



Preparing Midwestern Communities for Power Plant Closures Meeting July 28, 2021 at 9:00 am Central

The third full group conversation will focus on federal support for communities impacted by power plant closures. Speakers from several federal agencies will join us to discuss programs of support and funding opportunities and provide information about how communities can best access and utilize these resources. We will also get an update from the federal Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization.

9:00 am Welcome and Introductions

- [Jeff Ewart](#), Deputy Director, Midwestern Governors Association

9:10 am Review of Initiative

Overview of this initiative to date, including review of subgroup and how this work has led into today's meeting.

- [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund
- [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund

9:20 am Update from the Federal Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization.

- [Briggs White, Ph.D.](#), Deputy Executive Director, Interagency Working Group (IWG) on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)

9:50 am Panel Discussion: Federal Government Resources and Funding Opportunities for Communities impacted by power plant closures and the energy transition

Panelists will provide information about policies and actions of their agencies and how that is playing a role in the energy transition. Panelists will also discuss opportunities for funding for communities and how to best access that assistance.

- [Michele Chang](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy, U.S. Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
- [Matthew Dalbey](#), Director, Office of Community Revitalization, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- [Kamara Neal, Ph.D.](#), Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development
- **Moderator** - [Cindy Winland](#), Senior Fellow, Just Transition Fund

11:05 am Discussion of Next Steps and How to Participate

- [Jeff Ewart](#), Deputy Director, Midwestern Governors Association
- [Emily Rhodes](#), Technical Assistance & Planning Manager, Just Transition Fund

11:10 am Adjourn