Environmental Justice Leaders Meet

At a recent meeting hosted by NIEHS Director Kenneth Olden, environmental justice leaders reviewed the Department of Health and Human Services' Environmental Justice Strategy (see Special Report on next page). At the meeting in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, leaders emphasized the need for a coordinated approach to ethnic and regional networks focused on health and justice in low-income and minority populations. Senior staff from the NIEHS and the National Toxicology Program identified opportunities for improved partnerships with the networks through the hazardous waste and minority worker training program, environmental justice partnership grants, and other core professional training and research activities. Olden stressed the importance of expanding collaborative efforts with the networks over the next year, as the NIEHS and DHHS implement the environmental justice strategy.

Leaders who attended the meeting include: Richard Moore, director of the Southwest Network for Economic and Environmental Justice and chair of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, Mary Crowe of the Indigenous Environmental Network, Charles Lee of the United Church of Christ's Commission on Racial Justice, Connie Tucker of the Southern Organizing Committee, Robert Bullard, director of Clark Atlanta University's Environmental Justice Resource Center, and Yin Ling Leung of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network.

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Justice team. (left to right) Sharon Beard, Allen Dearry, Mary Crowe, Charles Lee, Kenneth Olden, Richard Moore, Connie Tucker, Robert Bullard, Yin Ling Leung, and Jerry Poje.

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