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National Environmental Policy Commission to Unveil Final Report at the 33rd Annual Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Conference

(Washington, DC) - Health and environmental justice are inextricably linked especially in communities of color. Members of the National Environmental Policy Commission, established by House Democratic Caucus Vice Chair James E. Clyburn (SC), spent nearly two years studying the complex relationship of health, environmental justice and minority communities and are scheduled to release their findings at this week's Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Foundation's Annual Legislative Conference.

The NEPC's report will include policy recommendations that will provide a comprehensive approach to addressing the current negative impacts on the health and environment in communities of color without destroying economic opportunities. **The presentation of the report will take place during the CBC Environmental Justice Braintrust on Friday, September 26, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Room 144B at the Washington Convention Center.**

"I commend this Commission for meeting the challenge to develop a comprehensive national environmental policy that fosters the protection of human health and the environment, and ensures environmental justice while promoting economic development," explains Congressman Clyburn. "I believe this report provides an exciting opportunity to begin addressing long standing concerns with effective actions."

In meeting the goal of identifying environmental issues and articulating a range of policy recommendations, the Commission conducted a second series of Listening Sessions in Charleston,