

EPA Nat'l EJ Community Engagement Call

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Summary of Questions and Answers

Welcome! Thank you for joining us today. The purpose of these engagement calls is to inform communities about EPA's environmental justice work and enhance opportunities to
o Webpage with information about upcoming calls: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>
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o Follow us on Twitter: @EPAEnvJustice
o Meeting materials and recordings for this call and all past calls will be here: <https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls>
o Send follow-up questions or comments to: Environmental-Justice@epa.gov

Question	Commenter	Answer(s)
What is the timeline for the RFP release for the new EPA Community Air Monitoring program? Thank you.	Adrian Rehn, Valley Vision	live answered
Will the slides and recording be available and if so where?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered Hi, thank you for your question! As Victoria just said, all of our materials and recordings will be available here: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls
Thank you. Is the biweekly call always at this time?	Katy Hansen	Yes, currently, we have scheduled these engagement calls for every other Tuesday, at 2 pm Eastern.
I am coming from a state Department of Transportation perspective. Does USEPA still have a four-part focus - the effects of pollution on EJ communities due to: (1) Lead, (2) Drinking water, (3) Air quality, and (4) Hazardous Waste sites. Of these four parts, it appears that air quality is the primary issue that is transportation related. Thank you, John Sherrill, Illinois Department of Transportation	John Sherrill Illinois DOT	live answered
can there be an effort to get the transcripts online more quickly? I had a clarifying question on a past call and was told to email the speaker. I did that and got no response. so I am now anxiously awaiting a transcript to be posted online from weeks ago.	Anonymous Attendee	I'm sorry you were not able to get an answer. Please reach out to me < robinson.victoria@epa.gov > and I will work to get an answer to your question. As to getting transcripts online more quickly, that effort is related to external transcription efforts. Transcripts have to be reviewed and corrected to reflect actual language rather than what automated systems create. We will explore how to get that done faster. Thank you.
Is the EPA considering strengthening partnerships with ENGOs to advise and deploy environmental programs?	Fernando Crocheron	live answered

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Has there been any inquiry into need for sign interpretation for hearing impaired folks in these meetings?	Velma Campbell, she/her/ella	Hi Velma, thank you so much for your question. We do ask individuals before the meeting if they need to request any reasonable accomodation before a call, which includes any language interpretation or translation. If you or someone you know does need sign interpretation for our calls, please email me (motilall.christina@epa.gov) in advance so we can arrange that. Thank you again!
How does this plan with EJ and Equity work out for Tribes that have still not received their Awarded Cooperative Agreement funds for Superfund Sites? In particular I am thinking of Quapaw Nation in OK that has yet to receive their necessary funding for their Tar Creek Site which was awarded in February 2020. As we all know this is the last week of FY21 so just hoping all Tribes receive their FY21 funding. Thanks.	rstevens@cdatriben-nsn.gov	Hello, thank you for your question. I would suggest you reach out to our [Correction] Region 6 EJ coordinator Gloria Vaughn (vaughn.gloria@epa.gov. Also the EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management's EJ coordinator Ellen Manges (manges.ellen@epa.gov)
Can you chat in which programs are pilots? Thanks.	Beth	The 6 EPA programs in the Justice40 Pilot are: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund, Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Reducing Lead in Drinking Water Brownfields Program, Superfund Remedial Program, and the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act Program (DERA). The full list of programs in the Justice40 pilot can be found here: https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/M-21-28.pdf
I saw an announcement for nominations to an Equity Commissions at USDA. Is there going to be something similar at EPA or other federal agencies?	Carolyn Berndt	live answered
How is the EPA engaging FCC and FAA to ensure the space race for satellite constellations and spaceports and bigger rocketships don't create new sacrifice zones as is already happening in Brownsville TX? Right now FCC categorically excludes megaconstellations of satellites orbiting our atmosphere. Refer to this NRDC article. United Nations has reports on this issue as well. Space race is streamlining regs, bypassing NEPA (as in FCC), hurting us just like the rush to find oil hurt us. https://www.nrdc.org/experts/sharon-buccino/look-you-launch-what-nepa-requires-fcc	Diana Umpierre	Hi Jesse, thank you for your question. Please contact the EPA Office of Air's EJ Coordinator Francisco Donez (Donez.Francisco@epa.gov) to begin a conversation on this. I truly apologize Diana for the misname. I did want you to have the contact information though! Please contact the EPA Office of Air's EJ Coordinator Francisco Donez (Donez.Francisco@epa.gov) to begin a conversation on this. Our office of Air may know more on this! I know you also gave your email address to Victoria, just wanted to follow back up with you!
Where can we see the reports or plans or actions comming out of any of the E. O.s? Where is this "EJ Scorecard?" Can you post the links to the "6 programs" that have been developed? (assuming this EPA community engagement is one of 6? There were many required elements within 6 months or 90 days, etc. of these put out in January 2021...?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
What does CEQ stand for?	Aterah, Longmont, CO	Hi, thank you for your question. It stands for the White House's Council on Environmental Quality: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/
Integrating EJ into strategic planning creates specificity, clarity and accountability. Thanks for that updte Matthew.	Greg Lovato, Nevada DEP	
why is almost every major agency included EXCEPT for the GSA?-- the General Services Administration Agency controls operations and energy/climate performance of the entire Federal Government!?!?	Anonymous Attendee	Hi, apologies, can you let me know specifically what you are referring to GSA not being included in? Thank you!

