

# The Mickey Leland National Urban Air Toxics Research Center (NUATRC)

## Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ)

**What We Know, What We Don't Know, and  
What We Should Know About Air Toxics**



**A TCEQ/NUATRC  
Symposium**



# The Purpose

- ❖ Bring together air toxic research, technical, regulatory and policymaking communities
- ❖ Exchange information about the status of air toxics research
- ❖ Identify information decision-makers need to make sound decisions on air toxics control strategies
- ❖ Look for ways to work collaboratively to develop this information.

# The Objectives

- ❖ Highlight importance of timely air toxics research
- ❖ Focus on research to address specific policy questions and improve planning tools
- ❖ Separate high-priority, short term needs from lower priority, longer term needs
- ❖ Show how NUATRC can help policymaking and research communities work together



# Planned Sessions

- I. Purpose
- II. Current and planned regulatory approaches
- III. Policy questions and planning tool needs
- IV. Existing and current research to address questions and planning needs

# Planned Sessions Cont'd

- V. Research gaps not being filled by current work
- VI. How can researchers work together to fill gaps?
- VII. Risk communication: How should we communicate risk to the public?

# Poster and Luncheon Sessions

- ❖ Poster Sessions enable a larger group of researchers and policymakers to learn from each other's work
- ❖ Luncheon Speakers present information on other states' successful programs, new EPA initiatives, and/or insight from high-level TCEQ officials

# Logistics

- ❖ Two day symposium envisioned in September
- ❖ Location sought: Shell Center, U of H Hilton, and Medical Center conference facilities being explored
- ❖ Conference fee of \$99.00 to cover costs—waived for NGO attendees
- ❖ Additional co-sponsors sought