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# Office of Community Engagement

*Engaging and Empowering for a Better Environment*

## Trudy Fisher



The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's (MDEQ) vision for transparency is more real today than ever before. Mississippians – particularly those who have historically been underserved – are empowered with environmental information and resources that directly impact their communities and families. Since 2000, MDEQ has focused on better serving our underserved communities, beginning with establishing an environmental justice coordinator, among other improvements.

I am especially proud of the achievements made in 2010:

- Over 70 face-to-face meetings representing environmental justice communities
- Numerous calls and communication exchanges
- Implementation of a pilot project that will determine the feasibility of new methods for engaging the public including the creation of newsletters and environmental information centers in libraries across the state

These improvements are directly attributable to the creation of a new office at MDEQ - the Office of Community Engagement. This office was specifically created to assist communities facing environmental issues. The goal of the Office of Community Engagement is to build effective relationships and partnerships with internal and external stakeholders to advance the mutual needs of the Community and MDEQ.

MDEQ's environmental justice outreach activities for 2010 and highlights of a few of our larger initiatives are contained in this report. Also provided is information pertaining to environmental issues associated with the Natural Resource Damage Assessment MDEQ is leading in response to the April 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Please take a moment to review our progress. As always, your concerns, ideas, and opinions are important to us, as they help guide and improve our community engagement efforts. I encourage you to share your thoughts by contacting the MDEQ Office of Community Engagement at 601.961.5171 or [melissa\\_collier@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:melissa_collier@deq.state.ms.us).

Thank you.

Trudy D. Fisher, Executive Director  
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Lake Chautauqua, Crystal Springs, Mississippi

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*“We are extremely pleased with the promptness, consideration, thoroughness, and, most of all, the transparency, the Office of Community Engagement Director, Melissa Collier, and staff have provided to our community.”*

*- Charlotte Keys, Th.D., Founder, Jesus People Against Pollution*

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# Background

## Office of Community Engagement

*Engaging and Empowering for a Better Environment*

The vision for the Office of Community Engagement (OCE) is to ensure that communities are informed and empowered concerning issues that impact their environment. We strive to achieve this by bringing together MDEQ staff members and external stakeholders, including, but not limited to, industry, academia, non-profit organizations, and other governmental agencies.

Experience has shown that engaging communities in the decision-making process is best achieved through provision of a transparent process, community outreach and involvement activities, and the development of partnerships with all who are concerned. This philosophy is captured in the three primary goals for OCE:

Goal 1: Develop transparent and accessible decision-making processes to enable meaningful community stakeholder participation.

Goal 2: Present information in ways that will enable community stakeholders to better understand environmental issues and participate in an informed way during the decision-making process.

Goal 3: Produce outcomes that are responsive to stakeholder concerns and help meet community needs and long-term goals to the extent practicable.

We look forward to continuing the efforts started in 2010.

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*“I would like to personally thank all of the MDEQ Office and Division staff members for responding to the many requests and supporting the vision of the Office of Community Engagement (OCE). While Trudy has charged me with the overall responsibility of OCE, our results are due to agencywide efforts of scores of MDEQ employees.”*

***- Melissa Collier, Director, MDEQ, Office of Community Engagement***

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**Melissa Collier**  
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*Office of Community*  
*Engagement*



Library Surplus Donation Program



Training Session

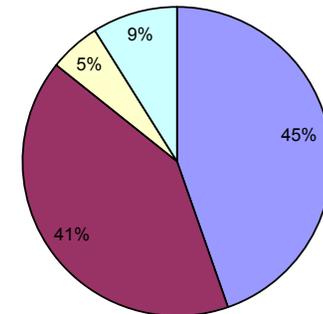
# Background

For an agency that receives on average 1,300 complaints or requests for assistance per year, engagement is no small task. By utilizing the internet, developing trust with leaders who represent diverse constituencies, and hosting community meetings, briefings, and “listening sessions,” great strides are being made. Training opportunities and increased information-sharing internally assist staff members in identifying potential environmental justice issues. This increased sensitivity allows for more pro-active interaction with the public.

