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- Who:** US Environmental Protection Agency and Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality
- What:** Environmental Justice Small Grant Training Program and DEQ’s Litter Abatement Grant Program information
- When:** Thursday, Mar. 10
1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Where:** DEQ Galvez Building, Room 1051
602 North Fifth Street
Baton Rouge, LA
- Why:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency will present a training session to help non-profit groups learn more about applying for federal environmental grants. The emphasis will be on **EPA’s Environmental Justice Small Grant Program** and the current availability of funds. Three \$25,000 grants will be awarded this summer. Solicitation for grant applications began on **Feb. 18** and will close on **April 4**. In order to be eligible for this particular grant, applicants **MUST** be **nonprofit, community-based organizations with 501c3 status and live in the community affected**.

In addition to training by EPA, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will provide information on their **Litter Abatement Grant Program** and the solicitation of applications for fiscal year 2005-2006. DEQ applications must be received by noon on **April 11**.

Additional information about the grants can be obtained at the following web sites:
www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej_smgrants.html
www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/ej/grants/
www.deq.louisiana.gov/assistance/litter/littergrants.htm

If you would like to attend this training session or if you need additional information, please contact Linda Levy at 225-219-3241 or Shirley Quinones with EPA at 214-665-2713.