

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC)

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2011 Work Plan *(draft)*

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Recent NEJAC Recommendations

- **Comments to EPA Plan EJ 2014**
 - Add Science as a cross-Agency focus in which ORD produces by 2014 some robust results that will drive policy and implementation.
 - Coordinate enforcement and compliance activities with each other and other efforts to reduce disproportionate impacts in individual communities selected for agency attention through the use of EJSEAT and other tools.
 - Develop consistent State guidance on incorporating environmental justice principals in permit actions.
 - Target specific compliance strategies and enforcement actions to address problems that affect overburdened communities. EPA needs to evaluate how "specific compliance strategies" differ from what is required under current regulations/statute.
 - Provide support for community-based organizations to participate in community or government convened collaborative processes.
 - All federal investments that affect communities suffering from disproportionate impacts should go through an appropriate process to identify and, if necessary, eliminate or mitigate environmental justice considerations.

Recent NEJAC Recommendations

- **Recommendations for Permitting**
 - Follow the consensus recommendations of prior relevant NEJAC reports (i.e. 1996 and 2000)
 - EPA and the states/tribes should be more active and ‘vocal’ in publicizing and enticing multiple stakeholder/public participation with State performance partnership agreements.
 - EPA should include appropriate EJ-oriented language in its MOUs with states/tribes, and other federal agencies.
 - EPA should maintain an easily accessible ‘living’ document of all permit-related factors that contribute to EJ concerns
 - Encourage greater use of Supplemental Environmental Projects
 - Allocate more time and attention to the many facets surrounding EJ and cumulative impacts in relation to permitting, regardless of which governmental entity has primacy.

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- **Gulf Coast Restoration Task Force Charge (draft)**
 - How best to engage communities for input into decisions about Gulf Coast restoration plans, including potential permits
- **Permitting Charge (draft)**
 - How can EPA reach out effectively to state, local and tribal entities, industry interests, community groups, environmental groups and other federal agencies, to gather their comments and ideas and, ideally, enlist their support?
 - How can EPA more effectively promote community involvement before, during, and after permit issuance?
 - How can EPA engage effectively with other permitting or licensing agencies to help them account for environmental justice considerations when making permitting or licensing decisions?
- **Environmental Justice in Rulemaking (late 2011)**
 - Provide input into technical guidance under development in 2011

List of NEJAC Advice and Recommendations

- [Request to Provide Input to EPA's Draft Strategic Plan 2011-2015 \(PDF\) - August 2010](#)
[Nationally Consistent Environmental Justice Screening Approaches \(PDF\) - May 2010](#)
[Recommendations for EPA's Community Action for a Renewed Environment \(CARE\) Program \(PDF\) - April 2010](#)
[Strategies to Enhance School Air Toxics Monitoring in Environmental Justice Communities \(PDF\) - April 2010](#)
[Reducing Air Emissions Associated With Goods Movement: Working Towards Environmental Justice \(PDF\) - November 2009](#)
- [Strengthening the Participation of Business and Industry in Environmental Justice, Green Business, and Sustainability \(PDF\) - September 2008](#)
[Recommendations for EPA's State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Initiative \(PDF\) - October 2008](#)
[NEJAC Initial Letter Regarding the Environmental Justice Strategic Enforcement Assessment Tool \(PDF\) - December 2007](#)
- [Future Mechanisms to Enhance Stakeholder Involvement and Engagement to Address Environmental Justice \(PDF\) - August 2006](#)
- [The 2005 Gulf Coast Hurricanes and Vulnerable Populations: Recommendations for Future Disaster Preparedness/Response \(PDF\) - August 2006](#)
- [Unintended Impacts of Redevelopment and Revitalization Efforts in Five Environmental Justice Communities \(PDF\) - August 2006](#)
- [Ensuring Risk Reduction in Communities with Multiple Stressors: Environmental Justice and Cumulative Risks/Impacts \(PDF\) - December 2004](#)

- [Environmental Justice and Federal Facilities: Recommendations for Improving Stakeholder Relations Between Federal Facilities and Environmental Justice Communities \(PDF\) - November 2004](#)
- [Meaningful Involvement and Fair Treatment by Tribal Environmental Regulatory Programs \(PDF\) - October 2004](#)
- [Advancing Environmental Justice Through Pollution Prevention \(PDF\) - June 2003](#)
- [Fish Consumption and Environmental Justice \(PDF\) - November 2002](#)
- [Integration of Environmental Justice in Federal Programs \(PDF\) - May 2002](#)
- [Guide on Consultation and Collaboration with Indian Tribal Governments and the Public Participation of Indigenous Groups and Tribal Members in the Environmental Decision Making \(PDF\) - November 2000](#)
- [Environmental Justice and Community-Based Health Model Discussion - May 2002](#)
- [Environmental Justice in the Permitting Process: A Report from the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council \(PDF\) - July 2000](#)
- [A Regulatory Strategy for Siting and Operating Waste Transfer Stations \(PDF\) - March 2000](#)
- [Model Plan for Participation \(PDF\) - February 2000](#)
- [Public Dialogues on Urban Revitalization and Brownfields: Envisioning Healthy and Sustainable Communities \(PDF\) - December 1996](#)
- [Draft Memorandum on Integrating Environmental Justice into EPA Permitting Authority \(PDF\) - July 1996](#)