



Briefing Notice

Relief and Housing Assistance for COVID-Impacted Communities

Friday, February 19, 2021

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

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The **Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to a briefing hosted in coordination with the **National Housing Trust** and the **Natural Resources Defense Council** (national partners with the **Energy Efficiency for All project**) about the costs and consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn for housing and energy services. Panelists will explore issues faced locally by communities hard-hit by the dual crises, especially in southern and midwestern regions, including mounting utility bill arrearages; electric, gas and water shutoffs; and evictions. The harmful effects of the crises are distributed unevenly, with unjust burdens crushing low-income, Black, Indigenous, and people-of-color communities.

Speakers will also discuss national policy solutions that can deliver relief and help communities eager to recover. The Biden-Harris Administration and many in Congress are proposing increases in energy, water, and rental assistance and other provisions that protect against shutoffs and evictions. Panelists will have a discussion with participants online about the threats to communities and the different policy solutions already in place—including the CARES Act and the COVID-19 Economic Relief Bill—and those currently being debated, such as President Biden's American Rescue Plan.

Speakers for this forum are:

- **Katrina Metzler**, Executive Director, National Energy & Utility Affordability Coalition (NEUAC)
- **Andreanecia M. Morris**, President, Greater New Orleans Housing Alliance
- **Tony Reames**, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

Energy Efficiency for All (EEFA) unites people from diverse sectors and backgrounds, including housing, energy efficiency, environmental, health, and community leaders, to collectively make multifamily homes healthy and affordable through energy and water efficiency.

This event is free and open to the public.

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