



Briefing Notice

Living with Climate Change: Integrating Equity into Emergency Management

Thursday, July 14, 2022

12-1 pm EDT

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Live webcast will be streamed at: www.eesi.org/livecast

The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI) invites you to a briefing on how the federal government as well as states and cities around the country can better incorporate equity into emergency management. Climate change is driving more frequent and severe impacts such as polar vortices, sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme heat, which were covered in EESI's [Living with Climate Change briefing series](#). When disaster strikes, underserved communities are often hit hardest and longest. Ensuring that equity is incorporated into all aspects of emergency management—from preparedness to response to recovery—creates more resilient communities that are better able to live with climate change.

Panelists will discuss the steps that Congress can take to more comprehensively integrate equity into emergency management, including how to ensure that large federal investments such as the ones in the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* do not cause harm to communities.

Speakers for this session include:

- **Chauncia Willis**, Co-Founder and CEO, Institute for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Management
- **Shirell Parfait-Dardar**, Traditional Tribal Chief of the Grand Caillou/Dulac Band of Biloxi-Chitimacha-Choctaw in Louisiana

This briefing is a bonus session to EESI's briefing series, [Living with Climate Change](#), that ran through June and focused on strategies, policies, and programs preparing communities around the country for four major climate threats: **polar vortices, sea level rise, wildfires, and extreme heat**.

The series ran in parallel with another briefing series, [Scaling Up Innovation to Drive Down Emissions](#), which covered green hydrogen, direct air capture, electric vehicle charging infrastructure build-out, and offshore wind energy. Register for the bonus session on how start-up accelerators can drive climate action [here](#).

These events are free and open to the public.

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