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**MEMORANDUM** □

**DEFINITION OF AN AFFECTED LOCAL COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATION\***

An “affected” local community-based organization is defined for this grant program as an entity/organization that is: (1) at the most basic level of the organizational hierarchy such as a grassroots group/neighborhood organization that is not affiliated with a larger national, regional or state organization; (2) located in the same area as the environmental and/or public health problem that is described in the application and where the residents of the affected community reside; (3) focused primarily on addressing the environmental and/or public health problems of the residents of the affected community; and (4) comprised primarily of members of the affected community.

“Affected” is defined as being in the locale which is influenced or altered by the environmental and/or public health problem. An applicant must meet all of the above requirements and must explain how its organization fits each of those requirements in the application. An applicant must be a nonprofit organization as demonstrated through designation by the Internal Revenue Service as a Section 501 (c)(3) organization or through incorporation as a nonprofit organization under applicable state law in order to receive Federal funds under this grant program. The following entities **are not eligible** to receive Federal funds under this grant program: individuals; universities; state governments; local governments; tribal governments; water districts or similar entities; large non-governmental organizations such as national environmental groups; environmental justice networks; and organizations that are not located in the affected communities where the projects are found.

\*only applies to Office of Environmental Justice Grants