

Environmental Justice in South Baltimore – A Toxic Tour & Discussion

Tour – November 11 at 9:30 AM

Discussion – November 13 at 6:30 PM

Event Synopsis

Join us as we explore environmental justice in South Baltimore with Dante Swinton of the Energy Justice Network. This Toxic Tour will provide a visual for students and faculty of the impact of industry on South Baltimore. This area contains some of the most polluted air in the country, and the most polluted air in the State of Maryland. We will start by visiting Wheelabrator Baltimore - the 10th largest trash burning incinerator in the United States, and the largest industrial polluter in Baltimore City, discussing its history and future. Subsequently, we will visit the former FMC chemical plant, which was the proposed site for the largest incinerator in the country as recently as last year. We also will visit the nation's largest medical waste incinerator, Curtis Bay Energy, and the city's landfill, Quarantine Road, where the toxic ash that is produced from Wheelabrator is placed. Your tour guide, Dante Swinton of Energy Justice Network, will also point out other industries, their emissions, and the ongoing environmental injustices in the region.

Please note that this is a bus tour and participants will be spending a lot of time on the bus with occasional stops to get off and learn about particular sites in Baltimore. The bus will leave Loyola Notre Dame Library at 9:30 AM and will return around 1:30 PM. Register for the tour and discussion at

https://loyola.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5oGfRK6qQWz24d

The tour is intense and information-rich, so as a follow-up, Loyola will host a panel discussion with the Energy Justice Network on Monday evening, November 13th. In this way, tour participants can start to unpack and think about next steps in achieving environmental justice in Baltimore. Saturday's Toxic Tour Attendees should plan on attending the panel discussion on Monday November 13th as well.

Resources for Attendees

- [A Walk through Curtis Bay with Destiny Watford](#)
- [Seeking Fair Development](#) – by activist artist Taylor Smith-Hams focused on the South Baltimore Community of Curtis Bay
- [Tracking Baltimore's Polluted Streams](#)
- [Sewage Overflows in Baltimore City](#)
- [Environmental Justice in Baltimore via the Environmental Integrity Project](#)
- [National Emissions Inventory](#) – find out who the biggest air polluters are in Baltimore.
- [Health impacts of air pollution](#)
- Current Air Quality – [Air Now](#) and [Loyola Specific](#)
- [Scholarly Articles on Baltimore Air Quality](#)

Discussion Questions

- Why is pollution a justice issue?
- How do you think the socioeconomic status of Baltimore neighborhoods affects exposure to pollution?
- What is meant by 'Fair Development'?
- How might the environmental issues of a city like Baltimore be similar or different from other areas – for example where you live?

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