

7th Annual Environmental Health and Justice Summit Plastic Pollution, Human Health, and Vulnerable Populations: Uncovering Critical Issues October 18, 2024

9:15am - 10:00am

Welcome and Rutgers University Land Acknowledgement

Helmut Zarbl, PhD, EOHSI Director – Professor – NIEHS Center Director Rutgers University-School of Public Health, EOHSI – Toxicology

Plastic Pollution: What We Don't See

Rob Laumbach, MD, MPH, Associate Professor Rutgers School of Public Health, Director, Community Outreach and Engagement, CEED, EOHSI

10:00am -11:15am

Community Panel: How Plastic Production Affects Lives, Livelihoods and our Environment

Moderator: Kerry Margaret Butch, Community Engagement Coordinator, Rutgers CEED

- Oriana Holmes-Price, Director of Organizing, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance
- Mayor Gary Stevenson, Paulsboro
- **Diane Wilson,** Executive Director and San Antonio Bay Estuarine Waterkeeper on the Texas Gulf Coast, Case Study: Formosa Plastic (prerecorded)
- Paula Rogovin, Oil Train activist and one of the Formosa Four

11:15am - 12:30pm

Research Panel

Moderator: Nikki Baker, Healthy Schools Now Coalition Organizer, New Jersey Work Environment Council

- Matthew J Campen, PhD, MSPH, Distinguished Professor, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Director, New Mexico Center for Metals in Biology and Medicine, College of Pharmacy, University of New Mexico
- **Phoebe Stapleton**, PhD, ATC, Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy; Resident Scientist, EOHSI, Rutgers University
- Philip Demokritou, PhD, Henry Rutgers Chair and Professor in Nanoscience and Environmental Bioengineering at Rutgers School of Public Health, Division Head at the Environmental Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI) and a Professor in the Department of Environmental Occupational Health and Justice at Rutgers School of Public Health.

12:30pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 pm - 1:15pm

New Jersey State Senator Bob Smith - Chairman of the Senate Environment & Energy Committee

1:15pm- 2:00 pm

Facilitated Conversation between Researchers and the Community

Moderator: Phoebe Stapleton

2:00pm - 3:00pm

Solutions Panel

Moderator: Rob Laumbach

- Cindy Zipf, Executive Director, Clean Ocean Action, Chair, NJ Plastics Advisory Council
- Serpil Guran, Director, EcoComplex, Clean Energy Innovation Center, Rutgers University
- X Braithwaite, New Jersey Environmental Justice Organizer, Clean Water Action
- **Philip Demokritou,** Division Head at the Environmental Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI) and a Professor in the Department of Environmental Occupational Health and Justice at Rutgers School of Public Health.

Closing Remarks