



Environmental Justice Achievement Award

Academic Institution



Medical University of South Carolina



David Rivers addresses the participants at a national environmental justice conference.

EPA is pleased to present a 2008 Environmental Justice Achievement Award to the **Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) for its efforts to incorporate environmental justice into its community-based activities.**

As early as 1999, MUSC collaborated with EPA and South Carolina State University to organize a national environmental justice conference with more than 500 attendees. From 2003 to 2007, MUSC has participated in numerous environmental justice programs, initiatives, and meetings, including the National Environmental Policy Commission and its five listening sessions and meetings, a national conference on health disparities, several Congressional Black Caucus braintrusts on environmental justice, and a series of televised dialogues on health disparities affecting minorities in South Carolina.

MUSC has also developed and implemented a Community Leaders Institute to identify and resolve environmental justice issues at the community level. Several communities in South Carolina have applied lessons learned from the Institute to address their citizens' needs. MUSC has partnered with community organizations, government agencies, business and industry, and the health care community in its work to address environmental justice concerns. MUSC has produced numerous publications and television programs intended to improve understanding of environmental justice issues.