Increased public involvement for 2010 is directly attributed to the following policy changes:

- Utilization of the existing electronic notification system within MDEQ’s internal Complaint Tracking System that alerts the Office of Community Engagement to sites with potential environmental justice interest
- Creation of an internal MDEQ Community Engagement workgroup for improving communications and outreach activities agency-wide
- Use of the internet to provide instant access by the public to information about potential environmental justice sites (information is continually being scanned to the site as this is a work in progress)
- Implementation of a Local Library Surplus Computer Donation program for those with limited access to the internet (pilot project initiative currently underway in Crystal Springs)
- Placement of information in Mississippi Libraries concerning contaminated sites located within potential environmental justice communities

Breakdown of Office of Community Engagement Activities 2010



- Meetings Held by Office of Community Engagement
- Meetings Participated in by Office of Community Engagement
- Training or Informative Meetings Attended by Office of Community Engagement
- Other Outreach Efforts



Community Partnership

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*“Without your staff’s desire to be more transparent and proactive in working with our community organization, we would not have known about the environmental issues and impacts...”*

*- Melvin Williams, President, Mobile-Bouie Community Association*

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# Background

- Implementation of a citizen's survey to determine best practices for engaging the public, resulting in four external meetings during 2010 in which MDEQ conducted listening sessions
- Creation of the *Community Engagement* newsletter, which provides project updates and educational information (pilot project initiative currently underway in Crystal Springs)

Information or assistance in public involvement is available from the Office of Community Engagement by e-mailing Melissa Collier at [melissa\\_collier@deq.state.ms.us](mailto:melissa_collier@deq.state.ms.us) or calling 601.961.5171. You may also request access to all of MDEQ's public records by stating your needs in writing and sending or faxing them to the following:

**Freedom of Information Officer  
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality  
P. O. Box 2261  
Jackson, MS 39225  
or  
FAX 601.354.6356**

Be sure to include the name of the facility, project, or issue in which you are interested. Include the city and county where it is located and provide specifics on the type of information you are requesting.

If you prefer, visit MDEQ's website at [www.deq.state.ms.us](http://www.deq.state.ms.us) to submit a request for information or to learn more about the Office of Community Engagement.



Cavenham Forest Industries, LLC - Gulfport, Mississippi

# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

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*During 2010, the Office of Community Engagement has attended over 70 meetings, listening sessions, training opportunities, and face-to-face discussions with citizens and elected officials, as well as government and non-government agencies. (see MDEQ 2010 Outreach Activities section in this booklet) Not documented are the hundreds of e-mails, text messages, internet inquiries, and phone calls in which open and honest communication took place. These statistics represent on average a 200 percent increase in outreach activities from the previous year and demonstrates MDEQ's level of commitment in providing a transparent, easily accessible agency.*

*Following is a sampling of four on-going efforts in which the Office of Community Engagement is heavily involved.*

### **Cavenham Forest Industries, LLC - Gulfport, Mississippi**

Most residents of Harrison County are familiar with the Cavenham Forest Industries, LLC site located off Creosote Road in Gulfport. It is the former site of wood-treating operations dating to 1906. While this industry played a large role in the early development of Gulfport, the port, and the regional railroads, the Cavenham site, which has been non-operational since 1987, is contaminated with creosote, pentachlorophenol, polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, and petroleum products, such as diesel fuel.

Local communities and non-government organization stakeholders - or those who have a stake in seeing that the best possible resolution is achieved - have voiced substantial health and environmental concerns, including the following:

- Impact from flooding and current site remediation activities on Turkey Creek and Bernard Bayou Seaway
- Impact to the entire Turkey Creek Watershed





Community Meeting - Turkey Creek

# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

These stakeholders include Turkey Creek Watershed Implementation Team (Steering Committee), Turkey Creek Homeowners Association, Turkey Creek Community Initiatives, North Gulfport Community Land Conservation, Sierra Club, Audubon Mississippi, Land Trust for Mississippi Coastal, White Civic Organization, Mt. Pleasant UMC, Environmental Ministry, and Center for Environmental and Economic Justice (Bishop James Black and Derrick Evans, TCCI).

