

**The National Environmental Justice Conference, Inc. will present another in its series of virtual workshops and training programs on July 29, 2021 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Achieving Environmental Justice Through Disaster Citizen Science: A Workshop on the Disaster Citizen Science Toolkit to Support Community Preparedness**

*This panel will introduce attendees to the growing field of disaster citizen science and present a toolkit designed to provide guidance on using citizen science strategies to support community preparedness, response, and recovery. Disaster citizen science, also known by other names such as community science or street science, is the use of scientific principles or methods by nonprofessional scientists to address issues related to disasters or community hazards. Environmental justice is a large component of both disaster preparedness and citizen science. Communities of color and lower-income communities are often at the frontline of disaster events. These communities tend to be more exposed to disaster harms or more susceptible to disaster effects. At the same time, despite (or given) their vulnerabilities, these same communities are often at the forefront of grassroots solutions. There are many potential benefits of citizen science for environmental justice communities, both in improving disaster preparedness and meaningful community empowerment. Many communities have been instrumental in leading citizen or community science efforts.*

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