U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
WASHINGTON, DC 20410-7000

OFFICE OF PUBLIC AND INDIAN HOUSING

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RE: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE PUBLIC MEETINGS

Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is hosting a series of Public Meetings on HUD's approach to Environmental Justice (EJ). HUD is seeking input from EJ community members and their advocates. These public meetings are an opportunity to meet and speak with the HUD staff who will be implementing HUD's Environmental Justice Strategy.

The public meetings are a chance to ask questions and offer suggestions about what could be done to improve EJ communities through HUD's activities. The in-person events will be held at the HUD field office in each city below at 10 a.m. Please bring photo identification, which is required to enter the federal building. The date and links to the online registration system for each meeting are as follows:

- Seattle, Washington .....September 6, 2016
  http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2901&update=N
- Detroit, Michigan .....September 8, 2016
  http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2902&update=N
- Charleston, West Virginia .....September 13, 2016
  http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2903&update=N
- Boston, Massachusetts .....September 16, 2016
  http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=2900&update=N

HUD's *2016-2020 Environmental Justice Strategy* is forthcoming and is an update of the 2012-2015 EJ strategy. The update will guide HUD's efforts to strengthen its awareness of and protections against disproportionate, adverse effects to EJ communities. Once the *2016-2020 Environmental Justice Strategy* is finalized, it will be published in the Federal Register and will have a 60-day comment period.

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in the effective delivery of HUD's programs.

Sincerely,

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