To address these concerns and to bring stakeholders to the table for discussion of issues that impact their communities, public engagement activities were expanded during the past year. Outreach methods, such as holding face-to-face meetings, have been held by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and MDEQ. Additionally, community leaders are kept informed of remediation activities through *ad hoc* meetings scheduled with EPA. The Sierra Club is very active in the oversight of on-going work at the facility, and The Turkey Creek Homeowners Association actively participates in environmental discussions associated with Cavenham and has hired an environmental consultant to review data from remediation activities.

As a result, a comprehensive plan for addressing environmental needs at Cavenham has been developed. Consensus was achieved as interested parties worked together diligently to find solutions that would best meet the needs of all involved. Corrective activities to date include addressing all surface release potential and the great majority of the potential for offsite releases to groundwater, removing sediment and soil contaminated with creosote from Turkey Creek and Bernard Bayou Seaway, and implementing an extensive subsurface groundwater remediation program.

Only two relatively small subsurface areas remain. They are the focus for final closure. The goal of the final closure will be to address the potential for any future releases to Turkey Creek or surrounding areas. The work plan for this remediation activity is undergoing review by the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Council, Army Corps of Engineers, and Harrison County.





Kuhlman Electric Site - Crystal Springs, Mississippi

# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

## Kuhlman Electric Site - Crystal Springs, Mississippi

Kuhlman Electric is an active transformer manufacturing facility in Crystal Springs. When construction workers discovered areas of contaminated soil in 2000, environmental oversight of the facility began. To date, more than \$100 million has been spent on cleanup, enforcement, and other costs at the site.

Cleanup of soils onsite has been completed, as has remediation of all adjoining properties, including some residential parcels. Current work is focused along a ditch that leaves the site property, passes through a wooded area, and eventually flows under US Highway 51 and into a small lake. Upcoming work will include assessment of the lake water and sediment. In addition to quarterly sampling of site monitoring wells (a total of 36), city water wells are sampled monthly. One city well was shut down in 2005 due to a near detection of harmful substances.

In an effort to involve all in the process of solving the Kuhlman challenges, MDEQ's Office of Community Engagement implemented a pilot project designed to increase the flow of information between the state and the community, provide easy access to educational information, and provide a way for community members to have their concerns heard. Components of the pilot project include the following:

- Development of a newsletter for dissemination to Crystal Springs' citizens that contains educational and contact information concerning MDEQ and the Office of Community Engagement
- Development of the state's first Local Library Surplus Computer Donation program

**Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality**  
**Office of Community Engagement**



**Community Meeting:** Information about environmental projects at the **Kuhlman Electric Company** and the **Westside Shell Station** will be provided at this meeting.  
Thursday, June 24, 2010  
6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.  
Place: Crystal Springs Elementary School Cafeteria  
Address: 213 Newman Street  
All are invited to attend.

*Working with and through communities to address issues affecting the well-being of their environment.*



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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT**

Excavation at the drainage ditch near Kuhlman Electric Company will resume the week of April 5, 2010 in Crystal Springs, MS. The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality will manage the oversight of this project and measures will be taken to protect the public and the environment.



For your own safety, particularly from heavy equipment, please stay away from any areas with orange fencing or where work is taking place.

You are encouraged to provide us with your comments and questions about the soil removal plan for the Kuhlman Electric Site.

For more information, please contact Gloria Talum at 601-961-8011 or Melissa Collier at 601-961-8025.

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Open forum public meeting

# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

Working with a Crystal Springs' grass-roots organization, the Concerned Citizens Against Pollution, MDEQ has held several meetings in which open dialogue took place. This dialogue helped citizens understand what is being done to overcome the existing challenges. Notable meetings included:

- June 2010 meeting at Crystal Springs Elementary School attended by more than 350 citizens
- October 2010 meeting/presentation at Crystal Springs City Council
- October 2010 focus meeting with Concerned Citizens Against Pollution