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Has there been any discussion around addressing socio-economic status in messaging? I am concerned that poor white communities may feel left behind unless we specifically address the impacts to their communities as well as a BIPOC communities. Mining and oil production communities, or agricultural areas, benefit from jobs - but suffer disproportionate health impacts. We can't forget them.	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Please pay close attention to Superfund contamination and damage done to low-income, predominantly African American communities in flood-prone areas. Historically, the big corporations responsible for the damage, like Honeywell, have called all the shots and been able to ignore the pleas of the communities so the contaminants remain. EPA has the authority to require meaningful and effective remedies/clean up plans!!	Alice Keyes	Hi Alice, thank you very much for your comment. We agree and will make sure we bring this to our Superfund colleagues at EPA.
Is the Air Monitoring program (part of \$50M) you just mentioned likely to fund community organizing/education? Or just placement of equipment?	Adrian Rehn, Valley Vision	Thank you, this was answered live
Has the EJScreen always been managed by CEQ and OMB? Are there opportunities to suggest indicators (e.g. a water security indicator) to identify EJ communities that could benefit from targeted infrastructure funding?	Yasmin Zaerpoor (she/her) - PolicyLink	EJScreen is an EPA screening tool, created and managed by EPA -- it is not nor has been managed by CEQ or OMB. Rather, CEQ, in response to EO14008, is working to develop the Climate and Economic [Justice] Screening Tool, which is partially modeled on EJScreen. We will forward your request to suggest indicators to that CEQ team working on the CEJST tool. Thank you.
Which section of the Safe Drinking Water Act is relevant to the American Rescue money? Thanks.	Beth	SEC. 6002.(a)(1)(B) section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1); https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text
Which specific section of the SDWA is included in the American Rescue Plan?	SSESSOMS	SEC. 6002.(a)(1)(B) section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (42 U.S.C. 300j-1); https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/1319/text
How do we get on the EJ listserv?	Emily Tracy	For up-to-date information about Environmental Justice funding opportunities, events, and webinars, subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a BLANK email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov
Will the \$50M for EJ include competitive grants that state agencies can apply for or are the Grant's for community groups and indigenous tribes only?	Denise Bennett	live answered
I would be interested to know how Justice 40 will impact the availability of grants to limited income population for private well, drinking water, and septic system improvements. In addition, will this impact the state revolving funds and how states allocate funds?	Andy Lazur	Thanks for your question. My understanding is that there will be an upcoming community engagement call with the EPA pilot programs from the Office of Water and more information will be posted here when it's available: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/community-outreach-and-engagement
I think I found it: "Introduction to EPA Grants" (Sept 29) https://www.eventbrite.com/e/introduction-to-epa-grants-registration-168964434171	Adrian Rehn, Valley Vision	Thank you! You can also find more information here: https://www.epa.gov/amtic/american-rescue-plan
Is there any work being done to ensure low-income households maintain access to water despite an inability to pay? If this is not within your jurisdiction, what would you need to include this within your work?	Anonymous Attendee	Great question. Three Justice40 pilot programs within the Office of Water will be the focus of our engagement call on October 26. Keep an eye out for registration information by visiting https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls . In addition, we will forward your question to EPA's Office of Water. Thank you.

