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Matthew Tejada: Thank you, Victoria.

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And are we recording-- oh
there we go you just did it.

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Hey, everyone, thank you
so much for joining us today.

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My name is Matthew Tejada.

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I'm the Director of the Office of
Environmental Justice, here at EPA.

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I want to thank everyone
for joining us today

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in the series of bi-weekly National
Engagement Calls On Environmental Justice

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that EPA has been putting on.

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I see our participants
are still climbing,

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which is great we had
one of these sessions,

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just before Thanksgiving, the Tuesday before
Thanksgiving that was kind of open-ended,

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which I think was actually really great.

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We had a couple hundred
folks join us for that.

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We kind of took any questions focused on
whatever the community members

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and others wanted to talk about.

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For today though, we're really excited

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that we have some very great colleagues
joining us from a couple of our sister agencies

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here in the Federal Government,
Health and Human Services

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and the Department of Energy are both joining us today for this engagement call.

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They're going to be sharing a lot of information with you all.

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I was just scrolling through their presentations again, they've got a lot of information

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to share with you all.

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So I think we're going to get to that here as quickly as we can.

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So I'm going to pass it over to my colleague the Assistant Director

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for the Office of Environmental
Justice, Chitra Kumar,

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who's going to take us through
a brief mindfulness moment.

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This is something we've been
practicing at EPA especially in these times

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that are pretty hectic both
in our professional lives

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and in our personal
lives around the country.

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So Chitra, if you would please take
us through a mindfulness moment.

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Chitra Kumar: Absolutely,
thank you, Matthew.

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So as you may or may not know today is
the 80th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor,

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and that was a time of fear,
it was war time, World War II,

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and during those times of fear,
these historic events

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really have a collective
impact on our human psyche,

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and sometimes that means that we can do things as a society that we regret.

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One of those things is the forcible internment of American citizens of Japanese descent.

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So these are people who were again American citizens

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and many would think were wrongfully stripped of their land and forced to relocate

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into internment camps during World War II.

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So these kinds of events sometimes

happen because we are reacting to that fear

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and in mindful EPA, we try to
provide tools for everyone to have

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some space, some
ability to put some space

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between their thoughts
and their reactions.

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So we'll just leave you, I'll just lead you
through a quick exercise to practice that

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so that we can have a
little bit of awareness

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and perhaps behave more
compassionately as individuals afterwards.

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So if you could just get comfortable wherever
you are, whether you're standing or sitting

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and you might decide to just
close your eyes or at least look down

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and just become aware of
any sounds in your environment,

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you might hear some noise of the air or the
refrigerator or somebody in your environment,

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who's speaking on the
phone, just welcome it,

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and in your mind's eye
finding your own body in the room,

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perhaps welcoming
yourself into the room

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and giving yourself a
little inner smile of welcome.

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Then inclining your
awareness to yourself,

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as you might a dear friend and then
dropping that awareness into your body,

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feeling the sensations
in your body right now,

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are they pleasant? And if so you
can take a moment to appreciate

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and savor those sensations, and if there are
any unpleasant sensations, that's okay too.

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Perhaps making some space for them,
allowing them to be there.

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Only for this moment and then
remembering that you are not alone

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that uneasiness and discomfort
are part of the human condition,

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and if there is discomfort,
can you soften a little bit

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be a little kind to that, a little tender,

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simply because this is so.

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Or maybe you can offer your words
yourself, some words of encouragement,

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like it's okay, you can handle this.

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And with the next breath

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finally appreciating the effort and the
good intentions that brought you here today

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to this session here, it is
already an act of compassion

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and then allowing yourself
to just open your eyes,

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if they're closed, welcoming
yourself back into the room

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Thank you for taking this moment
with us, back to you Matthew.

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Matthew Tejada: All right,
thank you, Chitra, so much.

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So moving along to the next slide.

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Victoria, I think we had just a few things we wanted to remind folks about

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on Justice40 or just a few leadership updates.

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I'll go back in.

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So just very quickly for folks, this is obviously one of those times

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of the year where things slow down, everywhere thankfully around the holidays.

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We are still busily at work, however here
in EPA and across the federal government

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on a number of activities, obviously
the bipartisan infrastructure law

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that passed a few weeks ago
has brought a huge uptick in activity,

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across numerous programs, across the
federal government at EPA

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historic levels of funding for things
like water infrastructure,

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cleanup of contaminated lands,

reductions in diesel emissions.

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So we are busily involved
implementing those

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and one of the core pieces of all
of that infrastructure money

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is living up to the mandate
from President Biden of Justice40,

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contained in the
Executive Order 14008.

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So we are still busily working away not
only at implementing the Justice40 mandate,

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but now in intersecting the Justice40
mandate with these new levels of resources

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that EPA has brought in so we will be
looking at our meetings in the new year

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to come back and focus more on
those infrastructure dollars on Justice40

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on how we're continuing to
implement all of these activities

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that is in coordination and alignment with
our efforts as well to finalize the next

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EPA multi-year strategic plan.

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We spent a couple of sessions
from these calls back in October

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on explaining the environmental
justice and civil rights compliance elements

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of that draft strategic plan.

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The final version of that plan will
be coming out I believe in February.

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We are just tying
off the process of reviewing

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and responding to the public
comments that we received

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during that public engagement
process for the strategic plan.

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So we look forward to that coming
out hopefully in early February,

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and then as well of course, we are
eagerly awaiting action on

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in congress regarding both the Build
Back Better reconciliation agenda,

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as well as what should hopefully
follow that a fiscal year 22 budget,

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both of which potentially will contain,
again, record levels of funding to pursue

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equity justice and civil
rights compliance efforts,

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across all of EPA and the
rest of the federal government.

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So those are the very high
line items that I have to share,

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I do want us to get to our
Justice40 conversation today,

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so if we go forward one slide, I just
wanted to make sure and reaffirm,

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and I believe our colleagues
from HHS and potentially

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even DOE will be going
over these points again,

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but it is good to just
reaffirm these things.

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Justice40 is an idea that
seems to be somewhat slippery

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in terms of really nailing
down exactly what it means.

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So to be very clear, Justice40

from Executive Order 14008, section 223,

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is the goal of delivering
40% of the overall benefits

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from certain federal investments
to disadvantaged communities,

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and it's really important to understand,

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we're talking about benefits,
not necessarily just the dollars,

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we're talking about benefits, so benefits of
things that include dollars, benefits of time,

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benefits of prioritization,
we're talking about the benefits

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of certain federal investments.

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Okay so there's potentially going
to be hundreds if not thousands

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of different investments, programs
across all of the federal government

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that will eventually be
implicated in this,

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that is a decision that will be
made by the White House.

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And those benefits, 40% of them are supposed to go to disadvantaged communities,

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that is another thing that is going to be defined by the White House.

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What are disadvantaged communities?

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Justice40 is not a grant, Justice40 is not a single bucket of money.

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It is not a new, is not some new program,

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Justice40 is a policy initiative looking across everything that the federal government does

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and then determining within everything
that the federal government does

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there will be a subset of
certain of the investments

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across all of the
federal government,

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only some investments, some
programs will ultimately be implicated

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and I think it'll be a lot, like at EPA, it's
going to be the majority of what EPA does

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likely it's only some investments

and programs are implicated in this,

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and we have got to figure
out how to make sure

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that 40% of the benefits of those
programs, of those investments

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that those benefits go to
disadvantaged communities.

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It is not just a money
tracking exercise.

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It is talking about well how many,
how did you improve access to transit?

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How many lead pipes were
pulled out of the ground?

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How much health was improved?

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What kind of access
was increased?

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How many pounds of pollutant
were pulled out of the air, right?

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It's talking about the benefits of government
activity of government investments.

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And that 40 % is
not just for a single,

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we're not going to--

what has been communicated is that,

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We're not looking at

40% for any one program,

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we're not even looking

at 40% for any one agency.

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It's going to be larger 40% rolling

up a lot of these different efforts,

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a lot of these different programs

and looking at it in bigger buckets

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across the federal government,

are we achieving 40% or not?

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That's part of the figuring
out that's happening right now

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is what do those benefits look like?
How could we potentially roll them up?

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As I've said several times,

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this is an initiative that is
being led out of the White House.

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So there's a couple bodies
there that are really in charge.

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One of those is the White House
Council on Environmental Quality,

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that is the office within the White
House in charge of environmental issues.

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The Council on Environmental Quality
just like there's another Office

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that deals with economic issues.

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There's another office that deals
with international issues and security.

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The office at the White House that
deals with the environment is the Council

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on Environmental Quality, the CEQ.

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They're the lead for this.

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They have established through the executive order an interagency body,

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the interagency council on environmental justice or IAC,

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so if you hear us mention these acronyms,

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hopefully you can hold on to what they mean.

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The IAC is the Interagency Council, which includes me and other of my colleagues,

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some of the folks you'll hear from today, are working on the IAC.

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It's just a coordinating body that is being led by CEQ.

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CEQ is also working with another office, a different office in the White House,

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the United States Digital Service.

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They're the ones that will be developing the tool,

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the climate and economic
justice screening tool

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that will actually create a map of disadvantaged
communities across the United States.

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We don't have that,
we have EJSCREEN at EPA,

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my office is in
charge of EJSCREEN.

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We are not building this new tool, that
is going to come out of the White House.

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We are eagerly awaiting it just like a lot

of folks, a lot of y'all on the outside are.

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So when that comes out,
we'll see it when you all see it.

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There is OMB, the Office
of Management and Budget.

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That's the office
within the White House

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where the United States
Digital Service is located.

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I know, it's confusing that Office of
Management and Budget did offer interim guidance

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that starts to unpack
some of these things.

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That is the guidance we have been
using to implement all of these things

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over the last several months
since it was issued on July 20th.

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So there's more answers there
that you can search for,

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you can just look for OMB interim
guidance Justice40, and you'll find it.

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So I just wanted to make sure
that we were very clear starting out.

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What Justice40 is? What

Justice40 is not?

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With that, I'm very happy that we are
being joined by some of our colleagues,

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we're going to start off with
Health and Human Services.

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Dr. Sharunda Buchanan is
joining us from HHS as we call it.

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She is in the Office of the
Assistant Secretary for Health,

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so with that, Sharunda, if you would,
please, Dr. Buchanan it is all yours.

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Sharunda Buchanan: Well,
good afternoon everyone.

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Let me just first say Matthew and others
at EPA, I really appreciate the opportunity

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to come before our group of stakeholders
and community members today

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and be a part of this session.

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I just want to just tell you a little
bit about myself before I get started,

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I'm actually a long-term, I
would say public health official

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in the environmental health,
environmental justice field.

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I actually have spent 31 years at the
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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working on environmental
health and environmental justice issues.

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Just recently in the past 4 or 5 months
I came on here at HHS helping our Senior Mataka

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and others in the Assistant Office of the
secretary at HHS to help implement

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and really move us forward in
the area of environmental justice.

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And so I'm happy to
be here representing HHS

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and all of the staff divisions and
office divisions under that umbrella.

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So thanks again for an
opportunity to be here.

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So I'll just start with the first slide, if
you will, and as Matthew just mentioned,

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I think myself as well as maybe the
Department of Energy will probably

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reiterate the fact of Justice40
and the importance of Justice40.

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I like to always sort of start with this
so that we would all be on the same page.

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We talk about J40 or Justice40 as
being a whole of government effort

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to ensure that all of the federal agencies
work with states local communities

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nonprofits all across our various
country with communities to make good

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on the president's promise to deliver at
least 40% of the overall benefits

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as Matthew just mentioned from federal
investments in climate and clean energy

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and disadvantaged communities.

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He mentioned also the interim
guidance by the White House,

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which includes a set of actions
for all of the government agencies

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that manage covered
Justice40 programs,

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and I'll talk a little bit about
covered programs in a second.

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The interim guidance also provides implementation
direction to those covered programs

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actually asking them to think about
what benefits they bring to the table

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and actually share
those with communities.

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So I just want to remind everybody

and most of you probably know this

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that the mission of the Department of Health
and Human Services is to enhance the health

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and well-being of Americans, by providing
for effective health and human services

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and by fostering sound, sustained advances
in the sciences underlying medicine,

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public health, and social services.

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So why are we all in this space?

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And I know you can attest to this.

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HHS along with others

recognize that people of color

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disadvantaged, vulnerable,

low-income, marginalized,

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and indigenous people are disproportionately

burdened by environmental hazards.

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These populations and communities

are exposed to environmental threats

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that drive health disparities.

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They're underserved, and they're surrounded by social inequities.

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The combination of these environmental risks and those social inequities create a cumulative,

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disproportionate impact that hinders optimal health and environmental justice

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for our communities and for these populations.

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So I'd like to remind folks of Executive

Order 12898 that was issued back in 1994

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during the Clinton Administration.

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Executive Order 12898, Federal
Actions to address Environmental Justice

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in Minority Populations and
Low-Income Populations,

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directed federal agencies at that time
to "make achieving environmental justice

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part of its mission by
identifying and addressing,

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as appropriate, disproportionately
high and adverse human health

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and environmental
effects on its programs,

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policies, and activities on minority, low-
income, and indigenous populations."

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So fast forward that as Matthew
mentioned, Executive Order 14008,

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where President Biden further directed
HHS and all of the federal agencies

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to make achieving part environmental justice
part of its mission by developing programs,

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policies, and activities to
address the disproportionately high

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and adverse human health,
environmental and climate related

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and other cumulative impacts on
disadvantaged communities.

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So the addition of this climate related
and cumulative impacts is very important.

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So I just sort of laid out here just a few things that I want to talk to you

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and share with you today.

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And I'll start by the first, which is engaging stakeholders.

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Again this is very top priority on our list.

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Why are we in this space anyway?

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And what are we going to do and how are we going to move forward,

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and we want to do that very
keenly by engaging stakeholders?

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I'll talk a little bit about HHS's interim
definition of disadvantaged communities,

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and how we're addressing that?

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I'll talk a little bit more about
these covered programs,

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and what HHS pilot programs are
covered under the interim guidelines?

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Talk a little bit about those benefits,
talk a little bit about the metrics,

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and how we might
maximize those benefits,

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and then how we're going to take that the
lessons learned from our pilot covered programs,

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and apply those to other
programs, under the HHS umbrella?

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With that, next slide, please.

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So I always like to start here.

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Keeping with the principles of
environmental justice, community partnership

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and community engagement is key.

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We sincerely want to hear and understand
the community's perspective

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and incorporate your feedback into
the work we do to meet the goals of J40.

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Not only J40 but all of what
we're doing in this space.

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So we will be again hosting
virtual national webinars,

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regional virtual townhalls,

grantee meetings,

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national regional conferences,
engaging in social media.

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All of that so we can hear
back from communities

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and we can have them as a key partner
and engage them in the work that we do.

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So here at HHS and in working with
our pilot covered programs right now,

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we know that a number of communities
have traditionally been burdened

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by of course environmental threats.

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These are some of the things
we're looking at when we're focusing

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on our disadvantaged communities.