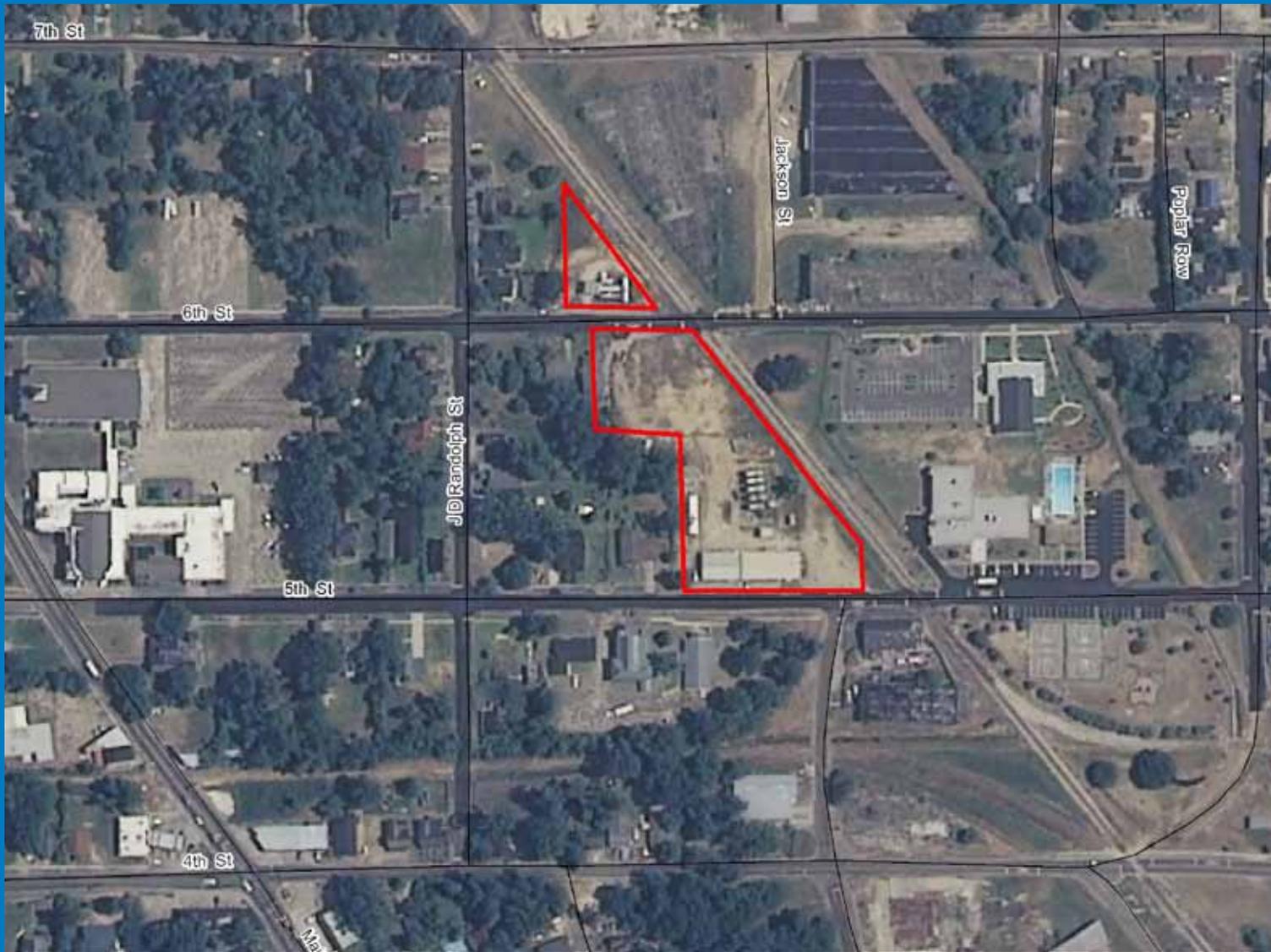
MDEQ will continue to discuss updates and focus on next steps as the file is reviewed. If the pilot project implemented in Crystal Springs proves to be feasible, MDEQ will explore ways for using the techniques learned from this process in other communities.

