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Join Us for an Eye-Opening Conference on Plastic Pollution and Health!

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Understanding Plastic Pollution and its Potential Impacts on Human Health

This conference will bring state-of-the-art knowledge and perspectives on the growing concerns about plastic-related pollutants in the global environment and our bodies. Leading scientists, environmental health advocates, regulators, affected community members, and decision-makers will address questions about human exposure to plastic pollution and its impacts on health, focusing on vulnerable populations. From the initial stages of petrochemical extraction and refining, through production and use, to ultimate disposal, plastics pose diverse risks to human well-being. We will uncover the various impacts of plastic use along its lifecycle, from air and water pollutant emissions during plastic production and manufacturing to the emerging issue of pervasive micro- and nano-plastic contamination in air, water, and food. By taking a comprehensive lifecycle approach, we aim to deepen our understanding of the potential impacts of plastic on health and inform solutions to protect public health in an increasingly plastic-filled world.

Why Attend?

- **Learn from Experts:** Hear from top researchers and scientists about the latest findings on micro- and nanoplastics, other plastic-related pollutants, and their health effects.
- **Engage in Discussions:** Participate in interactive sessions and panel discussions.
- **Network:** Connect with professionals, academics, and students who share your interest in environmental health.
- **Take Action:** Discover practical steps you can take to reduce plastic pollution in your community and your body.

Featured Speakers:

- X Braithwaite, Clean Water Action
- Dr. Matt Campen, University of New Mexico
- Dr. Serpil Guran, Rutgers EcoPlex
- Melissa Miles, NJEJA
- Dr. Phoebe Stapleton, Rutgers University
- Senator Bob Smith, Chair of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee
- Mayor Gary Stevenson, Paulsboro, NJ
- Cindy Zipf, Clean Ocean Action, Chair of NJDEP Plastics Advisory Council

Community Voices:

We are honored to have community leaders who are on the front lines of dealing with the impact of plastic pollution in their communities. Hear their powerful stories and learn about the real-world challenges and solutions they are implementing to combat this pressing issue.

Co-organized by Researchers and Community Members:

This is Rutgers CEED's 7th Annual Environmental Health and Justice Summit. This series is a collaborative effort, co-organized by dedicated researchers and community members passionate about addressing the critical issues of environmental exposures on human health.

Register Today!

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about the hidden dangers of micro- and nanoplastics, and other plastic-related pollutants, and how we can protect our health and environment.

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