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Are there in apartment zones or enterprise
communities or renewal communities

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and these are communities that
have been federally designated

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as geographic areas, characterized
by high levels of unemployment,

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poverty, and economic distress.

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Also we're looking at opportunity zones
in historically underserved communities.

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Zones that are designed to spare
economic development in job creation

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and low-income communities.

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Population sites that are
members of disadvantaged groups,

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who live in areas near hazardous
waste or communities at risk of exposure

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to contaminated properties.

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And of course, low income and
social vulnerability communities.

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These are social vulnerable
communities in households

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that are characterized by
federal poverty guidelines

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So again, you hear us
talk about covered programs,

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and I just wanted to provide
this slide for your hearing.

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A covered program right now under the
interim guidelines for HHS includes

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those programs that provide overall
benefits from federal investments

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in the following areas to
disadvantaged communities:

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Climate change, clean energy and energy efficiency,

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clean transportation,
affordable and sustainable housing,

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remediation and
reduction of legacy pollution,

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and critical clean water in
waste infrastructure,

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as well as efforts and training
and workforce development.

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All of that related to climate natural
disasters, environment, clean energy,

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all of the lists that I
just presented before.

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We want to really sort
of hone in on training

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and workforce development
issues in this arena.

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So right now, HHS is managing
two justice pilot programs.

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One is the Administration for Children's
and Families Low Income Home Energy

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Assistance Program.

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We lovingly call it LIHEAP.

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The National Institute of Environmental
Health Sciences Environmental Career

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Worker Training Program, the ECWTP.

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Once we're looking at this and
providing technical assistance to both ACF

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and NIEHS on how they can actually
sort of think about their benefits,

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under their particular program,

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we want to assure that the lessons learned
here will be applied to other covered programs.

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So let me just tell you a little bit about NIEHS
Environmental Career Worker Training Program,

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and some of you may already
be familiar with this program.

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It implements training
and workforce development

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that builds career related to climate,
national disasters, environment,

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clean energy, clean
transportation, housing,

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and wastewater infrastructure,
and legacy pollution.

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It provides grant funding to non-profit
organizations and institutions of higher education

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that enables the delivery of both
pre-employment and life skills training.

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A little bit about the LIHEAP Program.

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It provides federally funded aid in managing costs associated with home energy bills,

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energy crisis, weatherization, and energy-related minor home repairs.

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LIHEAP assists individuals and families through interventions

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that reduce the risk of health and safety problems

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that arise from unsafe heating practices.

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And I wanted just to mention because I know we get questions a lot of times about

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how can I actually sort of become eligible for that.

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The LIHEAP does not provide direct grants to individuals,

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but they instead fund state, tribal and territorial governments and others.

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And we'll tell you a little bit about that more to come.

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All right so collectively, the benefits of the HHS pilot covered programs include these.

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These are some that

I just wanted to point out.

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Households are served with heating/ cooling assistance,

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weatherization or weatherproofing responsibilities,

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reduced energy consumption and energy efficiency.

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Through our worker training program students and workers are trained.

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Students are placed into jobs, their technical skills gained, and I really like this one.

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It's all about life skills gained.

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I mean again, not only the technical skills that can be gleaned from this,

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but also life skills can be gained.

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Hiring earnings and long-term financial stability,

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and then reduce recidivism and reduce reliance on public benefits.

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The use of skills, the skills that are
gained under this program can be provided

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to support communities in
terms of environment remediation,

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construction and building trades,
health education, and other fields.

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all right just to talk a little bit
about some of the metrics and how

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They're looking at

maximizing their benefits.

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All of the benefits that I laid out for the
environmental career worker training program

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will go into disadvantaged communities.

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They are the program that
promotes wraparound supportive services,

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which includes again as I
mentioned life skills in training,

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food, housing, transportation,
legal support, child and elder care,

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and career and other counseling.

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They facilitate programs sustained
technical assistance by leveraging support

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from other state, and local
foundations, and using advisory boards.

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They highlight program
evaluation and assessments

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connect to an
apprenticeship program,

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the ECWTP is designed as a
pre-apprenticeship program,

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but graduates get direct entry
into formal apprenticeships,

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and then they're able to expand their
training into niche and growing industry,

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including green jobs, wind, solar,
geothermal, utilities, hazmat transportation.

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They are designed to provide workforce
development in all of these areas.

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Again it's been in existence for a while,
it is actually a very superb program.

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Some of the accomplishments include training over 13,000 people in more than 30 communities

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across 25 states with nearly a 70% employment rate since 1995.

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As I mentioned before, they are focused on changing lives and building careers

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through job and life skills training, mentoring, and social support.

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They are really all about environmental justice.

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Developing skilled workers and leaders

from Environmental Justice Communities

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to help with clean up
and recovery efforts.

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So I just wanted folks to
get a sense of the success

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that the environmental career worker
training program has had over years.

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Here is some excerpts from the
best practices report.

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It has been able to increase
sustainable employment opportunities,

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address health disparities in advanced
environmental justice.

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Again, it has transformed the lives of
trainees and families and communities.

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It provides significant contributions to
environmental justice by providing training

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and increasing job opportunities.

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The environmental career worker training
program serves as a model intervention

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in classic public health.

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kudos to NIHS in this program.

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All right, tell you a little bit about
LIHEAP too and their efforts to move

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forward with advancing
and maximizing their benefits.

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Again, as I mentioned at the
outset, it is a home energy program,

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whose purpose is to assist
households with low incomes,

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in meeting their immediate
home energy needs.

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The federal LIHEAP grant is awarded to the
same entities each year for the most part.

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The amount of the grant is
determined through a statutory formula

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that involves estimated data related
to state expenditures on heating

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and cooling costs by
low-income households.

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There are no federal
requirements for how each grantee,

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whether it's a state or tribal or territory
must allocate the funding across communities,

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but the closest that we get to that is that
they must provide the highest amount

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of benefits to the household with
the greatest home energy burden.

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Again as LIHEAP looks
to maximize their benefits.

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What they're doing is looking at aggregated data reported from their grantees.

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They're looking at performance data

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and trying to get a sense of how many shut-offs has been avoided.

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How many services have been restored?

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What kind of repaired home energy equipment has been replaced?

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Again, across the board in the heating cooling assistance in terms of household services.

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Their plan to maximize benefits will be looking at their technical assistance

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and their data, and their funding from the American Rescue Plan Act,

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there has been funding that has already gone out related to this Rescue Plan Act.

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They are looking to address barriers

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and constraints for maximizing those benefits, because there are sometimes,

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how-- what prevents me from
getting that assistance as a household?

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There are the issues around the Digital
Divide and the Lack of Access to IT resources

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for the communities
that they're targeting.

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Sometimes, there's a lack of awareness or
the understanding about how the program works

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and how they apply their resource?

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The Lack of Staffing and IT resources
in some of these remote intake areas

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are also a barrier to opportunities.

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But they are planning to conduct a national social media campaign through Facebook,

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Twitter, web postings related to extreme weather events,

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such as winter storms, heat waves and heat stress,

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and really make sure that people are aware

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of how they can actually get

assistance through this program.

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They want to gather information, analyze and visualize the data from all of their activities

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and their relationships with both the internal and external environments.

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So I just wanted to summarize to talk a little bit again about the two pilot programs

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that were under HHS.

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I have provided here, of course,

my name as well as my email address,

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and all of the various
subject matter experts

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that are in the environmental
justice unit at HHS,

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as well as the subject matter
experts that are at HHS administration

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for children's and
families, LIHEAP Program,

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as well as NIEHS Environmental
Career Worker Training Program.

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They are here and can provide
any kind of additional information

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that you would want related
to these various programs.

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So with that, I
will turn it back over to is it Matthew,

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and I just want to say again,
thank you for the time and attention

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to actually present
on these things today.

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Matthew Tejada: Thank you so much,
Dr. Buchanan, we really appreciate you,

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and HHS being with us today to go over that information for the folks who have joined us.

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And I believe Victoria, we're now going to go straight to DOE

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or are we going to pause for a minute for any questions here.

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And we're going to go straight to DOE, right?

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She's trying to come off mute.

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Victoria Robinson: Yeah,

I'm sorry, yes, [LAUGHS]

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Over there so that we
can make sure on time

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and that we will address questions that we
know that one person has their hand raised,

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please be patient, it'll be about
another 20 minutes, then we'll be able to

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start having people ask questions out.

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Matthew Tejada: We're
making pretty good time.

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So we should have healthy amount of
time left for a dialogue question and answer.

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So with that I'm going to go right to our
colleagues from Department of Energy.

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Very happy to be joined
by Dr. Tony Reames,

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who is the Senior
Advisor on Energy Justice,

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as well as his colleague,
our colleague Monisha Shah,

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who is a Justice40 fellow, who was
brought into the Office of Economic Impact

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and Diversity DOE,
specifically for Justice40,

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and we've been on many many
calls and conversations with Monisha

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and with Tony at times, so
we're very happy to have them on

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and with that Tony and
Monisha it's all y'all.

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Tony Reames: All right, thank you so
much, Matthew for allowing us to join.

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You all on today's call and

thank you Victoria as well.

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And it's really great to
go after Dr. Buchanan,

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and hopefully you all can see a little bit
of how Justice40 we're doing this work

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in our individual agencies, but it also
provides an opportunity for us to work together

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for environmental justice
communities across the federal family.

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What we, my colleague Monisha
and I, want to talk about today is

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how DOE is taking a very collaborative
data-driven place-based approach to Justice40,

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but also to this larger
equitable and just energy future.

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So what we'll briefly go over
today is kind of level setting

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and talking about what is
Energy Justice and why it matters?

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I'm a big part of this effort is
that we are focused on the principle

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of recognition justice, understanding
disparities that exist in communities

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and how the energy system
either has produced those disparities

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or have allowed those
disparities to persist,

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and how we use
Justice40 to eradicate that?

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Also what does DOE do? I'm just kind of giving
some information there talking about Justice40

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and how we're implementing

it, what challenges we're facing,

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because this is new, this is new for
a very technology-based organization

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to think about some
of the social structures

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that we can use energy
as a way to improve,

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and then what our path forward is for
Justice40 and broader energy justice issues?

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So again, I'm Dr. Tony Reames,
Senior Advisor on Energy Justice,

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previously at the University of
Michigan as a professor there

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and joined by my colleague Monisha Shah
from the National Renewable Energy Lab,

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and one of our Justice40 fellows.

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And so how did we get here?

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We know that our energy

system is inequitable pollution.

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Other things that are detrimental to
communities as a part of our transition

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across energy from
the very beginning,

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and so this recognition justice again, of
these disparities that exist whether it

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is how we generate our energy
all the way to what happens

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when a nuclear plant or
a coal plant closes down

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and causes economic challenges,

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thinking about the full spectrum of
inequities that arise in our energy system.

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And so how does this
impact communities,

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Black and Latino communities are
exposed to more pollution than they produce,

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we know that even when it
comes to greenhouse gas emissions.

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Black and Latinx communities are contributing to greenhouse gas emissions

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that are causing climate change at a lower percentage,

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than primarily white households on average and you can see in this chart here.

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And when it comes to energy, we also know that Black and Latinx households

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and native households consume less energy on average,

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but are less likely to be able to afford the energy that they do consume.

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And so we have this metric
that's called energy burden

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and it's basically the portion of people's
income that they spend on energy costs.

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An energy burden is not equal
across different populations.

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We see low income households having
really high energy burdens almost 10%,

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when the median energy burden

across the country is around 3%.

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So you can see in the yellow
bars there that native households,

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black households, Hispanic households
are spending more of their income

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on energy than white households.

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You can see older Americans
are spending more on energy,

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renters have higher
energy burdens

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and then we see it across
different types of homes,

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people that live in
low-income multi-family housing

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or smaller duplexes are again
spending more of their income on energy,

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And so using this type of data across income
race, age of householder, renter owner,

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we can begin to create programs and
work with communities to develop programs

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and policies that
address these disparities.

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And so another measure
is called energy insecurity,

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and we know that households
not only spend a greater proportion

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of their income on energy
and have high energy burdens,

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they also do things like
forego food or medicine.

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Keep their homes at
unhealthy temperatures

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and so all of these are
characteristics of energy and security.

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And again, we see how different
this is across different populations,

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and so our programs must also be
designed to address these disparities

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and working with communities
that meet these characteristics

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to actually design those programs
and implement those programs.

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And so one of the solutions that we've talked about as we transition our energy system

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to more clean energy sources, are things like rooftop solar.

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But if we don't center the design of these programs and policies around equity,

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we'll just continue to cease programs implemented that persist the disparities

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that we see across our traditional energy system.

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And that's bearing out if
we don't make changes,

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so right now we see
majority Black communities,

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this is a chart looking
at census tracts,

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census tracts that are majority
black only about 53% of them

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have existing rooftop solar
installations compared to about 76%

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of majority Hispanic, census tracks
83% of majority Asian census tracts,

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and 79% of majority

White census tracts.

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And so how do we again

design programs that

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actually target communities of color to

increase access to clean energy.

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And so what do we want to achieve?

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This whole goal of energy

justice stands on the shoulders

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of the environmental justice
movement and research of the 1980s

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to say that a lot of the environmental
injustices and the climate justice elements

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that we want to see
are centered on energy.

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And so energy is a pathway to
address environmental injustices

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and prevent climate injustices,

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and so the goal of energy

justice is to achieve equity in both

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social and economic
participation in the energy system,

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while we also remediate the social
economic and health burdens of communities

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that have been historically
harmed by that same energy system.

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And so again, the thing I want you all to
understand from Department of Energy

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with my colleague Shalonda Baker, who's the
first ever Deputy Director of Energy Justice

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in the Department of Energy and also the
Secretary of Energy's Equity Advisor

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is that we are really trying to center
the concerns of frontline communities

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and aim to make energy more
accessible, more affordable,

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make it more clean and democratically
managed for all communities.

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And so with the bipartisan infrastructure
bill really digging into programs

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and thinking about how we
center equity into program design.

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And so our big question.

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Now this is-- I wake up
every day thinking about is:

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How do we simultaneously
transform our energy system

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while also ensuring that it
becomes more equitable and just?

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And part of that is engaging
with folks like you on this call today.

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And so I look forward to a very robust question
and answer period after our presentation.

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And I'll turn it over to my
colleague Monisha Shah,

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who will talk a little bit
about the history of DOE,

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and what we're doing on
energy justice and Justice40.

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Thank you.

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Monisha Shah: Thanks Tony and thank

you so much EPA for this opportunity.

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We're really
excited to be here today.

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Yeah, so I just wanted to talk a little bit
about what we do at Department of Energy,

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and how it relates to energy justice.

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So the mission of the Department of Energy
is to support the nation's prosperity

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by addressing its energy, environmental
and nuclear security challenges

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through transformative science
and technological solutions.

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Dewey's fiscal year 2022 budget request
a 42 billion dollars,

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strengthened by the
bipartisan infrastructure law,

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and hopefully will result in jobs creating jobs
through deployment of clean energy projects,

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bringing America to the forefront
of the clean energy innovation,

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tackling the climate crisis with
the urgency science demands,

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investing in communities
that have been left behind,

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ensuring the nation's
nuclear security

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and sustaining the nation's
investment in cleanup of World War II

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and Cold War nuclear sites.

