

Plan EJ 2014

Overview

Presentation Outline

- Plan EJ 2014 Background
- Framework for Plan EJ 2014
- Goals of Plan EJ 2014
- Nine Implementation Plans

Background on Plan EJ 2014

- Plan EJ 2014 carries out Administrator Jackson's priority on Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice.
- Plan EJ 2014 is a roadmap that will help EPA integrate environmental justice into EPA's programs, policies, and activities.
- February 2014 marks the 20th anniversary of the issuance of Executive Order 12898 on environmental justice.
- Plan EJ 2014 involves all EPA programs and regions, receives continuous stakeholder input, and has annual reporting requirements.

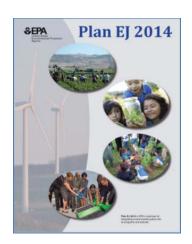
Goals of Plan EJ 2014

- Protect health in communities that have been overburdened by pollution.
- Empower communities to take action to improve their health and environment.
- Establish partnerships with local, state, tribal and federal organizations to achieve healthy and sustainable communities.



Plan EJ 2014 Framework

Cross-Agency Focus Areas
Tools Development Areas
Program Initiatives



Cross-Agency Focus Areas – (5)

- 1. Rulemaking: Incorporating EJ into rulemaking framework.
- Permitting: Considering EJ concerns in EPA's permitting process.
- 3. Enforcement: Advancing EJ through compliance and enforcement initiatives that focus on overburdened communities.
- 4. Community-Based Action: Supporting community-based action programs that build healthy, sustainable and green communities.
- 5. Interagency Collaboration: Fostering Administration-wide action on EJ that foster environmental, health and economic benefits.

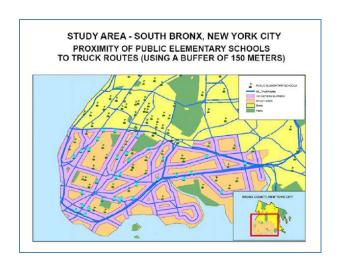
Tools Development - (4)

- Science: Apply integrated and community-based participatory research to address multi-media, cumulative impacts and equity in environmental health.
- Law: Provide EJ legal assistance to all Plan EJ 2014 areas and Agency programs.
- Information: Develop nationally consistent EJ screen and common geospatial platform.
- Resources: Improve transparency and efficiency in delivery of grants and technical assistance.

	Implementation Plans	Lead Offices and Regions
1	Rulemaking	OCSPP, OP, OEJ, ORD, Region 9
2	Permitting	OAR, OGC, Region 1
3	Enforcement	OECA, Region 5
4	Community-Based Action	OSWER, Regions 2,3, 4
5	Administration-Wide Action	OW, Region 6
6	Science Tools	ORD, Region 7
7	Legal Tools	OGC, Region 5
8	Information Tools	OP, OEI, Regions 3, 8, 9, 10
9	Resources Tools	OARM

Incorporating EJ into Rulemaking

- Finalize the Interim Guidance on Considering Environmental Justice During the Development of an Action.
- Implement and Monitor EJ-Rulemaking Guidance.
 - NO₂ NAAQS
 - RTR Chrome Electroplating MACT
 - Definition of Solid Waste
- Develop EJ Technical Guidance.



Considering EJ in Permitting

- Develop and implement tools and recommendations to:
 - Enhance meaningful community participation.
 - Assist permitting authorities to incorporate EJ in permitting decisions.
- Implementation Plan emphasizes early stakeholder engagement to all groups.

Advancing EJ through Compliance and Enforcement

- Advance EJ goals through National Enforcement Initiatives.
- Advance EJ goals through targeting and development of enforcement and compliance actions.
- Enhance use of enforcement and compliance tools in geographic initiatives.
- Seek appropriate remedies in enforcement actions to benefit vulnerable communities.
- Enhance communications.

Supporting Community-Based Action Programs

- Advance EJ principles in state and tribal partnerships through NEPPS and NPM guidance.
- Identify scalable/replicable program elements and align multiple community-based programs to operationalize EJ.
- Promote One EPA presence to better engage communities.
- Foster community based programs modeled on CARE principles.
- Explore how EPA can inform or help local decision-makers to maximize benefits and minimize adverse impacts from land use decision-making, planning, siting, and permitting.



Promote equitable development opportunities.

Fostering Administration-Wide Action

- Assist other federal agencies to integrate EJ through Interagency Working Group.
- Strengthen use of NEPA and Title VI.
- Foster healthy and sustainable communities through interagency collaborations.
- Strengthen community access to federal agencies.



Science Tools Development

- Focus on addressing multi-media, cumulative impacts and equity in environmental health and environmental conditions.
- Incorporate perspectives from community-based organizations and leaders into EPA research agendas and engage in collaborative partnerships on science/research to address EJ.
- Leverage partnerships with other federal agencies on issues of research, policy and action to address health disparities.
- Build and strengthen capacity of Agency scientists to conduct research in partnership with impacted communities and translating research results to inform change.
- Build and strengthen technical capacity of community-based organizations and community environmental justice and health leaders to address disparities and environmental sustainability.

Legal Tools Development

- Identify opportunities to utilize the Agency's statutory authorities to advance environmental justice.
- Implement forward-leaning environmental justice policies with acceptable legal risk and to identify new opportunities to promote environmental justice policy objectives.



Information Tools Development

- Develop a nationally consistent environmental justice screening tool.
- Develop EPA's GeoPlatform.
 - Create a more effective place-based product, using common geospatial data, services, and applications, and hosted on a shared infrastructure.
- Incorporate appropriate elements of the screening tool into the GeoPlatform.



Resources Tools Development

Grants and Technical Assistance Component:

- Increase transparency and efficiency in providing community-based grant opportunities.
- Improve delivery of technical assistance to communities.
- Strengthen grants training for communities.
- Improve community awareness of grant competition.
- Revise grant policies that are unduly restrictive.
- Improve timeliness of Brownfields Grant Awards.

Workforce Diversity Component:

- Increase the diverse pool of qualified applicants.
- Operate a One EPA approach for recruitment/outreach.

What Happens in 2014?

- EPA will have created a menu of policies, tools and strategies for building healthy, sustainable and green communities in overburdened areas.
- EPA will make an assessment of its progress in achieving the goals of Plan EJ 2014. Based on this assessment, EPA will produce a report on the accomplishments, lessons learned, challenges, and next steps for continuing the Agency's efforts to make environmental justice an integral part of every decision.

Acronyms

- CARE Community Action for a Renewed Environment
- MACT Maximum Achievable Control Technology
- NAAAQS National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- NEPPS National Environmental Performance Partnership System
- NPM National Program Manager
- OAR Office of Air and Radiation
- OARM Office of Administration and Resource Management
- OEI Office of Environmental Information
- OEJ Office of Environmental Justice
- OCSPP Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
- OECA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- OGC Office of General Counsel
- OP Office of Policy
- ORD Office of Research and Development
- OSWER Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- OW Office of Water

For more information

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http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/plan-ej/index.html



EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities

http://yosemite.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView