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National Alliance for Hispanic Health Statement on EPA Proposed Regulation of Greenhouse Gases to Protect Public Health

WASHINGTON, DC – Dr. Jane L. Delgado, President and CEO of the National Alliance for Hispanic Health, the nation's leading Hispanic health advocacy group, released the following statement on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) determination that carbon dioxide and five other greenhouse gases are a danger to public health. The announcement begins a 60-day public comment period.

"We congratulate President Obama and EPA Administrator Jackson on today's action finding that greenhouse gases pose a danger to the public's health and welfare. It's not only the right thing to do for the health of this and future generations, it's the smart economic move to spur on green jobs, a healthier nation, and an economy that values the planet we all call home. Protecting the public's health should not be dependent on whether or not a deal can be brokered on a cap and trade system."

"Today the EPA lived up to its charge to protect the nation's health. The entire Alliance membership and our Health and the Environment Action Network (HEAN) will be working over the next 60 day public comment period to ensure that the public's health is the primary concern in regulation of greenhouse gases. You can be a part of this movement by visiting the Alliance's Action Forum at www.hispanichealth.org."

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About the National Alliance for Hispanic Health

The National Alliance for Hispanic Health is the nation's foremost source of information and trusted advocate for the health of Hispanics in the United States. The Alliance represents thousands of Hispanic health providers across the nation providing services to more than 15 million each year, making a daily difference in the lives of Hispanic communities and families. For more information, visit <http://www.hispanichealth.org> or call the Alliance's *Su Familia* National Hispanic Family Health Helpline at 1-866-783-2645.

About The Health and Environment Action Network (HEAN)

The Health and Environment Action Network (HEAN) is a national and locally driven effort committed to securing the right of all people to clean air and water. The network has been initiated in four communities to document the nexus of environmental risk and health impacts, mobilize community solutions, and secure national and local action on environmental risks that compromise the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the health and well-being of communities.