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As you can see the work at
Department of Energy ranges

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from research at our national
laboratories on clean energy technologies,

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such as great integration
of electric vehicles,

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demonstrating new clean energy options to
provide resilience for remote communities,

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such as the marine hydro kinetic demonstration
with the native village of Igiugig, Alaska.

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To basic science research at the
Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

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and at Brookhaven National

Lab on medical isotopes

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that can be used in cancer
radiation therapy.

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As well as environmental cleanup of nuclear
waste at Los Alamos National Laboratory

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and workforce development with
tribes through the tribal energy program.

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And the Department of Energy has had a
long history in environmental justice

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dating back to the establishment of
Executive Order 12898 in 1994.

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The Department of Energy has
focused environmental justice activities

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and attention on human health and in
the environment in minority populations,

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low income populations, American
Indian tribes and Alaska natives.

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Many of these programs have focused
on providing for public participation

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in decision making conducting
capacity building programs

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and also assisting communities
through technical support.

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And so that brings us to
what we're talking about today,

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which is what is Justice40.

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As Matthew and Sharonda have already
mentioned, the Justice40 goal focuses

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on providing 40--ensuring that 40% of the
overall benefits of certain federal investments,

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flow to disadvantaged communities.

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And so at the Department of Energy
we've kind of broken down this goal

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into three primary elements.

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First, we've been trying to figure out how
do we define disadvantaged communities.

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Second, which DOE investments
are relevant for Justice40

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and third, how do we measure and track
the benefits of Justice40 investments?

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The interim guidance,
which was released in July

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by the White House Office of
Management and Budget,

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the Council on Environmental
Quality and the National Climate Advisor

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asks that the agencies provide benefits
for Justice40 relevant investments,

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and defines whether or not
the benefits are being received

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by disadvantaged communities or not.

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And also uses an alternate method
of defining communities as well,

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and also ask that we identify how much
of our investments are being received

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directly by disadvantaged
communities.

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So that brings us to the first question,
which is, what is a disadvantaged community?

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The interim guidance released by the White
House, Office of Management and Budget,

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the Council on Environmental Quality and
the National Climate Advisor in July,

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defines communities in
two different ways.

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One is a group of individuals living
in geographic proximity to one another,

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which have common characteristics

such as those listed on the right.

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Another method of
defining communities is,

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communities that have
common characteristics,

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but might not be geographically
proximate to each other,

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such as migrant workers or native Americans.

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And so the Department
of Energy has been using

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and thinking about these
two different definitions

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in developing our benefits framework.

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As we wait for the climate and economic
justice screening tool to be released

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by the White House.

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So in the meanwhile, we
decided to do some analysis

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and research ourselves to

kind of understand better what--

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which what communities are
facing in terms of vulnerability,

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in terms of environmental
and climate hazards,

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in terms of energy burden as Tony
mentioned, in energy and security,

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and also communities that are transitioning
out of fossil fuel based economies

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and what they're all facing.

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So we looked at several
different indexes of disadvantage

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that have already
been established,

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and the various data sets that
are available at the national level

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to define and consider how communities
are facing these different challenges,

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and decided to use the
indicators that are listed here,

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as one way for us to define communities
that are facing environmental justice

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and energy justice concerns.

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We've used this definition
to help us kind of understand

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how we might define communities
from a geographic perspective.

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You can go to the next slide thanks.

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Another aspect of Justice40 at
Department of Energy has been to determine

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which of our investments
are relevant to Justice40.

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The interim guidance again
that was released in July defines

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helps us to define investments
in two different ways.

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One is the types of programs
that could be included

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and so we took a very wide view because
we wanted to be considering everything

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that we're doing at Department of Energy
as potentially relevant to Justice40.

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So we looked at the seven different

categories that are listed here,

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of programs that focus on climate change,
clean energy and energy efficiency,

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clean transportation,
affordable and sustainable housing,

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training workforce development,
remediation of pollution,

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and also water and
wastewater issues.

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We also looked at all these different
types of investment categories,

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as also being relevant and used
this as our screen to determine

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which programs that do you
were relevant for Justice40.

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And so one of our first efforts at DOE
was to take all of our financial data

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and try to map it across the
country so that we can understand

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where our investments are going and which
communities are receiving the investments

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and what those
communities are also facing.

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So we established the very first energy
justice dashboard beta in May of this year.

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The tool provides financial data for
contracts cooperative agreements and grants

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for fiscal year 19, fiscal
year 20 and fiscal year 2021.

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You can also sort the data by
place of performance of the vendor,

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who's receiving the funds.

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As well as if a minority serving
institution is receiving the funding

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and also the seven Justice40
investment categories.

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Underlying the financial data as you can see
in the different colors is also indicators

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of different types of
disadvantage for communities.

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And we and this map of communities
focuses only on data from EPA's EJSCREEN

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and also from our Department of
Energy-- energy burden tool called Lead.

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It doesn't include all the
different other indicators

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that we subsequently developed
for our definition of disadvantage.

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So this is publicly
available and live

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and any of you can play around with
the data to kind of better understand

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where our investments are going, and which
communities are receiving the investments,

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and how this data might be used to
help us better understand our objectives

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in achieving Justice40.

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Another aspect of the
interim guidance is that

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pilot programs were selected across
the federal government to start to pilot,

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some of the approaches that could be
taken to achieve the goals of Justice40.

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So do we had five pilot programs

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for which we're in the Office of Energy
Efficiency and Renewable Energy.

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The weatherization
assistance program,

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which weatherizes low-income
homes across the country.

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The national community
solar partnership,

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which is a peer-to-peer, exchange platform
for helping entities across the country

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to implement community solar,

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especially with

low-income communities.

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The technology integration

or clean cities program,

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which is a series of coalitions across

the country that are supporting

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the deployment of clean

transportation opportunities.

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And then the advanced manufacturing

offices integrated assessment centers,

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which provides energy audits for
manufacturing sites across the country,

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as well as training for students
that are interested in working

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on in the energy efficiency field.

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And then lastly we also have the
Office of Environmental Management,

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which had a pilot at their nuclear site, a
nuclear research site at los Alamos National Lab.

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So these pilot programs had to undertake, some very quick deliverables,

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first they had to put together a stakeholder engagement plan within 30 days

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of the issuance of the interim guidance.

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They also had to create an implementation plan and a benefits methodology within 60 days

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and these programs really shined in terms of how they were really considering Justice40

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and how to address energy and environmental justice in their programs.

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They have already
established a lot of partnerships

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and relationships with
communities across the country,

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but they really sat down and rolled up
their sleeves to think really hard about

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how they could
transform their programs

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to better achieve the objectives of Justice40.

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And their efforts in this first couple
months of our implementation of Justice40

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really helped us help to inform the broader approach that we decided to take at DOE.

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So one of our first other efforts at DOE was to establish policy priorities for Justice40.

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This relates back to the research that Tony showed at the beginning of our presentation

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on what we've been seeing in the literature

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of how communities are facing environmental justice and energy justice concerns.

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And so we just, we also have been engaging
with stakeholders through different workshops,

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also more one-on-one engagements

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and then also engaged
with all the different programs

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that DOE to understand or
understand what it is they do,

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and what they thought their impacts
could be with disadvantaged communities.

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So our policy priorities are

to decrease energy burden

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and disadvantaged communities
decrease, environmental exposure

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and burdens for
disadvantaged communities,

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increase parity and clean energy,
technology, access and adoption,

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increase access to low cost capital,
increase clean energy enterprise creation,

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especially with minority owned and
diverse business enterprises increase.

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The clean energy job
pipeline and job training

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for individuals from
disadvantaged communities,

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and increased
energy resilience and energy democracy,

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and disadvantaged communities.

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And when we speak
about energy democracy,

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we're really speaking about
communities feeling agency

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and how they're making decisions

and how the energy --

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how they're designing energy

transitions for their own communities,

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as well as potentially community

ownership of clean energy assets.

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So we took these policy priorities

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and then also looked at the literature

on energy and environmental justice

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to identify different metrics and
benefits that could be used

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to track and measure
our progress on Justice40.

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We also established a community of practice
with over 20 different program offices at DOE

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for the program offices that had
Justice40 relevant investments.

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And we worked together to co-create
a benefits framework with them,

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which related to the things that they're

able to do and the work that they do

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and the impact that they thought
they had on for communities,

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as well as what they thought they could
potentially measure with data and analysis.

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So that helped us to create our benefits
framework that we're applying right now

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to kind of better understand what
the potential benefits are the DOE investments

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for disadvantaged communities.

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So throughout, the process of
working on the benefits framework

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and working with DOE
programs on how they could

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transform their programs to
address Justice40 objectives.

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We've run across several different
challenges and considerations

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and we wanted to bring
them to bear with this group

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because we wanted to provide transparency
on some of the things that we're facing

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through this process,

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and also see if there are opportunities to figure out how we can address these issues.

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So one of the issues is that many of our investments are focused on research and development,

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and sometimes, the benefits of research and development investments

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can be longer term in nature maybe 20, 30 years out into the future,

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and it's hard to-- there's a lot of uncertainty around the benefits

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and impacts of those investments,
especially from a local perspective.

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If we're trying to specifically identify
if the cost of a wind turbine or

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a clean energy technology
decreases in 10 years,

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how might that
affect a specific community?

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So we're working closely with
our DOE programs to brainstorm

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and think about what are
the real near-term benefits

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that could be accrued for
disadvantaged communities,

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and then how do we address
these longer-term benefits as well.

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Another issue that's come up, especially
along line along those lines is just

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are non-localizable benefits
relevant for Justice40,

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such as greenhouse
gas emissions.

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Greenhouse gas emissions are
core reducing them are is core to

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many of the programs
the Department of Energy,

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but that's more of a
global or societal benefit

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and how does-- we're pondering
how does that fit within the Justice40 goals

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and objectives and framework.

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Another aspect of what we do at DOE is

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we look at supply chains and the life
cycle of how we develop our technologies,

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and we would like to better
understand throughout those ecosystems

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what are all the different touch points
and interactions positive and negative

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that we're having with communities,

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and how can we improve
those touch points.

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Another consideration
which has come up is that

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we definitely want to acknowledge
historical --historic burdens,

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that in the nuclear
research sites, environmental justice

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has been a big part of what they have
incorporated into their stakeholder engagement.

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And in that context, we've been able
to acknowledge some historic burdens,

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but in other work that we're doing
we need to make sure that we continue

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to incorporate that and see how we can bring that into our benefits framework as well.

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Similarly, as we move forward we want to make sure that any new research,

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development, demonstrations and deployments

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that we're assessing the potential negative impacts of energy transitions and our work.

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And so another active conversation we have with many of our programs right now is

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is there an opportunity to focus on quantifying and characterizing potential

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negative impacts of our work?

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So that we can avoid

some of our historic burdens

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and some of the actions from the past

and make sure that as we move forward

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that the actions of the future have

positive benefits for everyone as much as possible.

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Another aspect of what we've learned is

that most of what we're used to doing

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because we're scientists and engineers and

economists at the Department of Energy is that

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when we talk about energy and
environmental justice outcomes,

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that some of the outcomes are
very qualitative in nature

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and that we need to start mirroring together
and collecting more qualitative information,

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especially information that is generated
by the communities that we're working with

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so that we're not just
self-evaluating and self-reporting

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but that we have a feedback loop

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and that we're really incorporating
information directly from communities.

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Lastly the last two things
I wanted to mention is that

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this process of tracking
benefits requires a lot of resources

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and data and we're recognizing and realizing
in the programs that we're working with

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that they're missing a lot of data sources

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and that in our future and ongoing efforts

to better track benefits for Justice40

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that we need to do a

better job of collecting data

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and incorporating this into our

processes from the beginning.

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And then lastly as I mentioned before, we're

really interested in trying to figure out

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methods for ground truthing our data

and impacts with communities directly.

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So the next slide.

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So in terms of our path forward, I think these are near term in nature

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but we're actively driving towards this December, mid-December deadline

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for the interim guidance with 70 or more of our covered programs at Department of Energy.

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We're also looking to determine how to use geographic definitions

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of disadvantaged communities in DOE program design and execution.

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We want to continue to engage with the public such as we're doing in this forum

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and also disadvantageded
communities on Justice40 efforts

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and then we're really looking to figure
out how we can institutionalize Justice40

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into DOE programs and practices
especially with upcoming programs

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and future fiscal years as
well as with historic efforts

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such as the bipartisan
infrastructure law.

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Okay, so we just want to again

thank EPA and thank all of you

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for listening to our presentation and
for this opportunity to engage with you.

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This is definitely a team effort,

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we have a number of people who
have been contributing to our efforts

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on Justice40 at DOE including all the
different folks at Department of Energy

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in the program offices who've
really rolled up their sleeves

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and are taking
an earnest look at their programs

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to figure out how we can best
achieve the goals of Justice40.

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Matthew Tejada: All right,
thank you so much, Monisha.

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Really appreciate everyone
coming on today to present on these.

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So I think Victoria
now is going to ease us

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into some question and answer and
dialogue here, or perhaps it's Christina.

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I can't remember exactly.

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Victoria Robinson: It's Victoria and
it's a mixture of Christina and myself.

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Hello everybody, this is Victoria Robinson
I'm with Office of Environmental Justice.

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We're getting ready to start the
listening session and dialogue

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01:04:08,032 --> 01:04:11,147

and first of all I want
to thank HHS and DOE,

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01:04:11,171 --> 01:04:15,359

they kept to their time
frame right on time

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and I really appreciate that so we
have our full 50 minutes pretty much

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01:04:20,451 --> 01:04:25,168

for the listening session and dialogue and
we've already seen some questions already

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in our Q&A pod.

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So how we normally work this?

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Some of you are familiar since you've
been coming to each of these meetings,

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is that first of all we encourage you to
write any comments or questions in the Q&A pod,

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those will be either answered in the Q&A
pod and the public folks can see them

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or we may say this might be a
question that can be answered live

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and then we read the
question out to be answered live

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but then we also realize that for a dialogue
we would like individuals to be able to speak

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and so when prompted, so you
can start now raising your hand

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to put us in a situation we know
that you would like to ask a question

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and if you're on a phone, right now
we have two phone call-in listeners,

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if you want to ask a question, you
can press *9 to raise your hand virtually

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01:05:17,272 --> 01:05:21,609

and that way we will-- oh one of you guys
have already done that already, thank you

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01:05:21,633 --> 01:05:27,119

and we'll be able to call you in
turn to be able to ask your question.

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And again, if possible we ask you to limit
your questions or comments to one minute.

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So we're gonna start off first.

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I'm gonna ask Christina to read
out a couple questions first

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to be answered live and then we'll
move to folks who raise their hand

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and then we'll go back to
answering some questions out loud.

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01:05:50,692 --> 01:05:52,838

So Christina do you
have a couple of questions

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01:05:52,862 --> 01:05:56,799

that you think should be answered
live that you'd like to read out?

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Christina Motilall: Yes, we do.

