

# Speak Up and Be Heard!

You are invited to a  
Regional Town Meeting

## Environmental Health in Our Neighborhoods: Speaking Out About Pollution & Health



**Saturday, October 20, 2001**  
**University of Houston Hilton Hotel**

Conrad Hilton Grand Ballroom

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**No registration fee. Free parking.**  
**Box lunch provided for those who preregister.**

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8:00 Registration – Lobby at Conrad Hilton Grand Ballroom

9:00 Welcome

Armin D. Weinberg, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine

Lovell A. Jones, PhD, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

9:10 National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)

Kenneth Olden, PhD, Director, NIEHS

9:30 Area NIEHS Centers and Major Grantees: A Brief Overview of Current Research and Educational Programs

**The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston:**

**NIEHS Center and Sealy Center for Environmental Health and Medicine**

R. Stephen Lloyd, PhD, Director

**The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center:**

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Robert D. Wells, PhD, Director, Center for Genome Research

**Baylor College of Medicine Center for Educational Outreach:**

**K-12 Environmental Health Education**

Nancy P. Moreno, PhD, Associate Director

10:00 Panel 1: Environmental Health in the Houston Region

*Moderator: Melanie Lawson, ABC 13 news anchor*

**The Medical Perspective**

Stuart L. Abramson, MD, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine

**Social and Life-Style Factors**

Alvin R. Tarlov, MD, Rice University

**The Community Perspective**

James J. Blackburn, JD, Blackburn & Carter

**Town Meeting Survey of Area Citizens**

Winifred J. Hamilton, PhD, MEH, Baylor College of Medicine

*OPEN FORUM*

12:00 Box Lunch

12:45 Congressional Welcome

12:55 City of Houston Mayoral Proclamation

1:00 Panel 2: Community-Identified Environmental Health Concerns

*Moderator: Jessica Willey, ABC 13 reporter*

**Asthma, Allergies, Cough, Sinus Headache, Rashes....**

**The Medical Perspective**

Edward G. Brooks, MD, The University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston

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***The Community Perspective***

Marcario Ramirez, Hispanic businessman and community activist

*OPEN FORUM*

**Cancer in Our Neighborhoods, Chemicals in Our Air and Water**

***The Medical Perspective***

Melissa L. Bondy, PhD, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

***The Community Perspective***

Beverly J. Gor, EdD, RD, LD, Asian American Health Coalition

*OPEN FORUM*

2:20 Break

2:45 Panel 2: Community-Identified Environmental Health Concerns *(continued)*

**Could My Child's Learning Problems Be Caused by Pollution?**

***The Medical Perspective***

Sherry Sellers Vinson, MD, Texas Children's Hospital

***The Community Perspective***

LaNell Anderson, Texas Bucket Brigade

*OPEN FORUM*

**What About Other Health Problems, Like Heart Attacks, Parkinson's Disease and Infertility... Does Pollution Play a Role?**

***The Medical Perspective***

Evelyn Tiffany-Castiglioni, PhD, Texas A&M University

***The Community Perspective***

Neil J. Carman, PhD, Sierra Club

*OPEN FORUM*

**How Do We Go About Studying Environmental Health in Our Neighborhoods?**

***The Medical Perspective***

George P. Delclos, MD, MPH, The University of Texas School of Public Health

***The Community Perspective***

Grover G. Hankins, JD, Texas Southern University

*OPEN FORUM*

4:05 Results of Town Meeting Ranking of Environmental Health Concerns  
Winifred J. Hamilton, PhD, MEH, Baylor College of Medicine

4:10 Where Do We Go From Here?  
Kenneth Olden, PhD, Director, NIEHS

4:20 Next Steps  
Armin D. Weinberg, PhD, Baylor College of Medicine  
Lovell A. Jones, PhD, The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center

4:30 Adjourn

# Speak Up and Be Heard!

Do you have questions or concerns about asthma and ozone... mold... living near industry... rashes and toxic chemicals... garden pesticides... diesel exhaust and your health... lead and learning problems... mercury in fish... schools near freeways or industry... dry cleaning chemicals... sinus headaches and pollution... indoor air pollution... occupational exposures... flooding and illness... noise... contaminated water... cancer clusters... who to call regarding environmental concerns...?

## *PLEASE JOIN US!*

Talk openly with Dr. Kenneth Olden, Director of the NIEHS, and local health professionals about:

- your environmental health concerns
- how you identify environmental health issues in your community
- what environmental health scientists need to do to help.

## *INVITED PARTICIPANTS*

- Families coping with environmental health problems
- Neighborhood and environmental leaders
- Concerned citizens
- Scientists and physicians
- Public health officials
- Political and business leaders

For more information visit our website at:

<http://chronic.bcm.tmc.edu/townmeeting> or call 713-798-1053.

## *REGISTRATION FORM*

SPACE IS LIMITED. Please register by October 15, 2001.

Free lunch provided for those who preregister.

**Yes! Please register me for the Town Meeting.**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ FAX \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ (number) lunches.

Please check preference for lunch:  vegetarian  regular

Fax Registration Form to: 713-798-3990 or mail to: **Baylor College of Medicine**  
Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Research Center  
6560 Fannin Street, Suite 924  
Houston, TX 77030

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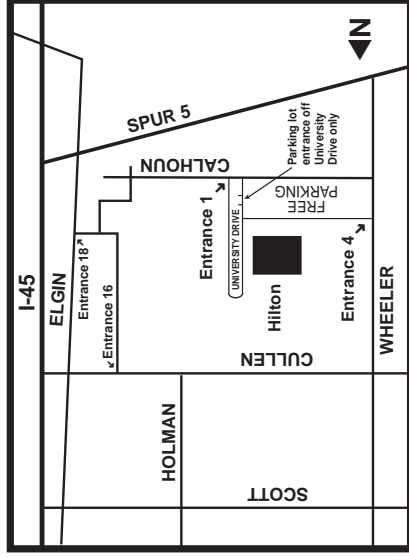
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