



Earth Day, April 22, 2005

NOAA-CREST participated in the Earth Day organized by Center for Sustainable Energy, Bronx Community College (BCC), CUNY to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Earth Day, observed on April 22, world across. About 300 visitors participated in the event. 20 non-polluting and low emission vehicles were on display at the "Bronx Clean Car Fair" at BCC representing ConEd; NY Metropolitan Authority (MTA); Sierra Club (Hybrid Vehicles) NY State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA); NY Power Authority. The vehicles included buses; trucks, carts, cars and electric two-wheeled vehicles (scooter and motorcycle); propelled by natural gas; biofuels (derived



Paul Lipson, Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman Jose Serrano addressing the gathering. Dr. James Quigley, Director, CSE, looks on.



from agricultural products) and electric (both battery and "hybrid" technology). Such alternative fuel vehicles certainly make an important connection between public health (especially Asthma and other health problems) and the air quality deteriorating at a faster pace than one can imagine - not to forget the water pollution and acid rains that are also caused to a large extent by motor vehicle exhausts.

A large number of high school students including Bronx High School of Science and teachers from Bronx participated enthusiastically in the event. Students were encouraged and challenged to participate by filling-out a vehicle fuel economy and emission calculation form.

Prizes were given out to three high schools viz., Gateway; Christopher Columbus and University Heights. The prizes comprising of "Fuel Cell Car and Experiment Kit" were sponsored by NOAA-CREST.

Dr. James Quigley, Director, Center for Sustainable Energy welcomed the participants. Paul Lipson, Chief of Staff, Office of Congressman Serrano, encouraged the students and commended all the participating agencies. Dr. Reza Khanbilvardi, CREST Director, spoke on the event about the CREST program & scholarships available for eligible students.



Dr. Reid Strieby of BCC and CREST Faculty participated in event with students from BCC. CREST information booth was also available at the event.