



"EPA's commitment to environmental justice has not wavered. Under my leadership, we have embedded environmental justice into all our programs at Region 6, from permits to enforcement to grants."

Dr. Earthea Nance
Region 6 Administrator

EPA Region 6 Accomplishments in Louisiana and the Mississippi River Industrial Corridor

Grants Awarded

- \$2 million in air monitoring for communities in St. John the Baptist & St. James Parishes, New Orleans.
- \$3 million in EJ grants to groups in Cameron & Calcasieu Parishes, New Orleans.
- \$13 million to the Deep South Center for technical aid to environmental justice communities throughout Louisiana.

Enforcement Actions

- Mosaic Fertilizer: agreed to add an ammonia monitor and donate equipment.
- Evonik Corporation: agreed to reduce 5.6 tons/year of hazardous emissions.
- Sasol Chemicals: agreed to pay \$1.7 million in civil penalties.
- Denka: agreed to reduce hazardous chloroprene emissions under RCRA 3008 order; endangerment finding is awaiting trial.

Community Partnerships

Region 6 launched a project with RISE St. James and other groups to study contamination of concern to residents.

What's Coming Up?

Region 6 formed a special team to meet with communities that experienced major accidents from Dow, Marathon, and Shell.

New Rules by the EPA

Petrochemical Plants

- HON Rule for hazardous air pollutant standards will reduce emissions of chloroprene and other toxics.

Pollution and Climate

- Clean Vehicle Standards
- PM 2.5 Standards

Clean Up & Protection

- Lead Pipe Removal
- Lead Soil Standard
- Asbestos Ban
- Exide Superfund Site Clean Up
- Open Burn/Detonation

Embedding Environmental and Climate Justice

Denka

EPA Region 6 issued the first Imminent and Substantial Endangerment Order for cancer risk. This action recognizes the justice implications of this permit. We are awaiting trial.

Open Burning/ Open Detonation

As part of our work with Colfax and surrounding communities, EPA Region 6 embedded EJ principles into national guidance for open burning and detonation.

Carbon Capture/ Sequestration

EPA Regions 6 and 9 embedded EJ principles into the EPA's UIC program. Region 6 also embedded EJ into its agreement with Louisiana for CCS permitting.

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