

TRI FALL WEBINAR SPEAKER BIOS

“Introduction to the Toxics Release Inventory for Communities”

Shelley Fudge

Shelley Fudge is the US EPA Office of Environmental Information/Environmental Analysis Division's lead staffer for the new TRI Community Engagement Initiative, including the newly launched TRI Community Engagement Pilots Project. In her 20 years of experience with the US EPA, she has worked in various capacities and in a variety of programs, including the TRI program, community-based ecosystem protection, aquatic habitat protection, concentrated animal feeding operations, climate change/energy efficiency, RCRA, and underground storage tanks. Previous to working at EPA, Shelley worked for the US Forest Service and National Park Service, as well as the City of Philadelphia. She received a Masters degree in Public Administration from the University of Pennsylvania, with an emphasis on environmental management. In addition to her work at the US EPA, she has served for many years as a volunteer community organizer in Silver Spring, MD.

Lily Lee

Lily is the Toxics Release Inventory Coordinator for USEPA's Region 9, which covers the Pacific Southwest areas of California, Nevada, Arizona, Hawaii, and the Pacific Islands. In her fourteen years in the Region's San Francisco office, she has served as Manager of the Environmental Justice Program and as Guam Program Manager. Lily also spent six years in the City of East Palo Alto redeveloping brownfields sites in an environmental justice community, for which she received the Administrator's Award for Excellence. Most recently, she led community planning, permitting, and fundraising to clean up a nine-acre former burn dump to create a new bayfront nature park, which will open to the public in summer 2012. Previously at USEPA Headquarters, Lily served as the Special Assistant to then-Administrator Carol Browner for Environmental Justice, the first permanent staff in that position. She also worked on Climate Change, Superfund Reauthorization, and Urban Economic Development at US EPA's policy office. Lily did a detail to the Office of then-Congressman Norman Mineta while in Washington, D.C., as well. As community service, Lily has previously joined the Boards of the Environmental Leadership Program, Afro-Asian Relations Council, and Asian Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project.

Erin Heaney

Erin Heaney is the executive director of the Clean Air Coalition of Western New York. The Coalition builds power by developing grassroots leaders who run and win campaigns that advance environmental justice and public health in Western New York. The Coalition organizes to reduce emissions from industrial polluters in the town of Tonawanda, from dirty diesel trucks at the Peace Bridge Plaza on Buffalo lower west side and for the enforcement of community-right-to-know laws in Erie County. Erin has brokered good neighbor agreements between residents and industry and has worked closely with the town of Tonawanda, USEPA and NYSDEC to develop the E3 Tonawanda program. Erin was the lead organizer on the campaign for enforcement action at Tonawanda Coke Corporation that resulted in 20 federal indictments and a consent order with the company to reduce benzene emissions by two-thirds. In 2010, Erin was awarded EPA Region 2's Environmental Quality Award for her work in Tonawanda. Erin serves on the Steering Committee of the Western New York Environmental Alliance and is the founding co-chair of the organization's Environmental Justice Working Group. Erin has a bachelor's degree from Swarthmore College in political science with a concentration in democratic participation and public policy.