the comments they receive?</li> <li>• What are other factors that can shape the rule-making process besides public comments?</li> </ul>
<b>9:30 am – 10:00 am</b>	<b>Where to Find Information about Facilities of Concern</b> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regulatory docket</li> <li>• Basics of Title V permitting</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>BREAK</b>
<b>10:15 am – 11:15 am</b>	<b>Organizing and Developing Effective Public Comments Hands-on Exercise</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>-Wilma Subra, Louisiana Environmental Action Network</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<b>11:15 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Mini Public Hearing Role Play Exercise with Hearing Officers and Participants Presenting Their Draft Public Comments</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>- Holly Wilson, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <i>--Group exercise – All</i>
<b>12:00 pm – 12:30 pm</b>	<b>Opportunity for Discussion, Questions and Feedback between Workshop Participants and EPA</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i>
<b>12:30 pm – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Closing Plenary on Next Steps in Refinery Rule Development</b> <i>Facilitator: Vernice Miller-Travis, Skeo Solutions</i> <i>-Laura McKelvey, U.S. EPA, Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards</i> <i>-Israel Anderson, U.S. EPA, Region 6</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future opportunities for engaging and collaborating on refinery rule</li> <li>• Public hearing and public commenting opportunities</li> </ul>
<b>1:00 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Wrap-up</b>
<b>1:15 pm</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>