

# NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ADVISORY COUNCIL WORKGROUPS

The National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC), a federal advisory committee to EPA was established September 30, 1993. The Council provides advice and recommendations about broad, cross-cutting issues related to environmental justice, from all stakeholders involved in the environmental justice dialogue. In addition, the NEJAC provides a valuable forum for discussions about integrating environmental justice with other EPA priorities and initiatives. Below is the list of current charges and workgroups.

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WORKGROUP	CHARGE
<p><b>CUMULATIVE IMPACTS WORKGROUP</b></p>	<p>EPA requests that NEJAC provide recommendations to assist EPA to lay a sound foundation for assessing and addressing cumulative impacts by making overburdened communities, populations or groups, especially those facing extreme exposure or vulnerability, a central part of the process. This will assist the Agency in identifying and operationalizing solutions for addressing cumulative impacts, including input on the implementation of a strategy to advance cumulative impacts assessment and action.</p>
<p><b>CIVIL RIGHTS, TITLE VI WORKGROUP</b></p>	<p>The Office of Environmental Justice and External Civil Rights (OEJECR) seeks advice and recommendations from the NEJAC to continue to strengthen its civil rights enforcement program in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) How to improve opportunities for stakeholder engagement in the civil rights complaint process generally and, particularly in the complaint resolution process,</li> <li>(2) How to improve enforcement of and compliance with Title VI through data collection, analysis, and dissemination,</li> <li>(3) How to strengthen EPA’s complaint investigation practice in light of time constraints in EPA’s regulations, and</li> <li>(4) How EPA can enhance its civil rights-related technical assistance, training, and education efforts to strengthen capacity across regions, increase transparency and engagement with communities, local and state government, Tribes, and other partners and stakeholders, and support compliance by recipients of EPA funding.</li> </ol>