New Resources Related to Environmental Justice and Local Methane Reductions



The U.S. EPA Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) is pleased to share **new resources from our program** and information about a recent **webinar hosted by RMI**, a nonprofit working with businesses, policymakers, communities and nongovernmental organizations to cut greenhouse gas emissions at least 50 percent by 2030.

Environmental Justice and Landfill Gas Energy

LMOP recently published "Considering Environmental Justice in Landfill Gas Energy Project Development". This new fact sheet provides basic information about environmental justice (EJ) and the data available in LMOP's national map including layers for national demographics and Tribal lands. The fact sheet also includes specific actions that can be taken to effectively engage with communities that have potential EJ concerns and links to additional resources.

LMOP also created a complementary "Using the LMOP National Map" webpage that provides instructions for how LMOP's map could be used when considering potential EJ concerns during landfill gas energy project planning and development. The page covers basic map functionality, details about the EJ demographic indicators and indexes, suggested search criteria and example map results.

LMOP presented <u>"Environmental Justice and the Landfill Gas Energy Industry"</u> at the Solid Waste Association of North America's SOAR (Sustainability. Operations. Action. Resources.) event on April 16, 2024, in Phoenix, Arizona. We discussed the above new resources and provided a demonstration of using the LMOP map.

Curbing Waste Sector Methane Emissions

LMOP's Klara Zimmerman was one of several speakers during RMI's April 11, 2024 webinar, "Local Strategies to Curb Waste Sector Methane Emissions & Benefit Communities", which also featured keynote speaker Gina McCarthy, RMI's Tom Frankiewicz and four panelists from local governments. Klara presented briefly on LMOP activities and resources plus updates for two EPA grant programs.

Local governments have many options to reduce greenhouse gas emissions while benefitting their communities, e.g., food recovery, composting programs, stronger landfill methane controls. Speakers shared **key strategies and lessons learned** from their own experiences in reducing local methane emissions. The webinar also provided information about **resources and funding opportunities** to support local governments.

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