WHITE HOUSE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL  
(WHEJAC) WORKGROUPS

The WHEJAC Workgroups were established to develop draft recommendations to assist the WHEJAC in providing independent advice and recommendations to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and to the White House Interagency Council on Environmental Justice (Interagency Council) on how to increase the Federal Government’s efforts to address current and historic environmental injustice. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2021/01/27/executive-order-on-tackling-the-climate-crisis-at-home-and-abroad/

1. WHEJAC EXECUTIVE ORDER 12898 REVISIONS WORKGROUP

   Established: March 2021

   Executive Order 14008 Sec. 220 (h)

   CHARGE: Provide advice and recommendations for further updating Executive Order 12898 to the President, through the National Climate Advisor and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality.


2. WHEJAC JUSTICE40 WORKGROUP

   Established: March 2021

   Executive Order 14008 Sec. 223

   CHARGE: Provide advice and recommendations on how certain Federal investments might be made toward a goal that 40 percent of the overall benefits flow to disadvantaged communities to the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the National Climate Advisor. The recommendations shall focus on investments in the areas of clean energy and energy efficiency; clean transit; affordable and sustainable housing; training and workforce development; the remediation and reduction of legacy pollution; and the development of critical clean water infrastructure.

   MEMBERS: LaTricea Adams - Maria Belen Power - Robert Bullard, PhD - Tom Cormons Jerome Foster II - Kim Havey - Maria López-Núñez - Harrold Mitchell - Ruth Santiago Peggy Shepard - Beverly Wright, PhD - Miya Yoshitani
3. **WHEJAC CLIMATE AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE SCREENING TOOL WORKGROUP**
   
   *Established: March 2021*
   
   *Executive Order 14008 Sec. 222 (a)*
   

   **CHARGE:** Provide advice and recommendations on the geospatial Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool that is being developed by the Council on Environmental Quality to highlight disadvantaged communities.

   **MEMBERS:** Jade Begay - Catherine Coleman Flowers - Jerome Foster II - Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD - Juan Parras - Nicky Sheats, PhD - Michele Roberts - Viola Waghiyi

4. **WHEJAC SCORECARD WORKGROUP**
   
   *Established: September 2021*
   
   *Executive Order 14008 Sec. 220 (d)*
   

   **CHARGE:** Provide advice and recommendations to the Interagency Council on performance metrics that will help evaluate and assess progress on the agency’s progress in addressing current and historic environmental injustice.

   **MEMBERS:** Robert Bullard, PhD - Maria López-Núñez - Richard Moore - Rachel Morello-Frosch, PhD - Peggy Shepard - Michele Roberts - Kyle Whyte, PhD Beverly Wright, PhD

5. **WHEJAC INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND TRIBAL NATIONS WORKGROUP**
   
   *Established: January 2022*

   **CHARGE:** Provide recommendations for improving federal policy regarding environmental justice for Tribal communities and Indigenous peoples including as it relates to addressing disproportionately high and adverse human health, environmental, climate-related, and other cumulative impacts, as well as the accompanying economic challenges of such impacts, and underinvestment in housing, transportation, water and wastewater, infrastructure, and health care. The working group’s recommendations will adopt the precautionary principle to first do no harm.

   **MEMBERS:** Susana Almanza - Jade Begay - Carletta Tilousi - Kyle Whyte
6. **WHEJAC CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKGROUP**

*Established: January 2022*


**CHARGE:** Provide advice and recommendations to the Environmental Justice Interagency Council and the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality on a whole-of-government approach to environmental justice, including climate change mitigation, resilience, and disaster management.

**MEMBERS:** Jade Begay - Catherine Coleman Flowers - Angelo Logan - Maria López-Núñez - Richard Moore - Rachel Morello-Frosch - Juan Parras - Michele Roberts - Hli Xyooj - Miya Yoshitani