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Group Praises EPA for Developing Dioxin Cleanup Goals – Expresses Concern About Delays

Falls Church, VA – In response to the EPA’s new plans for addressing Dioxin contamination, the Center for Health, Environment & Justice’s (CHEJ) Executive Director Lois Gibbs issued the following statement:

“We praise the EPA for developing Dioxin cleanup goals at contaminated sites across the country. We’re pleased the public will be able to comment on them as it’s critically important for EPA to hear from communities impacted by Dioxin, such as residents living near Dow Chemical in Midland, MI. On the other hand it’s unfortunate the date has been pushed back from December 2009 to June 2010. The EPA’s plans to address Dioxin have already been delayed for over 20 years. The public can’t tolerate any more delays – we need action from the EPA to reduce our exposure to these cancer-causing chemicals.”

About CHEJ

The Center for Health, Environment & Justice exists to mentor the movement to build healthier communities by empowering people to prevent harm in as many ways, and for as many people, as possible. We believe this can happen when people and groups have the power to play an integral role in promoting human health and environmental integrity. CHEJ’s role is to provide the tools, the direction, and the encouragement to these people and groups, so that they can build strong, healthy communities where they live, work, learn, shop, play and pray. Following her successful effort to prevent further harm for the people living in contaminated Love Canal, Lois Gibbs founded CHEJ in 1981 in order to continue mentoring others seeking to prevent harm. CHEJ provides mentoring assistance to communities, homeowners, families and individuals throughout the country. To date, CHEJ has assisted over 10,000 groups nationwide. Currently, CHEJ is mentoring community groups in Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina and Ohio. Details on CHEJ’s efforts to help people and communities prevent harm can be found at <http://chej.org/>.