A BREATHE OF FRESH AIR: EDUCATION, ENGAGEMENT AND ADVOCACY ON AIR RULES

THE NEED FOR DIVERSE ENGAGEMENT IN FEDERAL POLICY

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Need for federal engagement

- Mainstream environmental movement voices drive the ‘conversation’ (Congress & Administration)
- Unique perspective of ej communities is not included
- Rules/standards/guidances impact your state and local work
- Can induce more ‘health disparities’ with ‘un-vetted’ solutions
- Honoring the Executive Order
Levels of Engagement

- Sign-on Letter
- Provide public testimony/comments to Federal Register
- Advocacy visits and meeting with decision makers in your state, DC
- Weighing in on regional plans
- Supporting national level campaigns
National Coalitions

• Climate Justice Alignment (CJA)
• Environmental Justice and Health Alliance
• Transportation Equity Caucus
• DMV Metro EJ Coalition
Environmental Leadership Forum on Climate Change

- Diverse coalition formed in 2008
- 33 organizations, 19 states
- Coordinated out of Washington DC
- Climate, air, national campaigns
- Track policy, inform members, engage to act
PM 2.5 Rule

New & Existing Power Plant Rules

Tier III

living Green
Dry Cleaning

THE PRESIDENT'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN

Executive Office of the President

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Next steps

• The Agency wants to hear our voice
• Need for solutions, concrete examples
• Collaborations and new partners are critical
Thank you!

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