



Environmental Justice and the EPA Stormwater Rule



What is environmental justice?

Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies



Why is EPA considering environmental justice concerns as part of the stormwater rulemaking process?

It is critical that EPA assess the potential effects of the stormwater rule to ensure that there is not a disproportionately high and adverse effect on various community members as described above. As part of this process, EPA requests your ideas on the following questions:

- What do you see as effective and ineffective strategies for managing stormwater in your community?
- How can EPA be a more effective partner in helping to manage stormwater in your community?
- What additional tools and resources would help your efforts to successfully address the impact of stormwater in your community?
- How do you think the preliminary considerations for the stormwater rule may impact your community?

Important Links

EPA's Environmental Justice Webpage – Learn more about environmental justice and ways EPA is addressing concerns

▶ www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/index.html

EJ View – View a mapping tool to create maps and generate detailed reports based on the geographic areas and data you're most interested in. EJView includes data from multiple factors that may affect public and environmental health within a community or region, including information related to demographics, health, environment, and facility-level data ▶ <http://epamap14.epa.gov/ejmap/entry.html>

Rulemaking Website – Learn more about the EPA's preliminary considerations in the Federal Register Notice, including how to submit comments, sign up for other listening sessions, view previous notices, and read the latest news regarding the stormwater rule ▶ www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking

Why is environmental justice important?

Environmental Justice is the goal to be achieved for all communities so that:

- People of all races, colors, and income levels are treated fairly with respect to the development and enforcement of protective environmental laws, regulations, and policies;
- Potentially affected community residents have the opportunity to meaningfully participate in the decisions that will affect their environment and/or their health;
- Disproportionately burdened and vulnerable subpopulations that may be exposed disproportionately to environmental harms and risks are adequately protected.

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