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**Public Enemy: Planet Earth: The Rock And Roll Hall Of Fame Greatest Rap Hits** (Eastlink/MVD/Enemy Records)

File Under: Hip Hop

In celebration of their induction to the Rock & Roll Hall Of Fame in Cleveland, another compilation of their hits has been assembled. Let's just get it out of the way... this set contains re-recordings of their Def Jam recordings included. There, we said it. Now before you get all turned off by that, you should know that a good portion of those Def Jam remakes sound REALLY close to the original – some to the point that it's hard to tell if they weren't just using the instrumentals and re-recording the vocals. And let's be honest, those instrumentals would be rather challenging to reproduce with such a smorgasbord of samples involved. Some, though, you can tell were recreated ("By The Time I Get To Arizona" sticks out with the Mandrill "Two Sisters Of Mystery" elongated guitar sample sounding a bit more synthy). Still, the overall feeling of the music is powerful, even 25 years after some of it was created. Coming from a huge PE fan, I was not let down one bit, even with the re-recordings.

All that being said, Chuck D and Flavor Flav still sound in great form. Chuck's voice still booms, one of the greatest matched voices for the topical content of his lyrics of anyone in any genre in music history.

In all, 15 tracks are included in the set. And while the RSD site only mentions a 12" picture disc, a CD version is also being released, which is the format of our promo copy.

We're not sure of the how the vinyl is split into sides, but the CD tracklist reads as such:

1. Welcome To The Terrordome
2. Can't Truss It
3. 911 Is A Joke
4. Shut Em Down
5. Fight The Power
6. Give It Up
7. Harder Than You Think
8. By The Time I Get To Arizona
9. ...Everything
10. Louder Than A Bomb
11. Lost At Birth
12. Public Enemy No. 1
13. Shut Em Down (Pete Rock Mixx)
14. I Shall Not Be Moved
15. Harder Than You Think (London Radio Edit)