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*“I would like to thank Trudy Fisher and her DEQ staff for the effort that has been shown to bring transparency to the on-going PCB cleanup in the City of Crystal Springs. Melissa Collier and Gloria Tatum have been very helpful in assisting the City with conducting public meetings to educate, inform, and update our community on the cleanup process. I truly feel that this has brought a sense of openness to our City.”*

***- Honorable Arthur Lee Evans, Jr., Mayor, City of Crystal Springs***

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Pine Belt Oil Company - Hattiesburg, Mississippi

# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

## Pine Belt Oil Company - Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Pine Belt Oil was a small oil and fuel distribution terminal that had eight above-ground storage tanks on the property. The site was used by Forrest County for refueling of county-owned vehicles. Forrest County purchased the site from Pine Belt just after Hurricane Katrina in 2005 for fuel storage in preparation for future natural disasters. Unfortunately, the tanks were never actually used by the County; only the administrative offices were used.

At the time of purchase, a Phase I Environmental Assessment conducted by Pine Belt found no significant issues. However, after the sale, a Phase II Environmental Assessment was performed that found stressed vegetation and evidence of spills or releases. Further assessment through MDEQ's Targeted Brownfield Assessment program revealed the presence of free product on-site. Both Pine Belt and Forrest County entered the State's Voluntary Evaluation Program and submitted a work plan for free product recovery and additional off-site investigation. The additional assessment revealed the presence of limited off-site contamination.

Throughout the above process, MDEQ has kept the community informed of the situation and anticipate continuing outreach activities once a remedy is selected.

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*“MDEQ’s Office of Community Engagement has certainly been instrumental in hosting community/public meetings and otherwise providing information to citizens and community organizations. This gives the citizens a stake in the outcome and goes a long way in developing solutions that benefit all parties involved.”*

***- Honorable Johnny L. DuPree, PH.D., Mayor, City of Hattiesburg***

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*“...the transparent and user-friendly Office of Community Engagement is a success in our community and there’s no reason to think it is not or would not be in other civil, thoughtful, and engaging communities.” –*

**Bishop James L. Black, Executive Director,  
Center for Environmental & Economic Justice, Inc.**

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# Sample of 2010 Outreach Activities

## Community Engagement Partnership: The Gulf Coast Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA)

Developing on the Mississippi Gulf Coast is a prime example of MDEQ's expanded outreach efforts. A first-of-its-kind partnership, that began in 2010, is being formalized between MDEQ and the Center for Environmental & Economic Justice (CEEJ), Inc., a non-profit community-based organization dedicated to affecting public policy on socio-economic development issues and environmental justice concerns that are relevant to people of color and other ethnicities impacted by injustices. As membership of CEEJ is varied and includes individuals of several environmental justice groups, the partnership is viewed with excitement by all as a means for effectively engaging citizens impacted by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in April of 2010.

Following the oil spill, MDEQ took immediate action to ensure protection of our natural Gulf resources and issued a Notice of Intent to begin a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA). NRDA is the legal process by which Mississippi will request restoration and/or compensation for injuries to the state's natural resources.

During the NRDA process, careful scientific studies must be made to determine the impact on fish, shellfish, marine mammals, turtles, birds, and other sensitive resources and their habitats, including wetlands, beaches, mudflats, bottom sediments, corals, and the water column. This scientific data will be used to determine the amount of injury our state sustained and to generate discussions and actions for restoring Mississippi to its pre-spill condition. A key component of the restoration process involves engaging local citizens in decision-making processes.

Public involvement by all citizens is critical to the development of an effective restoration plan that best meets Mississippi's needs. MDEQ's partnership with the Center for Environmental & Economic Justice will help ensure that minority segments of our population, including those who do not speak English or who have historically been underserved, have the opportunity to learn of this initiative and to become actively engaged in the Natural Resource Damage Assessment and resulting Restoration Planning Process.





