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## **ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS FROM SIX STATES** **TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE** **FOLLOWING MEETING WITH EPA**

### ***Delegates from poisoned communities to address EPA Region 4's failure to protect communities of color from toxic chemicals***

(Atlanta, GA) - Environmental leaders representing more than a dozen impacted communities will hold a press conference on **Tuesday, October 27, 12:30 PM**, after a meeting with EPA Region 4 acting administrator **A. Stanley Meiburg** and senior staff to present documentation of environmental injustice, unequal protection, and failures on the part of the EPA and state environmental agencies to protect the health and environment of low-income and people of color communities. **The press briefing will take place immediately after the meeting at the EPA, 61 Forsyth St. S.W. in Atlanta.**

**WHO:**

- Dr. Robert D. Bullard** – author of *Dumping in Dixie: Race, Class and Environmental Quality* and director, Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University
- David Baker**, Community Against Pollution, Anniston, AL
- Barbara Evans**, organizing coordinator, WildLaw, Burkville, AL
- Lisa Evans**, senior administrative counsel (speaking on behalf of Concerned Citizens of Perry County, Alabama), Earthjustice, Marblehead, MA
- Jill McElheny**, Vice Chair, Northeast Georgia Children's Environmental Health Coalition, Athens, GA
- Charles Nash**, Concerned Citizens of Dunlap Road, Athens, GA
- Justine Thompson**, Executive Director, GreenLaw, Atlanta, GA
- Wanda Washington**, resident and activist, Tallevast, FL
- Sarah Schwemin**, staff attorney, WildLaw, St. Petersburg, FL
- Sherri Jones**, Founder, Forrest County Environmental Support Team, Columbus, MS
- Rev. Steve Jamison**, pastor, Maranatha Faith Center, Columbus, MS
- Rita Harris**, Sierra Club, (speaking for residents of Williston, SC), Memphis, TN
- Sheila Holt Orstead**, plaintiff in civil rights and environmental cleanup lawsuit, Dickson, TN
- Blenza J.P. Tefera**, Scarboro community resident, Oak Ridge, TN
- Gary Bullwinkel**, Greater Fredonia Community for Environmental Justice, Fayette County, TN

WHAT: Press Conference

WHEN: Tuesday, October 27 12:30 PM

WHERE: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
61 Forsyth St.  
Atlanta, GA

WHY: The group hopes to communicate to the new EPA administration the deadly impact of environmental racism. They are asking for the EPA to make the elimination of environmental hazards in low-income and people of color communities a priority.

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