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The first question we have in is,

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recognizing that EJ was not prioritized
or acted upon extensively

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from Clinton's EO and that Biden's EO, Executive
Order excuse me, is very similar to Clinton's,

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what are agencies
doing differently this time?

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01:06:22,880 --> 01:06:30,240

Matthew Tejada: That is a-- that is several
PhD dissertations worth of a question.

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So I would say that there was quite a bit of effort and advances

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that occurred as a result of Executive Order 12898.

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It certainly raised the profile of environmental justice.

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It helped to advance the creation of environmental justice program at EPA,

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things such as our grant program continued to advance,

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it still did lead to many things even in
throughout all administrations

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between 1994 and this past January.

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I think we could point to successes across
the board in advancing environmental justice.

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I would say however that
from my perspective just at EPA,

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the big difference between what we are
doing now under Executive Order 14008

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and what we had previously
done under 12898 is first of all,

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EPA previously was in the leadership for
the EJ efforts across the federal family

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and that is a fairly unfamiliar
position to be put in as a federal agency

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to be leading other federal
agencies and trying to implement

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01:07:55,359 --> 01:07:59,839

accountability and transparency structures
across the entire federal government

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because just federal agencies typically
aren't put in those positions

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or at least not in a way
that is then effective.

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I think that's one of the things that
GAO, the Government Accountability Office

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in their EJ report a couple
of years ago really pointed to,

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I don't think they really
called it a difficult position

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but I think they were really
getting to the point that

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it was not a very effective
setup for EPA to be leading it.

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So I think the fact that 14008
has transitioned that leadership

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01:08:33,831 --> 01:08:40,158
and responsibility and accountability
up to the Council on Environmental Quality

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was a big change and a necessary
change and a fitting change

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given that in Executive Order 14008 and in
other things that President Biden has done

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including Executive Order 13985
that preceded all of this

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right on his first day in
office on January 20th,

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President Biden signed Executive
Order 13985 on racial equity.

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Both of these executive orders
really change the paradigm

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across the federal government, that to
advance equity, to advance justice

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takes an all of government approach

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01:09:17,839 --> 01:09:24,080

and an all of government approach is
predicated upon leadership from the very top

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01:09:24,080 --> 01:09:31,294

and President Biden is providing very clear
leadership and direction from the very top.

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So I think that's one difference.

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The other difference is when

Executive Order 12898 was first signed

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we were at the very beginning

of really trying to unpack

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what does environmental justice

mean in a government agency.

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What does environmental

justice mean in an intersection with

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01:09:53,040 --> 01:09:56,748

the implementation of our environmental

laws or our civil rights laws.

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There just wasn't a lot
of that understanding yet.

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I think one of the things that is different
now is that Executive Order 14008

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has been crafted after obviously close
to 30 years of experience and wisdom

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and failures and successes that
have been accumulated across that time

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01:10:21,600 --> 01:10:27,538

and also a lot of experiences
and successes and failures

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not in the federal government but out in states, in other parts of the United States.

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01:10:33,280 --> 01:10:39,920

Justice40 obviously, folks that are looking at EJ broadly, that it's not a new idea.

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01:10:39,920 --> 01:10:45,120

California has been doing something like Justice40 for a number of years now.

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We're not doing exactly the same thing California's doing.

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California had a single pot of money that they took 40% off the top of

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to dedicate to their communities.

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We don't have a single pot of
money in the federal government,

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01:10:57,920 --> 01:11:04,587

so they're looking across potentially thousands
of pots of money, but it's not a new idea.

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So I think one of the biggest things
is just we're almost 30 years into

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01:11:10,239 --> 01:11:14,028

trying to figure out how to do EJ in a
meaningful way in the government

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and 14008 has been informed by that,

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it's been informed by a lot of
leaders, a lot of community leaders,

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a lot of past civil servants have fed into
this based upon that wisdom experience.

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So I think they were able to craft and I
was not involved in the crafting of 14008

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but I think they were able to craft a much
more precise direction now in 2020, 2021

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then folks were trying to figure
out from a place of zero experience

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having done it back in 1994.

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So I see it as really

building upon and advancing,

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not so much that that was a failure and
this is going to be completely different.

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I see it as another step in a continuum
of progress of advancing equity and justice

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across the United States.

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I hope that wasn't too
long-winded an answer.

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Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Matthew.

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01:12:09,025 --> 01:12:10,628

Christina can you

do one more question?

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01:12:10,652 --> 01:12:14,960

And then I'll open it up for
folks who raised their hands.

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01:12:14,960 --> 01:12:16,836

Christina Motilall: Sure, no problem.

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The next question we have is,

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where can we see their
community engagement plans?

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Also how much did these
pilots receive in funding?

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Matthew Tejada: There you go.

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Any of my colleagues from
HHS or DOE want to talk about work

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and folks find more of your information?

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Monisha Shah: Yeah, hi this is
Monisha Shah with Department of Energy.

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The pilots did not receive any
additional funding for their efforts

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so it was just their base
funding that they already had.

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The stakeholder engagement plans

they submitted for the interim guidance

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are not public but many of
the programs that our DOE,

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Department of Energy pilot programs
do have a lot of public facing information

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which describes their
stakeholder engagement efforts.

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Sharunda Buchanan: And this is
Sharunda, HHS I would echo

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what Monisha Shah just mentioned as well.

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There's lots of online
information related

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to HHS's environmental
career worker training program

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on the NIHS website as well
and also for LIHEAP

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01:13:26,770 --> 01:13:30,320
with the administration
for children and family.

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Again these two
programs as far as I know,

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in addition to the influx of dollars that LIHEAP
did receive from the American Rescue Plan,

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I don't believe that NIHS
just got any additional funding,

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we do have subject matter
experts that can actually address that

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but we are now working with what we have,

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hopefully that there will be some additional
dollars coming to bear in the near future,

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but there's lots of public-facing
information on the various websites.

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Matthew Tejada: Yeah and just
to re-emphasize again for folks.

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So Justice40 is not a new pot of money, Justice40 is not a budget vehicle,

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Justice40 did not come from congress.

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Justice40 is an executive action, it is what the president has directed

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as a policy direction by order to the rest of the federal government,

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to the executive branch of the federal government.

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It is just pointing at departments and

agencies including the armed services

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in some of these executive
orders but it is just pointing at

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01:14:45,687 --> 01:14:48,800

the executive branch of
the federal government.

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01:14:48,800 --> 01:14:52,742

Congress, one of the things Sharunda,
she just mentioned the American Rescue Plan,

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the bipartisan infrastructure law,

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but we're waiting for
the Build Back Better Agenda.

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Congress is the one that
actually is appropriating us money,

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it's giving us pots of money.

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Folks on Capitol Hill are aware that the
president has mandated this Justice40 thing,

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so as they're appropriating us money they
know that we're going to be thinking about

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01:15:13,171 --> 01:15:16,974

"Okay, congress is giving us
this how do we make sure that

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01:15:16,998 --> 01:15:20,097

as we spend this money as we
implement these programs,

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01:15:20,121 --> 01:15:26,800

how are we going to make sure that 40%
of the benefits go to specific communities?"

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01:15:26,800 --> 01:15:31,508

But we can only do that within
what congress appropriates for us

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01:15:31,532 --> 01:15:36,888

and any other laws or directions
associated with it that comes from congress.

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And that's one of the reasons that like
these pilot programs are really important,

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because some of the programs that are
being piloted right now in Justice40

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have a fairly broad amount of flexibility in
terms of how we can-- what we can think about,

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maybe guidance or other policies or changes
to competitions or changes to scoring

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01:15:59,972 --> 01:16:02,880

or changes in the ways that we do things,

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01:16:02,880 --> 01:16:06,640

some of those programs
have a lot of flexibility to do that.

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Others of these programs
like a couple at EPA in particular

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have very clear, very firm
direction that congress has set

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01:16:19,280 --> 01:16:21,679

for how we implement those programs.

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01:16:21,679 --> 01:16:24,560

Those programs are still
going to be a part of Justice40

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but we have a very narrow amount of
flexibility in terms of what sorts of tools

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01:16:32,480 --> 01:16:38,620

or options we can look at to ensure
that the benefits of those programs

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01:16:38,644 --> 01:16:40,662

get to disadvantaged communities.

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01:16:40,686 --> 01:16:45,727

That's part of the challenge
here is that for any single agency,

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01:16:45,751 --> 01:16:49,360

much less all of the

agencies all together,

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there are hundreds if not thousands of programs
that are going to be implicated in this

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and each one of those programs
has its own funding stream,

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has its own legislative history, has
its own past practices and precedents

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01:17:06,469 --> 01:17:10,288

and lawsuits in many
cases and court decisions,

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01:17:10,312 --> 01:17:14,320

so we've got to take all
of that into account

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01:17:14,320 --> 01:17:19,520

and try to figure out how within that
universe for each of these programs,

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01:17:19,520 --> 01:17:23,679

how we're going to try to
drive towards and overall,

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01:17:23,679 --> 01:17:29,120

it's we're not just going to measure these
things program by program or agency by agency,

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01:17:29,120 --> 01:17:33,828

but in much bigger buckets that CEQ and
the White House are going to lay out,

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01:17:33,852 --> 01:17:38,868

how are we going to achieve 40% of the
benefits going to disadvantaged communities.

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01:17:38,892 --> 01:17:41,280

So there is, like when [LAUGHS]

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01:17:41,280 --> 01:17:44,988

when people I speak to-- I speak to students
like in high school and college a lot

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01:17:45,012 --> 01:17:47,428

and a lot of the times they say "I
want to work on policy stuff"

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01:17:47,452 --> 01:17:48,668

and I ask them "What
does that mean to you?"

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01:17:48,692 --> 01:17:52,080

and they're like "I don't
know, what does policy mean?"

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01:17:52,080 --> 01:17:57,008

To me this is one of the most real policy
experiences in the history of my career

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01:17:57,032 --> 01:17:57,865

in the federal government.

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01:17:57,889 --> 01:18:03,188

There is a lot of policy to figure out every time you turn a corner.

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01:18:03,212 --> 01:18:08,640

In Justice40 there's like another dozen policy things that have to be figured out,

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01:18:08,640 --> 01:18:12,872

so that is part of why we're moving through this stepwise,

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01:18:12,896 --> 01:18:15,448

there's a lot of mandate to make progress.

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01:18:15,472 --> 01:18:18,578

We feel that from the outside, we feel that from the inside,

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01:18:18,602 --> 01:18:22,248

it's part of why there's a big
mandate to do this engagement,

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01:18:22,880 --> 01:18:27,440

to make sure we're hearing
from all of you all on the outside,

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01:18:28,400 --> 01:18:31,988

where you're at, what you're expecting,
what you understand, what you need,

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01:18:32,012 --> 01:18:36,080

it's a check and it's its own
accountability for us to keep us

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01:18:36,080 --> 01:18:40,188

going down that path of trying
to make sure that 40% of the benefits

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01:18:40,212 --> 01:18:44,400

get to the communities
that need them the most.

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01:18:44,400 --> 01:18:46,157

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Matthew.

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01:18:46,181 --> 01:18:50,368

I'm going to now ask the first
person who's had their hand raised

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01:18:50,392 --> 01:18:53,848

and been very, very
patient and that is C. Jeffers.

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01:18:53,872 --> 01:18:58,320

You should be able to
unmute your line now.

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01:18:58,320 --> 01:19:01,840

C. Jeffers are you able to?

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01:19:03,679 --> 01:19:06,508

Matthew Tejada: I think we've had C.
Jeffers before and it's been a problem

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01:19:06,532 --> 01:19:09,440

trying to get their
thing off mute.

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01:19:09,440 --> 01:19:10,307

Victoria Robinson: Okay.

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01:19:10,331 --> 01:19:14,080

Matthew Tejada: I think I recognize
it let's just see, I still see it muted.

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01:19:14,080 --> 01:19:17,008

Victoria Robinson: Yeah, so
I'm gonna go ahead and C. Jeffers

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01:19:17,032 --> 01:19:18,988

just keep on trying to unmute your line.

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01:19:19,012 --> 01:19:25,040

In the meantime, I'm gonna ask the person
on the phone whose last three digits is 762,

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01:19:25,040 --> 01:19:30,560

if you can unmute yourself
and go ahead and ask your question.

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01:19:30,560 --> 01:19:34,461

Matthew Tejada: Is it-- should they
do, if they're on the phone is it *6 or *9?

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01:19:34,485 --> 01:19:38,960

Victoria Robinson: It should be-- it
depends on what kind of phone they're using.

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01:19:38,960 --> 01:19:44,239

They should be able to unmute
themselves but *6 might work.

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01:19:44,239 --> 01:19:45,973

Matthew Tejada: So 2281.

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01:19:45,997 --> 01:19:47,440

Victoria Robinson: Oh there you go.

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01:19:47,440 --> 01:19:52,112

Matthew Tejada: 281, I believe
that's a Houston area telephone code?

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01:19:52,136 --> 01:19:53,120

Yvette Arellano: Yes.

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01:19:53,120 --> 01:19:54,320

Hey, Matt.

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01:19:55,280 --> 01:19:59,760

Hey everyone, this is Yvette Arellano,
Executive Director of Fenceline Watch.

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01:20:00,960 --> 01:20:02,688

I have a comment and a question.

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01:20:02,712 --> 01:20:05,007

One, I'm struggling
with power outages,

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01:20:05,031 --> 01:20:07,840

where smaller organizations
have little to no capacity,

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01:20:07,840 --> 01:20:13,408

no health care, we're underfunded, we've had
the heaviest flaring of this entire year

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01:20:13,432 --> 01:20:15,888

by Shell, Lyondell
and hundreds of others,

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01:20:15,912 --> 01:20:20,507

so I asked EPA in the chat if
this call was going to focus

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01:20:20,531 --> 01:20:26,800

on just opportunities for
territories governments and tribals

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01:20:26,800 --> 01:20:30,316

and I got this roundabout
answer and the question--

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01:20:30,340 --> 01:20:32,788

the reason why I asked is
because we have limited capacity

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01:20:32,812 --> 01:20:36,000

and I understand you're
trying to do your job

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01:20:36,000 --> 01:20:39,840

but the answer resulted in me being
redirected into materials afterwards,

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01:20:39,840 --> 01:20:40,908

that's not the purpose of this call,

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01:20:40,932 --> 01:20:44,493

the purpose of this call is to
have engagement opportunities,

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01:20:44,517 --> 01:20:48,267

so I asked the EPA in the

future to have an agenda,

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01:20:48,291 --> 01:20:52,948

I appreciate that you list the
topics of DOE and all this other stuff

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01:20:52,972 --> 01:20:54,828

but it gives me no details,

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01:20:54,852 --> 01:20:59,766

so with my limited capacity I am frustrated
and I have a right to be frustrated

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01:20:59,790 --> 01:21:03,600

of being on this call because
my question is for DOE.

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01:21:03,600 --> 01:21:06,348

DOE, in August you had a meeting,

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01:21:06,372 --> 01:21:09,964

the Office of Fossil Energy

and Carbon Management

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01:21:09,988 --> 01:21:14,727

had a call for the Ohio Valley
residents many of which invited us

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01:21:14,751 --> 01:21:16,480

to give comment from the Gulf Coast.