Roundtable Discussion - Mississippi Municipal League Conference

# Mississippi Grassroots Organizations

**THE CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL & ECONOMIC JUSTICE (CEEJ)** is a non-profit community-based organization that was founded in 1989 in Biloxi, Mississippi. CEEJ's objectives include organizing grassroots organizations consisting of citizens and other community-based organizations to affect public policy on socio-economic development issues and environmental justice (EJ) concerns that are germane to people of color and other ethnicities impacted by injustices. CEEJ has partnered with the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) on several issues pertaining to environmental justice, grant proposal, environmental education, and community engagement projects throughout the coastal area. In response to the Deepwater Horizon BP Oil Spill, a unique partnership is being developed that will empower potentially impacted environmental justice communities on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

**TURKEY CREEK COMMUNITY INITIATIVE (TCCI)** is a recognized 501(c)3 corporation. This organization is an innovative community development corporation engaged in the comprehensive revitalization of coastal Mississippi's low-income, historic, and environmentally challenged Turkey Creek community and watershed. The TCCI Mission Statement is to conserve, restore, and utilize the unique cultural, historical, and environmental resources of the Turkey Creek community and watershed for education and other socially beneficial purposes. TCCI has partnered with MDEQ on several occasions by helping to ensure sustainable community development through various agency interests and approaches including, but not limited to, the Office of Community Engagement, the Basin Team Advisory Group, and others. TCCI welcomes environmental justice review and education of potentially impacted and contaminated sites located in the Turkey Creek community.

**MOBILE-BOUIE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION** is an organization known for taking advantage of educational opportunities that provide benefits, including knowledge of environmental issues associated with specific sites located in and around the community. This community organization is one of a few known for bringing all stakeholders to the table for developing strategies that reduce negative environmental impacts in the neighborhood. Mobile - Bouie Community Organization has partnered with the City of Hattiesburg, the Forrest County Board of Supervisors, the Environmental Protection Agency, and MDEQ to initiate and improve community and stakeholder outreach. Mobile-Bouie continues to allow MDEQ to be a part of its process for restoring neighborhood and community integrity.

**JESUS PEOPLE AGAINST POLLUTION (JPAP)**, organized in January 1992, was born out of frustrations with an environmental injustice crisis. Located in Columbia, Mississippi, JPAP is a grassroots environmental justice organization created after a chemical plant explosion resulted in severe exposure of the community to toxic substances. JPAP's goal is to educate and inform the impacted communities about the availability of toxicology and environmental health information so that the community can better understand the relationship between exposure and disease. JPAP leadership helped bring all stakeholders together, in one room, at one table. JPAP realized that productive dialogue, respect of governmental roles and knowledge, and changing the dynamics of how communities are brought into the environmental justice process were essential for collaborative problem-solving. JPAP utilized this process to build trust, respect, and mutual understanding of governmental roles and community participation.

**COALITION OF COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** seeks to provide open, transparent, fair, and inclusive community involvement in existing and future environmental justice locations throughout the southeastern United States. Understanding that many communities lack the resources to investigate, document, and advocate environmental justice issues, the Coalition will assist any community that seeks to become knowledgeable about the environment.

