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**Indiana Advisory Committee to the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights
Announces Web-based Briefings:**

Civil Rights, Lead Poisoning, and Environmental Justice

The Indiana Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will host a series of public briefings to gather testimony regarding lead contamination in the state. The Committee will examine the incidence and impact of lead exposure of Indiana's children, and related disparities on the basis of race, color, national origin, or other federally protected category. The Committee will also consider federal, state, and local policies and practices which may contribute to these disparities, and seek testimony regarding alternative policies and practices with demonstrated potential to address such concerns.

The Committee will begin its study with a series of web-based panel discussions. These meetings are open to the public. To join, please register at:

- **Session I - Tuesday April 30, 1:00 – 3:00 pm EDT:**
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/6y900729gugk&eom>
- **Session II - Friday May 3, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm EDT:**
<https://cc.readytalk.com/r/kdg78rpt9joq&eom>

For audio, please dial: 855-719-5012; Conference ID: 6854816 (both sessions). Please use both the web link and the call-in number in order to fully participate. Members of the public will be invited to speak during open comment periods at the conclusion of each session.

The Committee will hold additional meetings throughout 2019 to gather testimony on this topic. The Committee will also accept written testimony submitted to mwojnaroski@usccr.gov while the study remains ongoing.

For information regarding upcoming meetings or the general progress of this study, please contact the Commission's Regional Programs Unit at 312-353-8311. The Committee will issue findings and recommendations in a report to the Commission after all testimony has been received.

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