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01:21:16,480 --> 01:21:20,880

Gulf Coast residents including myself
asked if there was going to be a call

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01:21:20,880 --> 01:21:25,600

scheduled similar to the one that you
gave to the Ohio Valley asking for input,

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01:21:25,600 --> 01:21:28,346

asking to how to better
your communications.

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01:21:28,370 --> 01:21:31,600

DOC said no, not at that time.

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01:21:31,600 --> 01:21:35,386

Grassroots including fenceline
laws ask for the same opportunity,

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01:21:35,410 --> 01:21:39,719

will DOE take up that request?

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01:21:43,760 --> 01:21:46,728

Tony Reames: Yeah thank
you so much but for that question,

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01:21:46,752 --> 01:21:50,148

I would love to get your
contact information.

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01:21:50,172 --> 01:21:54,000

We are working on
our stakeholder engagement plans in DOE,

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01:21:54,000 --> 01:21:58,239

in our office, the Office of
Economic Impact and Diversity,

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01:21:58,239 --> 01:22:04,507

we are working with the other offices
across DOE to improve stakeholder engagement.

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01:22:04,531 --> 01:22:09,034

Again, I'll take your contact information
and we can be in touch with you.

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01:22:09,058 --> 01:22:12,108

Matthew Tejada: So we don't so we
don't have to give it out over the public?

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01:22:12,132 --> 01:22:13,312

Tony Reames: No, not over, yeah.

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01:22:13,336 --> 01:22:17,382

Matthew Tejada: Yvette, I was actually
just emailing Yvette during the earlier

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01:22:17,406 --> 01:22:21,108

or one of Yvette's colleagues
during the earlier part of this call,

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01:22:21,132 --> 01:22:26,222

so Yvette, if it's okay I will pass
along that email address to Tony,

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01:22:26,246 --> 01:22:29,280

so that he can get in
touch with you.

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01:22:29,280 --> 01:22:30,582

Yvette Arellano: Yes, thank you Matt.

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01:22:30,606 --> 01:22:34,519

And if in the future you could consider
having agenda with some details

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01:22:34,543 --> 01:22:40,159

and just show us the professionalism
you'd show to any other agency or group.

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01:22:40,159 --> 01:22:44,408

Matthew Tejada: Well, I'm gonna take
issue with the professionalism part, Yvette.

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01:22:44,432 --> 01:22:48,114

I take that you want
more details in the agenda,

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01:22:48,138 --> 01:22:50,320

so we will work on that.

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01:22:50,320 --> 01:22:54,732

But gonna take a little bit of issue with
saying we're unprofessional about this,

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01:22:54,756 --> 01:22:58,828

we're we're doing everything we
can to get the engagement out there,

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01:22:58,852 --> 01:23:02,922

to get the information out there,
so thank you for that.

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01:23:02,946 --> 01:23:08,068

I always appreciate you calling in
and we will work on getting more details

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01:23:08,092 --> 01:23:12,080

into our agenda in the future.

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01:23:12,080 --> 01:23:14,320

Okay, Victoria.

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01:23:14,320 --> 01:23:16,400

Victoria Robinson: Thank you.

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01:23:16,400 --> 01:23:24,719

Again, I will try --I'll go to see if C.
Jeffers is able to unmute him or herself

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01:23:24,719 --> 01:23:29,862

but I guess it doesn't look like it
and I can't unmute you.

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01:23:29,886 --> 01:23:31,520

I apologize.

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01:23:31,520 --> 01:23:38,719

Linda Shosey, if you can unmute yourself and ask you a question.

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01:23:38,719 --> 01:23:41,600

Are you there Linda?

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01:23:42,480 --> 01:23:43,840

Linda Shosey: Let me see.

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01:23:43,840 --> 01:23:48,800

Okay, hi my name is Linda,

I am in Tucson Arizona.

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01:23:48,800 --> 01:23:49,988

I have a question.

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01:23:50,012 --> 01:23:56,400

I like your plan, it's great, I'm
happy that I was invited to this call.

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01:23:56,400 --> 01:24:00,239

I wanna just say one thing
and add something here.

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01:24:00,239 --> 01:24:06,007

Water is life and I believe that people
that are burdened by Superfund sites

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01:24:06,031 --> 01:24:12,480

or historical contaminated sites,
water contamination--

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01:24:12,480 --> 01:24:17,161

historically, we've been
paying these higher utility costs

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01:24:17,185 --> 01:24:20,000

we've been paying for the cleanup,

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01:24:20,000 --> 01:24:23,924

and to speed up, to help
speed up the cleanup costs

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01:24:23,948 --> 01:24:28,639

through our water utility
rates keep going up higher also.

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01:24:28,639 --> 01:24:32,413

Is there a program that you guys might
be able to add to this plan

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01:24:32,437 --> 01:24:38,428

that might be able to assist these
minority Latino low-income communities

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01:24:38,452 --> 01:24:41,455

that are within Superfund sites

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01:24:41,479 --> 01:24:45,978

and that are already burdened
with the water contamination,

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01:24:46,002 --> 01:24:50,880

loss of property values,
higher utility rates and costs?

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01:24:51,679 --> 01:24:56,188

People just don't-- we pay the
higher rates to avoid the turn-offs

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01:24:56,212 --> 01:25:00,400

but also because we want
to help speed up the cleanups,

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01:25:00,400 --> 01:25:04,343

so we don't complain too
much about it but it would be nice

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01:25:04,367 --> 01:25:08,719

if something like that
could be added to this plan.

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01:25:08,719 --> 01:25:11,040

Any little help will help.

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01:25:11,040 --> 01:25:12,828

Matthew Tejada: Thank you for that, Linda.

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01:25:12,852 --> 01:25:19,040

I certainly appreciate the multiple
burdens, the compounding burdens

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01:25:19,040 --> 01:25:23,508

that living next to a contaminated
site, especially a Superfund site

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01:25:23,532 --> 01:25:25,921

places on the local community.

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01:25:25,945 --> 01:25:30,848

I don't know that we have--
well, I don't know I'd have to ask

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01:25:31,440 --> 01:25:38,312

what it is-- how exactly we intersect
with the rates that utilities charge.

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01:25:38,336 --> 01:25:42,880

To my knowledge we don't have
a program that reduces the rates

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01:25:42,880 --> 01:25:46,848

but if we can improve
through our infrastructure funding

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01:25:46,872 --> 01:25:54,480

the ability of a system to operate
their water system more efficiently,

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01:25:54,480 --> 01:26:01,360

I would imagine that that could reduce overall
rates for the people within that system

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01:26:01,360 --> 01:26:05,360

and that is exactly the sort of thing I
think that is being funded

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01:26:05,360 --> 01:26:08,068

through both the bipartisan
infrastructure law

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01:26:08,092 --> 01:26:10,480

and the Build Back
Better Agenda.

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01:26:10,480 --> 01:26:15,920

I know that our water infrastructure
programs received a historic level of funding

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01:26:15,920 --> 01:26:18,800

through the bipartisan
infrastructure law.

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01:26:18,800 --> 01:26:22,719

We're hopeful that we'll get even more
support through Build Back Better,

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01:26:22,719 --> 01:26:25,756

and those infrastructure
programs are part of Justice40

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01:26:25,780 --> 01:26:30,239

as well as the Superfund Remedial Program.

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01:26:30,239 --> 01:26:33,920

It has also received money
through the infrastructure law,

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01:26:33,920 --> 01:26:36,348

it's also part of Justice40,
they're both pilots,

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01:26:36,372 --> 01:26:38,667

all those programs are
actually pilots of Justice40,

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01:26:38,691 --> 01:26:42,253

so they're already figuring
out implementation of it.

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01:26:42,277 --> 01:26:47,928

So a lot of those sorts of issues
that have impacted communities

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01:26:47,952 --> 01:26:51,388

are right there, we

finally have the resources for it.

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01:26:51,412 --> 01:26:58,080

Now from my perspective and one of the things

that we have talked about fairly frequently

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01:26:58,080 --> 01:27:01,451

around the federal government

with my colleagues like Tony

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01:27:01,475 --> 01:27:04,400

and Sharonda and Monisha and others

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01:27:04,400 --> 01:27:09,627

is that well, all these programs that

people have needed to work better

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01:27:09,651 --> 01:27:13,352

in their communities are getting

a lot of funding now which is great.

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01:27:13,376 --> 01:27:17,993

We need those resources to be
able to clean up the contamination

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01:27:18,017 --> 01:27:22,080

and help people get water--

Linda Shosey: [UNINTELLIGIBLE]

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01:27:22,159 --> 01:27:28,320

Matthew Tejada: But at the same
time need support for capacity building

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01:27:28,320 --> 01:27:33,040

of local communities and their
partners such as their utilities

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01:27:33,040 --> 01:27:37,048

to understand how to pull these
resources down in more powerful ways,

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01:27:37,072 --> 01:27:42,972

how to make sure those resources
actually address the problems,

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01:27:42,996 --> 01:27:46,928

the challenges being faced
by the most impacted communities,

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01:27:46,952 --> 01:27:51,694

the communities that have
the legacy justice issues in them.

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01:27:51,718 --> 01:27:54,967

So that is something
that we are preparing for,

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01:27:54,991 --> 01:27:59,668

we're hopeful that we're going to get
more of that sort of capacity assistance

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01:27:59,692 --> 01:28:04,880

that we'll be able to provide
to communities, utilities, local cities

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01:28:04,880 --> 01:28:06,068

through the Build Back Better Agenda.

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01:28:06,092 --> 01:28:10,188

It is a huge priority for all
of us and we're hopeful that

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01:28:10,212 --> 01:28:11,280

Linda Shosey: Thank you, Matt.

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01:28:11,280 --> 01:28:12,895

Matthew Tejada: Programs get the resources

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01:28:12,919 --> 01:28:16,880

that will get the resources
for the capacity building too.

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01:28:16,880 --> 01:28:17,920

Linda Shosey: Thank you.

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01:28:17,920 --> 01:28:20,000

Matthew Tejada: Yes.

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01:28:20,000 --> 01:28:21,120

You're welcome.

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01:28:21,120 --> 01:28:22,800

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, thank you.

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01:28:24,320 --> 01:28:27,280

Next up is Ray Hall-- oh before we do that--

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01:28:27,280 --> 01:28:31,508

C. Jeffers I see that you've
lowered your hand, I understand that.

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01:28:31,532 --> 01:28:35,547

If it's possible for you to pose your
question in Q&A pod that'd be great

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01:28:35,571 --> 01:28:38,663

and we'll try to read your

question out loud if it's possible.

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01:28:38,687 --> 01:28:40,855

Matthew Tejada: Or C. I

think it's Carolyn Jeffers,

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01:28:40,879 --> 01:28:43,988

I think you've been on

one or two other calls recently,

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01:28:44,012 --> 01:28:48,843

I don't know why we have such

a problem getting your line open.

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01:28:48,867 --> 01:28:51,443

I think it was on the

NEJAC in November,

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01:28:51,467 --> 01:28:55,924

you were trying to say something

and we just we couldn't make it happen.

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01:28:55,948 --> 01:29:00,960

If we can't make it happen, I would
like if you would please to email me,

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01:29:00,960 --> 01:29:07,267

it's tejada.matthew@EPA.gov, just last
name, dot, first name for anybody at EPA.

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01:29:07,291 --> 01:29:11,377

So tejada.mathew@epa.gov,
and we will figure out a way

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01:29:11,401 --> 01:29:15,600

even if I have to hold my personal
cell phone up to the speaker,

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01:29:15,600 --> 01:29:21,120

we will figure out a way to get you
on one of these calls one day

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01:29:21,120 --> 01:29:24,970

but if we can't get this figured out in
this call please contact me,

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01:29:24,994 --> 01:29:27,920

so we can figure out what is going on.

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01:29:27,920 --> 01:29:28,531

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Matt.

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01:29:28,555 --> 01:29:34,480

Okay, I'm going to go ahead
and allow Ray Hall to unmute.

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01:29:34,480 --> 01:29:36,840

Hello Ray.

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01:29:36,840 --> 01:29:37,794

Ray Hall: Can you hear me?

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01:29:37,818 --> 01:29:39,280

Matthew Tejada: Ray

how are you doing?

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01:29:39,280 --> 01:29:41,424

Ray Hall: All right, hey

I've been lucky to find out--

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01:29:41,448 --> 01:29:42,748

I'm just getting straight to the point.

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01:29:42,772 --> 01:29:45,040

I've been lucky to find out

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01:29:45,040 --> 01:29:49,440

and I've been invited to the

United Nations Environment Program

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01:29:49,440 --> 01:29:53,573

just to be as a speaker about what's

going on in the city of Flint

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01:29:53,597 --> 01:30:01,108

and I was wondering if I could ask

either for your advice or either mentorship,

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01:30:01,132 --> 01:30:09,528

or maybe as a presenter what's going on
with the J40 as you have already spoken.

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01:30:09,552 --> 01:30:14,379

So is it possible to get in contact with
you to give you more information about it?

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01:30:14,403 --> 01:30:15,600

Matthew Tejada: Yeah, yeah great.

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01:30:15,600 --> 01:30:19,459

You have-- I mean we have emails together,
so just pop me an email

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01:30:19,483 --> 01:30:22,228

let me know what the details
are and we'll get together.

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01:30:22,252 --> 01:30:25,199

Ray Hall: All right I appreciate it
so much thank you, thank you.

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01:30:25,223 --> 01:30:28,400

Matthew Tejada: All right,
appreciate you too.

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01:30:29,120 --> 01:30:32,548

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, the
last person who's got their hand raised

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01:30:32,572 --> 01:30:35,055

and then we'll go back to
Christina with questions

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01:30:35,079 --> 01:30:38,239

and that is Xavier--

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01:30:38,239 --> 01:30:39,748

Matthew Tejada: Or Javier.

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01:30:39,772 --> 01:30:42,132

Victoria Robinson: Oh I'm
sorry, Javier I do apologize.

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01:30:42,156 --> 01:30:43,679

Matthew Tejada: Maybe, we'll see.

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01:30:43,679 --> 01:30:47,569

Victoria Robinson: Okay,
so Javier, Xavier either way

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01:30:47,593 --> 01:30:51,760

if you can unmute your
line that'd be great.

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01:30:53,920 --> 01:30:55,760

Go ahead.

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01:30:55,760 --> 01:30:58,560

Xavier: Are you able--
are you all able to?

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01:30:58,560 --> 01:31:02,080

Matthew Tejada: We can hear you.

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01:31:02,080 --> 01:31:03,679

Xavier: Well, good afternoon.

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01:31:05,120 --> 01:31:08,960

I guess my first question is I
do see this as being recorded,

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01:31:08,960 --> 01:31:12,480

where might we find this
recording once it's been published?

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01:31:12,480 --> 01:31:15,440

Victoria Robinson: I'll go
ahead and answer that, Matthew.