# MDEQ 2010 Outreach Activities

January		June	
05	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Gulf South Advocacy	01	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Mobile-Bouie (Outreach)
07	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Brownfield Discussion	08-11	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Pine Belt Oil Remedial oversight
22-23	Meeting in Jackson, MS, EPA Administrator	14-16	Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS, Outreach
27-29	Meeting in New Orleans, LA, NEJAC	17	Meeting with Hinds/Madison County Officials, Bilberry Landfill
February		24	Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS, Community Meeting
2-6	Meeting in Seattle, WA, EJ and Smart Growth Conference	28	Meeting in Biloxi, MS, Black Caucus of Elected Officials
10	Meeting at Stennis Center, MS EPA (Ambassadors)	July	
16	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Brownfield Discussion	01	NAACP Town Hall Meeting
March		08	Meeting in Gulfport, MS, Pre-Summit/Claims Fair STEPS Coalition
02	Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS, Concerned Citizens Against Pollution	09	Meeting in Biloxi, MS, Pre Summit Center for Economic and Environmental Justice
03	Meeting in Bolton, MS (Congressman Thompson staff)	10	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Pre-Summit, Gulf South Advocacy, Mobile-Bouie, JPAP
11	Meeting in Bolton, MS (Congressman Thompson staff)	13	Meeting in Columbus, MS, with local city officials
27	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Mobile-Bouie Community Association	17	Meeting at MS Valley State University, Deep South Delta Consortium Elected Officials Symposium
31	Meeting in Jackson, MS, Mississippi Delta Alliance	19	Meeting in Gulfport, MS, NAACP, BP ClaimsBasin Team Starkville20*
31	Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS (Outreach activities)	22-23	Meeting in Itta Bena, MS, Delta Summit, Mississippi Valley State University EPA
April		23	Meeting in Gulfport, MS, Department of Commerce MBE
05, 07	Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS, Remedial oversight	August	
13	Meeting in Columbus, MS, Maranatha Faith	03	Meeting in Brookhaven, MS, USDA and Crystal Springs, MS officials
21	Meeting in Grenada, MS, Community Action Panel	04	Meeting in Laurel, MS, Kiwanis
22	Meeting in Jackson, MS with City of Hattiesburg Officials	05	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Brownfield Coalition Meeting
27	Dow / Rohm & Haas Public Availability Session at Morton RCRA Facility (Moss Point, MS) EPA/MDEQ Meeting	17	Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Norfolk Southern Railroad
27-28	Meeting in Gulfport, MS, Turkey Creek (Cavenham) (EPA/MDEQ)	20-21	Tougaloo Community Leaders Institute
May		25	Meeting in Columbus, MS, EPA, and Community and Elected Officials
06	Meeting in Wiggins, MS, Gulf Coast Community College	26	Meeting in Flowood, MS, EPA, Sonford Product
08	Meeting in Biloxi, MS, Community Mtg JKL Event	30	Meeting with Hinds County Economic Development District Brownfield Discussion
11	Meeting in Gulfport, MS, Aging Council		
24	Meeting in Atlanta, GA, Tronox LLC, RCRA Corrective Action Facility, Columbus, MS		
27	Meeting in Ocean Springs, MS. STEPS Coalition		

- 31 Meeting in Gulfport, MS, Dolan Trailer Park
- 31 Meeting in Quitman, MS, Brownfield Discussion
- September
- 02 Meeting in Alcorn County, Corinth, MS
- 02 Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Brownfield Coalition
- 08 Meeting with Hinds County Economic Development District, Brownfield Discussion
- 09 Meeting in Columbus, MS, Brownfield Job Training Grant opportunity
- 10 Meeting in Moss Point, MS, Brownfield Working Meeting
- 16 Meeting in Jackson, MS Brownfield with Sustainable Communities and Economic Development,
- 17 Meeting with MS Urban Forestry Council on Brownfield Phytoremediation Partnership
- 22 Meeting in Jackson, MS, Crystal Springs elected officials
- 27 Meeting in Philadelphia, MS, Brownfield Discussion
- 28 Meeting in Ridgeland, MS, Brownfield Discussion
- 28 MS Center for Non-profits Summit Partnership Meeting
- 30 Public Input Meeting in Moss Point, MS, Brownfield Discussion
- October
- 04 Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS, Site Visit Kuhlman Elec. Co.
- 05 Meeting in Jackson, MS, Tronox site in Columbus, MS
- 05 Meeting in Crystal Springs, MS City Council Updated on Kuhlman Electric Co.
- 09 Meeting in Natchez, MS (Adams Co), Community residence on Robins Lake Dam
- 11 Meeting in Jackson, MS with Concerned Citizens Against Pollution Crystal Springs, and Coalition Of Communities for Environmental Justice Kuhlman Electric
- 14 Meeting in Columbus, MS Superfund Site

- November
- 09 Meeting in Hattiesburg, MS, Norfolk Southern Railroad, Hercules, and city officials
- 16 Meeting in Columbus, MS, EPA discussion for Organizing a Community Advisory Group
- 17 Meeting in Biloxi, MS, NRDA Non-Governmental Organizations
- 18 Meeting in Gulfport, MS NRDA Non-Governmental Organizations
- 19 Community Issues Forum, Jackson State University
- 22 Public Meeting, Natural Resources Damage Assessment
- December
- 02 Meeting with Concerned Citizens Against Pollution
- 15 Environmental Justice Forum at White House





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