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01:31:15,440 --> 01:31:19,788

When we pull it down, it takes about
maybe about four or five days

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01:31:19,812 --> 01:31:25,068

after we retrieve it from Zoom,
we publish it on our website that is--

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01:31:25,092 --> 01:31:27,816

which we post in the Q&A pod,

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01:31:27,840 --> 01:31:31,508

it's the website

related to these calls themselves

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01:31:31,532 --> 01:31:36,652

and in addition to the recording,

we eventually post a transcript,

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01:31:36,676 --> 01:31:39,428

we post a copy of the slide deck

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01:31:39,452 --> 01:31:43,748

and we also post a summary of

the Q&A pod as well.

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01:31:43,772 --> 01:31:47,408

So it's the meeting

materials that you see today

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01:31:47,432 --> 01:31:50,719

and the recording and the
outcome of the summary

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01:31:50,719 --> 01:31:53,828

of the Q&A pod gets
posted on that website.

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01:31:53,852 --> 01:31:58,254

And so, if somebody asked the
question about where we can post it,

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01:31:58,278 --> 01:32:01,120

where to get it then we
can answer the question.

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01:32:01,120 --> 01:32:02,692

The vagaries of zoom.

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01:32:02,716 --> 01:32:06,480

So yes but if
that's available.

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01:32:06,560 --> 01:32:09,848

Xavier: Awesome, thank you so much for that thorough response Victoria

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01:32:09,872 --> 01:32:15,280

and for all the work you do and coordinating and making this publicly available.

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01:32:15,280 --> 01:32:18,960

Victoria Robinson: You're welcome, thank you and is it Javier or Xavier.

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01:32:18,960 --> 01:32:21,648

Xavier: Los dos, it depends on the culture.

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01:32:21,672 --> 01:32:25,868

I accommodate the fact that we come from many places

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01:32:26,400 --> 01:32:30,803

and so I'm open to both

as long as it's said with respect

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01:32:30,827 --> 01:32:35,120

and there's an intention as
to why either one was chosen.

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01:32:35,120 --> 01:32:37,021

Victoria Robinson: Okay, thank you.

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01:32:37,045 --> 01:32:38,049

Matthew Tejada: I love that response.

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01:32:38,073 --> 01:32:38,828

Victoria Robinson: Yes, definitely.

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01:32:38,852 --> 01:32:41,920

And you said you
had a second question.

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01:32:41,920 --> 01:32:44,320

Xavier: Yeah absolutely, I think--

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01:32:45,760 --> 01:32:49,896

well, I want to lean into both what

Matthew's response was

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01:32:49,920 --> 01:32:52,419

but also what the

comment was earlier

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01:32:52,443 --> 01:32:59,137

around how do we foresee and have

insight and foresight to these sessions

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01:32:59,161 --> 01:33:03,280

which are so important, one to

build relationships with the staff

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01:33:03,280 --> 01:33:06,880

that are before us and then also for us

to build relationships with one another

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01:33:06,880 --> 01:33:11,280

as community organizers or

organizational leaders on the ground

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01:33:11,280 --> 01:33:17,440

implementing and carrying out the
actual work that Justice40 envisions

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01:33:17,440 --> 01:33:21,808

and desires to aspire towards,

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01:33:21,832 --> 01:33:26,480

and so I think for me it was-- I
understand the professionalism piece

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but I do think that there is a strategic
essence behind why communities

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desire as much information as
possible especially in this critical time

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01:33:36,800 --> 01:33:41,252

to be able to best posture and
position ourselves to engage

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01:33:41,276 --> 01:33:45,099

and forward one another's work whether
it's the work of the federal government

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01:33:45,123 --> 01:33:47,088

forwarding grassroots
and grass tops work

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01:33:47,112 --> 01:33:51,081

or grassroots and grass tops work forwarding
the work of our federal government.

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01:33:51,105 --> 01:33:54,480

So I think that is something
important to denote too

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01:33:54,480 --> 01:33:57,668

and don't want to go too
far into it but I think I do agree

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01:33:57,692 --> 01:34:02,560

that more information is-- I'd rather have
too much information than not enough.

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01:34:02,560 --> 01:34:04,648

Matthew Tejada: Yeah
thank you for that, Javier.

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01:34:04,672 --> 01:34:08,239

I mean one of the things that'd be great

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01:34:08,239 --> 01:34:10,738

is to hear from you and
to hear from anybody else

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01:34:10,762 --> 01:34:16,148

that would like to whether in the
Q&A pod or by raising your hands,

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01:34:16,172 --> 01:34:20,903

I mean, we're trying to
put out all the information we can.

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01:34:20,927 --> 01:34:27,228

A lot of the information around Justice40,
we are generating in the different agencies

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01:34:27,252 --> 01:34:30,646

but then it's not, it's not our
purview to release it,

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01:34:30,670 --> 01:34:34,304

we are handing it up to the White
House and the White House decides

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01:34:34,328 --> 01:34:37,948

what and when to release and I'm
not trying to throw them under the bus,

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01:34:37,972 --> 01:34:43,207

that's part of them taking
the leadership on this

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01:34:43,231 --> 01:34:47,686

which is appropriate and right
and I think a very strong step forward

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01:34:47,710 --> 01:34:51,508

but that means that a very small
number of people at the White House

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01:34:51,532 --> 01:34:56,080

now have the entire federal government
pushing reams of information up to them

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01:34:56,080 --> 01:34:58,476

that they have to try to
figure out how to push out

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01:34:58,500 --> 01:35:00,708

and they have to make that call.

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01:35:00,732 --> 01:35:06,239

So we though, I think from
our perspective just speaking for EPA,

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01:35:06,239 --> 01:35:11,040

we're trying to put out everything we
can without completely submerging folks

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01:35:11,040 --> 01:35:13,768

and I very much-- I'm of
the same opinion of you,

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01:35:13,792 --> 01:35:17,760

I'd rather have a ton of
information to swim in than too little,

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01:35:17,760 --> 01:35:20,431

but we hear the opposite
from a lot of other folks,

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01:35:20,455 --> 01:35:22,588

like "Stop, just give
us the important stuff,

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01:35:22,612 --> 01:35:25,548

we don't have the capacity
to make it through everything."

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01:35:25,572 --> 01:35:28,880

The same with these
calls like right now,

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01:35:28,880 --> 01:35:31,281

like in January, once
we get into the new year

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01:35:31,305 --> 01:35:33,496

I think we're gonna fall
back into a monthly

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01:35:33,520 --> 01:35:37,524

instead of a bi-weekly call
because a lot of folks are saying

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01:35:37,548 --> 01:35:39,334

"We need these, keep them
coming, keep them coming"

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01:35:39,358 --> 01:35:42,519

but there's another side saying "This is too much, we can't do this all the time,

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01:35:42,543 --> 01:35:44,594

there's too many calls, too many calls."

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01:35:44,618 --> 01:35:48,748

So we're trying to find that sweet spot if it exists,

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01:35:48,772 --> 01:35:51,308

but the more feedback y'all can give us

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01:35:51,332 --> 01:35:55,513

about "This is too hot, this is too cold, this is too big, this is too little"

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01:35:55,537 --> 01:36:00,001

we are committed to trying to find as much of that sweet spot

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01:36:00,025 --> 01:36:03,679

between what all the
different folks want as we can.

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01:36:03,679 --> 01:36:04,708

Xavier: Hey, thank you.

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01:36:04,732 --> 01:36:07,988

And that's exciting because
for a follow-up with that Matt,

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01:36:08,012 --> 01:36:10,400

for me and I think for
many communities,

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01:36:10,400 --> 01:36:13,264

we know that there's been environmental
and economic justice metrics

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01:36:13,288 --> 01:36:16,252

and social justice metrics
including the qualitative metrics

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01:36:16,276 --> 01:36:18,800

that were mentioned
earlier in the presentation,

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01:36:18,800 --> 01:36:20,468

that those have been
developed and curated,

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01:36:20,492 --> 01:36:22,492

not only for generation upon generation.

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01:36:22,516 --> 01:36:26,550

We know centuries of actually
how to collect and gather information

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01:36:26,574 --> 01:36:28,729

on the environment
on our own well-being,

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01:36:28,753 --> 01:36:31,007

on the well-being of our
non-human kin,

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01:36:31,031 --> 01:36:38,588

our animals and plant relatives and for us
to understand how we're doing as a people

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01:36:38,612 --> 01:36:41,751

and as a society by seeing the
health of our surroundings

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01:36:41,775 --> 01:36:44,742

and of the rest of life
we share the planet with.

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01:36:44,766 --> 01:36:47,679

And so I think one of the
questions I have is,

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01:36:47,679 --> 01:36:51,094

it's not exactly clear, I know that
there's going to be some federal directives

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01:36:51,118 --> 01:36:53,317

and some EJ
metrics for Justice40,

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01:36:53,341 --> 01:36:56,480
that are currently
being developed kind of--

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01:36:56,480 --> 01:36:59,948
the hard part is-- I don't
want to say behind closed doors

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01:36:59,972 --> 01:37:02,007
because it seems like a
passive aggressive comment,

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01:37:02,031 --> 01:37:05,647
when I'm not trying to be passive
I'm just trying to point out the fact

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01:37:05,671 --> 01:37:08,880
that it's kind of tough--

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01:37:08,880 --> 01:37:11,883

we're talking decades of this
similar style of governance

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01:37:11,907 --> 01:37:15,387

of like developing things with
experts behind closed doors

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01:37:15,411 --> 01:37:20,028

and then a big exciting release
and then we realize and we know

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01:37:20,052 --> 01:37:24,167

and I think I hope we don't actually
affirm that we want communities

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01:37:24,191 --> 01:37:27,528

to develop their own metrics and
that's what our community is doing,

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01:37:27,552 --> 01:37:31,108

we're already working on our own
environmental and economic justice scorecard,

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01:37:31,132 --> 01:37:34,201

we're going to model it and
reflect and honor the scorecard

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01:37:34,225 --> 01:37:37,048

that's being developed by
the federal government, by the EPA

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01:37:37,072 --> 01:37:40,428

and by year all's folks that you
have brought on to your team,

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01:37:40,452 --> 01:37:44,607

but just knowing that we already are
developing our own competency measures,

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01:37:44,631 --> 01:37:46,994

we're developing our own
standards and indicators,

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01:37:47,018 --> 01:37:50,800

we're developing our own
quantitative and qualitative metrics

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01:37:50,800 --> 01:37:53,766
and we're doing that in accordance, yes
with the federal government

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01:37:53,790 --> 01:37:56,410
and the DOI strategic plan
around environmental justice

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01:37:56,434 --> 01:38:00,220
but around our own environmental
and economic justice strategic plan

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01:38:00,244 --> 01:38:05,360
that we developed on the ground
with community from the bottom up

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01:38:05,360 --> 01:38:08,480
and that's the via, the Oro
National Wildlife Refuge.

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01:38:08,480 --> 01:38:11,679

And so I just want to ask,
how are we--

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01:38:11,679 --> 01:38:14,799

what is it looking like as you all
release your EJ metrics

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01:38:14,823 --> 01:38:18,800

and we release ours in the community
because we are going to release our own

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01:38:18,800 --> 01:38:23,008

and we are going to accommodate the ones that
the federal government establishes as well,

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01:38:23,032 --> 01:38:26,560

but how do we start to create
some synergy and some learning moments,

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01:38:26,560 --> 01:38:29,119

once we all are developing our metrics

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01:38:29,119 --> 01:38:31,834

and figure out how to
inform each other's, right?

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01:38:31,858 --> 01:38:36,908

Is there going to be a phase of development
or a rollout with the EJ metrics

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01:38:36,932 --> 01:38:41,267

where communities can share their
own metrics standards and indicators

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01:38:41,291 --> 01:38:46,188

on how we're measuring and evaluating
environmental health and public health

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01:38:46,212 --> 01:38:49,423

and determinants of health
across the board?

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01:38:49,447 --> 01:38:51,625

And if so, what is
that looking like right now?

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01:38:51,649 --> 01:38:53,868

What's your all's
process or just even a--

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01:38:53,892 --> 01:38:56,628

if you don't have a clear
process, what are you all looking at

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01:38:56,652 --> 01:38:59,936

when it comes to integrating and
aligning and harmonizing the metrics

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01:38:59,960 --> 01:39:03,520

of the federal government with
metrics that are happening on the ground

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01:39:03,520 --> 01:39:07,268

and are backed of course by empirical
evidence, etc., etc.?

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01:39:07,292 --> 01:39:09,648

Matthew Tejada: So

Xavier, just to clarify,

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01:39:09,672 --> 01:39:13,728

are you talking about EJ metrics
in terms of the EJ scorecard idea?

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01:39:13,752 --> 01:39:18,480

Or things specific that each department
and agency might be thinking about?

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01:39:18,480 --> 01:39:22,027

Xavier: We're going across the board, we're
developing EJ metrics for Justice40

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01:39:22,051 --> 01:39:26,088

and cumulative review
and looking at environmental

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01:39:26,112 --> 01:39:28,688

and economic justice metrics

standards and indicators

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01:39:28,712 --> 01:39:31,162

related to natural and
cultural resource management,

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01:39:31,186 --> 01:39:34,728

but we're also definitely going to start
developing our own standards and indicators

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01:39:34,752 --> 01:39:37,148

to measure the performance
of various agencies,

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01:39:37,172 --> 01:39:39,687

particularly local agencies
here on the ground.

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01:39:39,711 --> 01:39:44,480

We're in Albuquerque, New Mexico, we're
down river from Los Alamos National Labs,

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01:39:44,480 --> 01:39:47,733

we're very familiar with their
work, so we'll be focusing locally,

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01:39:47,757 --> 01:39:52,055

but we'll be working our way up
to also creating evaluation metrics

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01:39:52,079 --> 01:39:58,000

for national or federal agencies as
well, so we can provide our own score.

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01:39:58,000 --> 01:39:58,948

Matthew Tejada: Thank you for that.

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01:39:58,972 --> 01:39:59,893

That's informative.

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01:39:59,917 --> 01:40:02,719

Yeah I heard you mentioned the Oro
and I've been out there a couple times

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01:40:02,719 --> 01:40:04,688

and I'm hoping to come back in 2022.

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01:40:05,360 --> 01:40:11,048

If we can get over a little bit of the
danger of just moving about the country,

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01:40:11,072 --> 01:40:12,356

so thank you for that.

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01:40:12,380 --> 01:40:19,440

So a couple things, one I can't
speak to what CEQ is planning

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beyond the primary
mode that they have

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01:40:24,480 --> 01:40:27,440

to get input from the outside world

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01:40:27,440 --> 01:40:30,960

which is through the White House
Environmental Justice Advisory Council.

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They've already convened a
working group of that WHEJAC

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01:40:35,920 --> 01:40:40,159

to start thinking through and looking
at what are different departments

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01:40:40,159 --> 01:40:42,880

and agencies thinking
about and doing,

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01:40:42,880 --> 01:40:47,268

so that WHEJAC body, that White House
Environmental Justice Advisory Council

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01:40:47,292 --> 01:40:48,961

and I'm sure since
you're in Valle de Oro,

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01:40:48,985 --> 01:40:50,651

Richard Moore is the chair of that,

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01:40:50,675 --> 01:40:55,003

that's one of the principal
ways for any level of government

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01:40:55,027 --> 01:40:58,688

to be able to bring in that
sort of outside perspective

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01:40:58,712 --> 01:41:03,721

because there are legal
limitations on our ability to do things

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01:41:03,745 --> 01:41:07,828

like survey people or to form groups
of folks to give us input on things,

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01:41:07,852 --> 01:41:10,816

so that's why the WHEJAC
was there from the beginning,

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01:41:10,840 --> 01:41:13,360

was to help provide that function.

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One of the other things though I would share that I've increasingly been telling

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01:41:17,012 --> 01:41:22,639

a lot of the community leaders and advocates out there is

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01:41:22,639 --> 01:41:25,199

just the reality of the situation.

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01:41:26,400 --> 01:41:30,239

There's only so many people in so many hours in the day

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01:41:30,239 --> 01:41:34,194

and everybody right now wants to engage on everything.

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01:41:34,218 --> 01:41:39,948

Every order, every direction from our
administrator at EPA from the president

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01:41:39,972 --> 01:41:44,480

all very rightly so, we're supposed
to be engaging on all of them

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01:41:44,480 --> 01:41:46,802

and there's only so many
hours and so many days.

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01:41:46,826 --> 01:41:50,639

One of the things again that
I'm telling folks on the outside,

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01:41:50,639 --> 01:41:54,228

like help us set the agenda,
don't wait for us to get to you

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01:41:54,252 --> 01:41:55,605

to have the conversation.

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01:41:55,629 --> 01:41:59,027

If y'all are like "This is important
we're ready to show you something,

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01:41:59,051 --> 01:42:00,807

we're ready to share this with you"

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01:42:00,831 --> 01:42:05,448

y'all convene the
conversation and bring us to it.

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01:42:05,472 --> 01:42:11,317

It'll be a lot quicker, I think and I
think more appropriate for you all

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01:42:11,341 --> 01:42:14,653

to set the agenda, for you
all to set the conversation,

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01:42:14,677 --> 01:42:19,585

I know and I'm not trying to shift the
burden of engaging onto the community

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01:42:19,609 --> 01:42:24,268

that's not the place to shift
the burden on to you to do it

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01:42:24,292 --> 01:42:26,247

but just in the reality
of where we're at

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01:42:26,271 --> 01:42:29,360

with all of the different
engagement we're trying to do

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01:42:29,360 --> 01:42:32,288

for the community to
help set the agenda for us

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01:42:32,312 --> 01:42:34,308

and make it something
like just show up,

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01:42:34,332 --> 01:42:37,368

we're going to tell you, you don't
have to worry about your loot rules,

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01:42:37,392 --> 01:42:38,964

you don't have to worry
about all these things,

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01:42:38,988 --> 01:42:40,561

that you have to worry
about as bureaucrats,

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01:42:40,585 --> 01:42:43,920

you can just come to our
meeting and we'll let you have it.

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01:42:43,920 --> 01:42:51,986

People are genuinely very hungry
for information for suggestions,

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01:42:52,010 --> 01:42:55,040

for things written down like just do this.

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01:42:55,040 --> 01:42:59,700

I think people in my experience of
coming up on nine years,

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01:42:59,724 --> 01:43:05,348

there's more of an interest and a
demand for that than I've ever experienced,

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01:43:05,372 --> 01:43:08,220

I don't know if Tony or Monisha
or anybody wants to come on

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01:43:08,244 --> 01:43:12,743

and give a perspective from your side about
what you and your colleagues are looking for

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01:43:12,767 --> 01:43:16,560

but at least inside of EPA
people are hungry for it,

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01:43:16,560 --> 01:43:21,620

and it will be-- it's not like we're
going to come out with a scorecard

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01:43:21,644 --> 01:43:27,760

or anything, a strategic plan in February
and it's going to be written in stone,

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01:43:27,760 --> 01:43:30,123

just like the answer
to the earlier question.

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01:43:30,147 --> 01:43:34,188

We have some more concrete
things in the executive order now,

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01:43:34,212 --> 01:43:38,387

but those concrete things are only
as compared to what we knew in 1994.

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This is going to be-- all of these
things are going to be iterative processes

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01:43:44,880 --> 01:43:48,128

for the next several
years as we figure out,

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01:43:48,152 --> 01:43:51,727

refine, test, see what
it's like in the community space

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01:43:51,751 --> 01:43:54,320

get that feedback, come back again.

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01:43:54,320 --> 01:43:57,360

Tony do you want to
offer anything to that.

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01:43:57,360 --> 01:44:00,047

Tony Reames: Yeah I really just wanted
to echo what you were saying Matthew.

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01:44:00,071 --> 01:44:03,908

This is really, us trying to baseline
what our programs are doing.

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We're looking at FY 20, 21
investments before Justice40

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was really even part of
an executive order and so,

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01:44:14,159 --> 01:44:20,548

we're really trying to push our programs to
think about their FY 22, 23 future budgets,

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how we implement the
bipartisan infrastructure law to say,

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01:44:23,872 --> 01:44:27,368

"We must center program
design around energy justice."

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01:44:27,392 --> 01:44:32,068

There was a question about restorative justice, how do we use energy as a pathway

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01:44:32,092 --> 01:44:34,936

to restore the harm that's been done in communities

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01:44:34,960 --> 01:44:39,600

and so this is definitely a work in progress and a collaborative effort,

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01:44:39,600 --> 01:44:43,568

is definitely the approach we're taking at DOE and so as Matthew said,

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01:44:43,592 --> 01:44:49,243

we're open to listen, we've had stakeholders engage with us

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in different sessions and we'll continue that,

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01:44:53,040 --> 01:44:56,639

and the secretary has
been out visiting communities

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01:44:56,639 --> 01:45:01,280

and she always asks us to recommend
community leaders that she can meet with

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01:45:01,280 --> 01:45:05,066

to really see where energy
and community intersects.

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01:45:05,090 --> 01:45:11,040

And so that is sincere and we want
everyone on this call to know that.

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01:45:11,040 --> 01:45:13,188

Xavier: Hey thank you, Tony and Matt.

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01:45:13,212 --> 01:45:18,225

And so I guess from what I heard
is thank you and what I would say is,

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01:45:18,249 --> 01:45:22,099

maybe looking at, maybe just kind of
discuss with your team maybe a timeline.

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01:45:22,123 --> 01:45:26,000

I like what you all are
thinking of is not linear but cyclical

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and so I think it would be
important to have a cyclical timeline

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01:45:28,732 --> 01:45:31,968

which keep with key entry points
for communities like ourselves

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01:45:31,992 --> 01:45:35,596

who are establishing our own
standards and indicators,

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01:45:35,620 --> 01:45:38,127

who are also assessing
our own baselines.

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I think that's one of the other things,

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01:45:39,672 --> 01:45:42,928

not only how we measure
something is often different,

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01:45:42,952 --> 01:45:45,068

not one being
better than the other

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01:45:45,092 --> 01:45:48,800

but both uniquely meeting their
own ends and their own means.

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I think the same goes for baselines, I
think our communities on the grassroots

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would have a different
understanding of where our baseline is,

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01:45:56,639 --> 01:46:01,580

and where we think our industry
or our government agencies are,

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and even where our communities
are in respect to one another.

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And so I'd be curious as to--

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I think it'd be important and strategic to have
a clear cycle and a cyclical timeline to say

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hey, these three points or these three
opportunities or these several opportunities

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01:46:18,767 --> 01:46:23,068

throughout the year are going to be
entry points to create your own indicators

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or insert your own indicators
for us to consider as a group

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or as a whole so that we
can start to refine and iterate

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and go through that iterative
process but it'd be good to know

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01:46:31,661 --> 01:46:37,318

when those opportunities are, how those
standards indicators and measures are reviewed.

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Is it the EPA team or DOE

or a combination of agencies

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01:46:41,832 --> 01:46:43,928

reviewing those indicators and standards

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01:46:43,952 --> 01:46:45,848

and then how do we get those through.

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01:46:45,872 --> 01:46:47,848

And knowing what those cycles look like,

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01:46:47,872 --> 01:46:50,415

so our communities on

the ground who are organizing

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01:46:50,439 --> 01:46:54,262

can start to prepare ourselves to

insert that information and feedback

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01:46:54,286 --> 01:46:56,468

and then know what the

process is like for review

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01:46:56,492 --> 01:46:58,388

and how we're going
to receive a response

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01:46:58,412 --> 01:47:01,449

or how those are going to be
discussed to be chosen and modified

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as we go along the way.

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01:47:04,320 --> 01:47:07,250

Victoria Robinson: Thank
you, Javier, I appreciate that.

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01:47:07,274 --> 01:47:09,231

And Matthew, you plan on
following up?

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01:47:09,255 --> 01:47:12,448

Matthew Tejada: Yeah, I could-- I'm

gonna bet I can find you Xavier,

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01:47:12,472 --> 01:47:15,048

but if you would

send me an email--

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01:47:15,072 --> 01:47:19,199

I wanna make sure we connect, I wanna
make sure that I get a chance to meet you.

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01:47:19,199 --> 01:47:22,688

We're doing a piece of work up in
Española that I want to get out there for

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01:47:22,712 --> 01:47:25,508

but I'd be coming through
Albuquerque to get to Española,

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01:47:25,532 --> 01:47:28,367

so if you would shoot me an email,
I just want to make sure we connect

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01:47:28,391 --> 01:47:31,817

and I'd love to see-- it's
been like three or four years

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01:47:31,841 --> 01:47:36,454

since I've been there, so I'd love to
come back and see the progress.

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01:47:36,478 --> 01:47:38,560

Xavier: Yes, anytime.

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01:47:38,560 --> 01:47:39,811

Victoria Robinson: Great, thank you.

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01:47:39,835 --> 01:47:43,887

Christina, I know we have one question that
we would like to read out from the chat

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01:47:43,911 --> 01:47:47,207

and we've got one person
left who had their hand raised.

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01:47:47,231 --> 01:47:51,199

So I'm gonna go to you Christina
to go and read the question from Nina.

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01:47:51,199 --> 01:47:52,400

Christina Motilall: Absolutely.

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01:47:52,400 --> 01:47:56,260

The question is, is there anyone at the
EPA making contingency plans

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01:47:56,284 --> 01:47:58,719

in the case that there
is an administrative shift--

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01:47:58,719 --> 01:48:02,868

excuse me, an administrative shift during
the next presidential election

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01:48:02,892 --> 01:48:08,191

and Biden's executive order establishing
Justice40 gets cancelled or rescinded.

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01:48:08,215 --> 01:48:10,170

What happens then? Thank you.

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01:48:10,170 --> 01:48:13,520

[LAUGHS]

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01:48:13,520 --> 01:48:17,228

Matthew Tejada: I don't laugh
because it's not a silly question,

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01:48:17,252 --> 01:48:20,601

I laugh because that person is
me and I wake up and go to bed

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01:48:20,625 --> 01:48:23,664

every single day thinking
about that very question.

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01:48:23,688 --> 01:48:25,840

It's a very good question.

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01:48:25,840 --> 01:48:32,400

We are doing an incredible amount
of work thanks to the leadership

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01:48:32,400 --> 01:48:36,107

of the president, thanks to the
leadership of Administrator Regan,

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01:48:36,131 --> 01:48:41,103

both of whom have made it
very clear what their priority is,

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01:48:41,127 --> 01:48:46,155

what the focus of this administration
is on advancing equity and justice.

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01:48:46,179 --> 01:48:51,209

It is the work that I came
to EPA to do nine years ago,

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01:48:51,233 --> 01:48:54,640

and as long as I don't do
anything too terribly horrible

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01:48:54,664 --> 01:48:58,888

in the next few years I plan
on still helping to lead this work

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01:48:58,912 --> 01:49:05,360

as the career executive in charge
of it as I have been since 2013,

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01:49:05,360 --> 01:49:10,800

but administration change
is a fact of our democracy,

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01:49:10,800 --> 01:49:14,308

and so we are
thinking about that,

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01:49:14,332 --> 01:49:18,758

we think about that in every
administration not just this one,

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01:49:18,782 --> 01:49:25,948

obviously there's the opportunity in this administration to make historic advances

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01:49:25,972 --> 01:49:30,493

on how we advance equity and justice across the United States.

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01:49:30,517 --> 01:49:33,868

Some of the things that I am most focused on,

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01:49:33,892 --> 01:49:37,760

and that we in the EJ program are most focused on,

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01:49:37,760 --> 01:49:41,920

go to things like Xavier was mentioning and some of the other folks

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01:49:41,920 --> 01:49:46,863

about building those lasting relationships, not just with our program

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01:49:46,887 --> 01:49:50,509

but with like the people in EPA
and across the federal government

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01:49:50,533 --> 01:49:53,679

that do the work because we don't--

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01:49:53,679 --> 01:49:59,248

in the EJ program, we don't take
anybody's lead pipes out of the ground,

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01:49:59,272 --> 01:50:01,711

we don't clean up the toxic waste
from the Superfund site,

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01:50:01,735 --> 01:50:06,745

we don't issue the air permit, it's our
colleagues and the programs that do that,

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01:50:06,769 --> 01:50:09,087

not just us building those relationships

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01:50:09,111 --> 01:50:13,679

but using this moment to build those
relationships throughout the government

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01:50:13,679 --> 01:50:16,908

and with our state colleagues
and with our local colleagues

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01:50:16,932 --> 01:50:22,485

it might seem like a soft, not
so important-- it's a huge thing.

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01:50:22,509 --> 01:50:27,599

It is one of the things that sustains
us through all of the political cycles,

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01:50:27,599 --> 01:50:32,902

is having that understanding, the
awareness and the readiness

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01:50:32,926 --> 01:50:37,040

and commitment on a personal

level bureaucrat by bureaucrat

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01:50:37,040 --> 01:50:40,000

to advancing justice and equity is huge.

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01:50:40,000 --> 01:50:42,468

So the more that we can get our
colleagues engaging,

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01:50:42,492 --> 01:50:47,508

the more that we can get our colleagues
focused on this, that goes forward.

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01:50:47,532 --> 01:50:51,524

One of the other things we're
focused on is just these measures

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01:50:51,548 --> 01:50:58,308

of accountability and transparency in terms
of our decision making like Justice40.

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01:50:58,332 --> 01:51:02,581

Even if Justice40 gets taken
off the books in three years,

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01:51:02,605 --> 01:51:07,440

and that'll be determined by
whoever is president in three years,

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01:51:07,440 --> 01:51:11,647

the fact that the entire government
or most of the government right now

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01:51:11,671 --> 01:51:14,640

is going through this
process of really thinking about

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01:51:14,664 --> 01:51:19,360

"Oh my gosh, where are we actually--
where are our benefits actually going?"

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01:51:19,360 --> 01:51:23,187

And however we have
to start reporting that up

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01:51:23,211 --> 01:51:30,159

and however that report gets translated into
a transparent publicly available scorecard,

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01:51:30,159 --> 01:51:32,691

that's going to have an
impact on the way we govern,

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01:51:32,715 --> 01:51:35,607

that's going to have an
impact on the way people think,

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01:51:35,631 --> 01:51:41,808

that's going to have an impact on what
choices we suddenly think are possible

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01:51:41,832 --> 01:51:47,360

that previously our programs and our
colleagues would have thought were impossible.

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01:51:47,360 --> 01:51:52,159

So it's already having

a profound impact

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01:51:52,159 --> 01:51:55,944

on how the government is
going to operate going forward.

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01:51:55,968 --> 01:52:02,504

The question is how far, how far can
we get with that in this administration,

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01:52:03,360 --> 01:52:05,427

not that we'll stay
exactly where we reach,

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01:52:05,451 --> 01:52:09,227

there's always the
opportunity that we come back

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01:52:09,251 --> 01:52:11,040

from some of the things that we do

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01:52:11,040 --> 01:52:14,847

but we're mostly focused
on pushing as far as we can

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01:52:14,871 --> 01:52:19,508

with as many of our colleagues with as
much of this olive government approach

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01:52:19,532 --> 01:52:23,360

that the president has
mandated as possible.

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01:52:23,360 --> 01:52:24,388

I'm sorry to laugh.

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01:52:24,412 --> 01:52:26,880

So I've been called out a
couple times recently for laughing,

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01:52:26,880 --> 01:52:30,007

that I laugh at odd times, it was not
because I thought your question was funny,

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01:52:30,031 --> 01:52:33,360

it's because it was--

boom, hit me right in the middle.

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01:52:33,360 --> 01:52:34,628

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Matthew.

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01:52:34,652 --> 01:52:38,480

I think we all can appreciate

and feel the same as well.

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01:52:38,480 --> 01:52:42,158

We have one more hand raised, one

more question to be asked

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01:52:42,182 --> 01:52:46,534

and then after that we'll

move on to the quick summary

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01:52:46,558 --> 01:52:50,560

of some upcoming opportunities

for stakeholders to engage

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01:52:50,560 --> 01:52:55,668

with different other programs at EPA who
are doing some trainings and some webinars.

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01:52:55,692 --> 01:53:03,040

So I'm going to ask Patricia Taylor
to go ahead and unmute yourself.

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01:53:05,040 --> 01:53:07,679

Patricia Taylor: I'm unmuted.

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01:53:09,679 --> 01:53:12,247

Can you hear me now?

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01:53:12,271 --> 01:53:13,119

Matthew Tejada: Yes.

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01:53:13,119 --> 01:53:17,920

Patricia Taylor: Good, good.

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01:53:18,159 --> 01:53:23,199

I'm sorry I missed the question.

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01:53:26,800 --> 01:53:29,612

Matthew Tejada: It's your turn to
ask a question or make a comment.

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01:53:29,636 --> 01:53:35,074

Patricia Taylor: Oh I just wanted to--
DOE answered my question.

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01:53:35,098 --> 01:53:37,461

I was just-- within the chat

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01:53:37,485 --> 01:53:41,508

but I you know I'm
very concerned in listening

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01:53:41,532 --> 01:53:45,360

to several of these
community conversations

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01:53:45,360 --> 01:53:51,280

about the direct comments by community
advocates who are really asking for

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01:53:51,280 --> 01:53:55,928

basically restorative

justice for a legacy of harm.

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01:53:55,952 --> 01:54:02,480

So I just asked DOE whether or
not they were considering resolutions

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01:54:02,480 --> 01:54:08,400

such as restorative justice,
reparations and relocation

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01:54:08,400 --> 01:54:13,568

as part of their change of policy
framework within their agency

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01:54:13,592 --> 01:54:19,679

because a lot of these legacies have
been created by past energy policies,

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01:54:19,679 --> 01:54:22,706

in combination of the
government and industry

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01:54:22,730 --> 01:54:31,368

from things like incinerators and or waste
energy facilities and energy facilities

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01:54:31,392 --> 01:54:34,480

and petrochemical
plants and things like that.

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01:54:35,520 --> 01:54:38,480

The frame of Justice40--

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01:54:38,480 --> 01:54:44,239

what I worry about interagency is the
agencies are going to take the new frame

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01:54:44,239 --> 01:54:49,280

and figure out a way to re-language
their policies to fit within the new frame

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01:54:49,280 --> 01:54:54,880

rather than to actually-- and to reframe
their current programs as benefits

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01:54:54,880 --> 01:55:00,239

to the communities rather than
to actually change their policies

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01:55:00,239 --> 01:55:03,520

to help the communities they serve.

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01:55:04,480 --> 01:55:07,167

So I don't know if you
can speak further to that.

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01:55:07,191 --> 01:55:14,014

DOE gave me a reframing
that made sense to me

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01:55:14,038 --> 01:55:19,239

but I'd like a comment on that.

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01:55:20,639 --> 01:55:24,560

Victoria Robinson: Would
that be Tony or Monisha?

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01:55:24,560 --> 01:55:26,639

Matthew Tejada: Yeah, I don't think everyone--

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01:55:26,639 --> 01:55:30,548

I didn't get to see the answer
that was offered in the Q&A,

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01:55:30,572 --> 01:55:32,110

so Tony could you--?

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01:55:32,134 --> 01:55:35,008

Tony Reames: Hey, yeah thank
you for raising that, Patricia.

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01:55:35,032 --> 01:55:38,993

Basically, we haven't used
the word restorative justice,

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01:55:39,017 --> 01:55:43,760

but both Shalonna Baker and I again
who's the Deputy Director of Energy Justice

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01:55:43,760 --> 01:55:47,760

have used restorative justice
as a frame in our previous work

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01:55:47,760 --> 01:55:52,400

and in the work groups,
in our department and across DOE,

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01:55:52,400 --> 01:55:59,829

we are using that type of framing to talk
about how programs can actually correct

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01:55:59,853 --> 01:56:01,280

some of the past harms

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01:56:01,280 --> 01:56:06,411

and like I told Patricia in our current

definition of disadvantaged communities,

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01:56:06,435 --> 01:56:12,548

we do have characteristics of disadvantage
that are a result of past harms

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01:56:12,572 --> 01:56:15,787

due to the energy system and so
those are the types of communities

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01:56:15,811 --> 01:56:24,400

that should be prioritized for DOE
investments under the Justice40 Initiative.

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01:56:26,239 --> 01:56:29,072

Matthew Tejada: Yeah and I just
want to add and I'm going to have to--

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01:56:29,096 --> 01:56:33,228

I know I want to be respectful of
folks time, we're right at 4 o'clock

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01:56:33,252 --> 01:56:38,960

but at EPA, Administrator

Regan speaks very often about

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01:56:38,960 --> 01:56:44,548

centering the mission of

EPA on achieving justice,

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01:56:44,572 --> 01:56:50,960

and what I hear him say when

he says that is a recognition

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01:56:50,960 --> 01:56:57,040

that although EPA has done an incredible

amount of good across the United States

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01:56:57,040 --> 01:57:00,560

at protecting health and the

environment there are communities

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01:57:00,560 --> 01:57:02,560

that have not received that benefit,

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01:57:02,560 --> 01:57:05,230

there are communities that
have not received that protection,

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01:57:05,254 --> 01:57:08,080

there are communities
that have been made worse

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01:57:08,080 --> 01:57:10,868

while all the other communities
have been made better.

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01:57:10,892 --> 01:57:15,440

So when-- I very
much believe and think and have seen

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01:57:15,440 --> 01:57:21,119

and the decisions being made that
Administrator Regan in this administration

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01:57:21,119 --> 01:57:26,754

is by saying they are centering

the mission of EPA on justice,

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01:57:26,778 --> 01:57:31,288

is a recognition that on their
communities that are still suffering

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01:57:31,312 --> 01:57:35,440

that have not received their
rightful due that have been kept down

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01:57:35,440 --> 01:57:39,039

and pushed further
down over generations

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01:57:39,063 --> 01:57:43,052

and that at this time, their
focus is on lifting them up

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01:57:43,076 --> 01:57:47,964

and anywhere and everywhere,
correcting for that history of oppression,

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01:57:47,988 --> 01:57:52,411

that history of segregation and
of dumping on and of sacrificing

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01:57:52,435 --> 01:57:58,560

to make those places right with
everything they can while they are here.

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01:57:58,560 --> 01:58:01,440

So with that Victoria,
I think we're gonna--

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01:58:01,440 --> 01:58:03,668

Victoria Robinson: Okay, well I'm
just gonna take a couple minutes

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01:58:03,692 --> 01:58:07,306

and go through a couple
of upcoming opportunities,

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01:58:07,330 --> 01:58:10,144

and then we'll do your quick closing.

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01:58:11,199 --> 01:58:14,051

All right, so we have some
opportunities for engagements

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01:58:14,075 --> 01:58:17,199

and training
opportunities within EPA.

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01:58:17,199 --> 01:58:20,302

The first one is in
a week basically,

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01:58:20,326 --> 01:58:22,943

EPA Tools and Resources
Webinar Series,

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01:58:22,967 --> 01:58:26,800

they have a present focus on
community and citizen science,

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01:58:26,800 --> 01:58:29,528

making your data count and I think that

kind of goes along with what Xavier

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01:58:29,552 --> 01:58:32,327

was talking about
a little earlier today.

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01:58:32,351 --> 01:58:35,808

So it's an opportunity to
learn about the tools and practices

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01:58:35,832 --> 01:58:39,388

used in community and
citizen science projects

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01:58:39,412 --> 01:58:43,508

and how EPA states and tribal governments
can better support these efforts.

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01:58:43,532 --> 01:58:45,440

There's a link here to register.

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01:58:45,440 --> 01:58:48,009

Please don't worry about
trying to quickly write it down

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01:58:48,033 --> 01:58:51,408

because we'll be posting
this PDF of this PowerPoint,

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will be posted in
the next two days

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and you'll be able to get access
to the link right then and there

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or you can go ahead and Google EPA
Tools and Resources Webinars

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and you'll be able to get
straight to that page.

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01:59:05,040 --> 01:59:10,563

We also have in January right after the beginning of the new year,

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01:59:10,587 --> 01:59:14,087

we have a NEJAC public meeting and the meeting will focus

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01:59:14,111 --> 01:59:18,028

on the business of environmental justice and civil rights compliance elements

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01:59:18,052 --> 01:59:24,080

in our next strategic plan draft as well as other aligned efforts and plan agency.

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01:59:24,080 --> 01:59:27,302

And please note that individual registration is required

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01:59:27,326 --> 01:59:33,360

and there's a link to a Zoom registration.

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01:59:34,800 --> 01:59:38,400

In January 26th in the afternoon,

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01:59:38,400 --> 01:59:42,547

the Superfund Redevelopment Mapper

Tool and Training Webinar will be conducted.

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01:59:42,571 --> 01:59:46,953

It's a new GIS-based tool to help

local state and tribal governments,

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01:59:46,977 --> 01:59:51,205

community development organizations,

developers and community folks

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01:59:51,229 --> 01:59:55,871

to explore reusing and redeveloping

land on or near Superfund sites.

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01:59:55,895 --> 02:00:01,440

Again, there's a link to

register in our clue in affiliate.

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And then the EPA webinar series for tribes and indigenous peoples.

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02:00:06,072 --> 02:00:11,148

There is going to be a focus on national PFAS roadmap.

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02:00:11,172 --> 02:00:14,307

This is an update for tribes and indigenous peoples,

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02:00:14,331 --> 02:00:18,159

this is January 18th in the afternoon, a Tuesday afternoon

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02:00:18,159 --> 02:00:22,000

and it's going to talk about provide information about the sources of PFAS

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and how tribes and indigenous
communities may be impacted.

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Again, there's a link for that.

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02:00:27,119 --> 02:00:30,122
So we would post this
within the next day or two,

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02:00:30,146 --> 02:00:35,907
this slide deck so you can quickly
access these links for registration.

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02:00:35,931 --> 02:00:42,080
So I'm gonna go ahead and
turn it back to you, Matthew.

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02:00:42,560 --> 02:00:44,800
Matthew Tejada: Thank you
thank you so much Victoria.

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02:00:44,800 --> 02:00:48,054

Thank you to everyone
who has hung in there with us,

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02:00:48,078 --> 02:00:51,040

we still have a lot of
folks on the line.

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02:00:51,040 --> 02:00:55,679

So please do look out, we have several
ways to keep informed.

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02:00:55,679 --> 02:01:04,000

We have our listserv at EPA
join-EPA-EJ@lists.EPA.gov.

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02:01:04,000 --> 02:01:08,528

I know that is probably the least easy
way in 2021 to join a listserv,

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02:01:08,552 --> 02:01:12,937

that is the easiest that we could

find within the bureaucracy of EPA.

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02:01:12,961 --> 02:01:17,969

We also have our twitter handle

@EPAEnvjustice, please follow those.

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02:01:17,993 --> 02:01:22,760

If you can't figure either of those out,
you can email anybody at EPA

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02:01:22,760 --> 02:01:26,928

lastname.firstname@EPA.gov, just email
me and I'll shoot you back an email

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02:01:26,952 --> 02:01:29,608

and it has all this information
under my signature.

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So January 25th will
be the next of these,

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02:01:32,525 --> 02:01:35,532

we're going to try a
monthly cadence for a little,

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02:01:35,556 --> 02:01:40,047

while see how that fits, see how that feels
with the folks who are attending these.

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02:01:40,639 --> 02:01:45,167

A little less constant, we
will work on the agenda piece

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02:01:45,191 --> 02:01:49,440

that will give us the time to do a little
more agenda planning in between these

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02:01:49,440 --> 02:01:54,159

and we also just so folks are aware
the afternoon of January 5th,

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02:01:54,159 --> 02:01:57,428

we are likely going to have an
another NEJAC public meeting,

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02:01:57,452 --> 02:02:01,248

so just we're going to do, we're trying to
get that as quickly as we can to follow up

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02:02:01,272 --> 02:02:05,440

from the NEJAC meeting in November.

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02:02:05,440 --> 02:02:10,668

I believe it's locked in on the federal
register although it hasn't published yet,

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02:02:10,692 --> 02:02:15,199

so just know January 5th,
we will be having a NEJAC meeting.

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02:02:15,199 --> 02:02:19,267

Christina as soon as we know for sure, as
soon as we can let's get that out on Twitter

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02:02:19,291 --> 02:02:23,667

so that people know on the

Twitterverse as well that NEJAC is coming.

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02:02:23,691 --> 02:02:26,611

For everyone else, thank you very
much for taking the time.

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02:02:26,635 --> 02:02:30,348

Please have a happy and safe holidays,
please take some time for yourselves,

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02:02:30,372 --> 02:02:33,288

be with your loved
ones, be with your families

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02:02:33,312 --> 02:02:39,156

and come back in 2022 ready to
recommit and get back into this fight

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02:02:39,180 --> 02:02:44,188

and try to make as much progress as we can
on justice and equity in this administration.

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02:02:44,212 --> 02:02:45,520

Thanks everybody.

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02:02:45,520 --> 02:02:47,840

Victoria Robinson: Thank you.