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The registration page for the webinar information said that no specific info about the Air Monitoring grants would be given and it would be more general EPA grant information. So, will there be info about the specific grant program actually discussed?	Velma Campbell, she/her/ella	Hi there, more information can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/amtic/american-rescue-plan . Thank you!
I don't know if you will be coming to this, but as this session is specific to Justice 40 as it relates to the SRF programs and the Lead Reduction WIIN grant, have there been any strategies developed yet on infusing EJ concepts and Justice 40 goals into these programs?	MSPINALE	Great question. Three Justice40 pilot programs within the Office of Water will be the focus of our engagement call on October 26. Keep an eye out for registration information by visiting https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls
Will the epa be working with other gov agencies and commissions, like the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC), on assessing and developing EJ standards that apply across agencies?	Jesse Deer In Water, CRAFT< He/Him	Hi Jesse, thank you for your question. EPA has been engaging in a lot of interagency and intra-agency work which includes different workgroups and also the work under Justice40. Our goal is to create a whole-of-government approach to EJ to better support our communities.
The State of Utah has taken a lead for a massive development project on the environmentally sensitive south shores of the Great Salt Lake known as the Utah Inland Port. Both environmental and environmental justice advocates are greatly concerned with the impacts of this pending development from air quality, water quality and wildlife impacts, among other concerns. Who might we work with directly at the EPA Environmental Justice office to provide critical accountability on environmental and environmental justice issues we believe are being overlooked by state political leaders?	Jordan River Commission	Hi Jordan, thank you for your question. Please reach out to the EPA Region 8 EJ coordinator: Corbin Darling (darling.corbin@epa.gov)
Do these air monitors pick up radionuclides?	Jesse Deer In Water, CRAFT< He/Him	Hi Jesse, thank you for your question. Please contact the EPA Office of Air's EJ Coordinator Francisco Donez (Donez.Francisco@epa.gov) to begin a conversation on this.
Are there match requirements for these grants?	Maria Boyd ANA	Hi Maria, thank you for your important question! We do NOT have match requirements for our grants. To clarify, we do not have match requirements for the grants using American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding we discussed. Office of environmental Justice grants also do not have match requirements. Thank you!
Will there be a community of practice created for more rapid sharing of practices that are working or promising (esp less expensive but higher impact, coverage etc, data sharing etc)? — saw this from LA https://airquality.lacity.org/ NASA+LA+local partners and others - great to learn more from them and all others here about great work already existing or emerging.	Megan Smith	Hi Megan, thank you for your comment and resource. We are always working to improve how we share best practices, right now we rely on our webpages. Thank you for the suggestion!
Is there a contact name(s) at OMB and/or CEQ for the Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool?	Anonymous Attendee	The Council of Environmental Quality is leading the development and roll out of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. Questions on the status of the tool should be directed to CEQ: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/
please keep up the good work ..thank you for all your effort on behalf of us all.	yolanda ferguson	Thank you.

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'@Christina, I believe the E.O.s (both the ones mentioned, can't recall the numbers) on climate &/ or EJ , list specific agencies like EPA, OMB, DOE, etc.-- BUT DO NOT include GSA-- check it out...)	Anonymous Attendee	The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) are collectively leading environmental justice efforts across the Federal government, including Justice40. For more information about the EJ IAC and the recent EOs, please contact CEQ: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/ .
Thanks, Christine - I was actually asking if the webinar would be discussing specifics of the Air Monitoring grants, since the registration said it would not be doing that.	Velma Campbell, she/her/ella	Hi Jesse, thank you for your question. Please contact the EPA Office of Air's EJ Coordinator Francisco Donez (Donez.Francisco@epa.gov) to begin a conversation on this.
Can you include the registration information in Spanish? I recieved notification about this in Spanish but everything after that point was in English. Also, what capacity exists to communicate with grant applicants in Spanish. Is there any? I am guessing that grant application will probably have to be submitted in English.	Abel Olivo	Hi Abel. Great question and reminder to us to do better about ensuring access for non-English speakers. We will explore adding a Spanish language option for registration. As to providing information in Spanish for grant applicants, I do know that for the various EJ grants, we conduct at least one Spanish language session for grant applicants for each grant RFP. I will pass your question to Jason Burney <burney.jacob@epa.gov> in our office to get information about the languages required for submission of proposals. Thank you.
There is a regional planning process underway in the 14-state Ohio River basin/Appalachia to create a regional restoration and protection plan for the region's waters that is centered around equity and justice. Are there ways we can partner with EPA's EJ office (public engagement or otherwise) to meet our collective goal of advancing a visionary and bold model for regional ecosystem restoation that priorities reversing environmental injustices in rural and urban communities and promoting an equitable economy? thanks for the great work and commitment to community engagemnt.	Jordan Lubetkin	Thanks for your question. We have efforts in Appalachia in partnership with ARC and other agencies. Please follow up with Samantha Beers, EJ lead from our Region 3 office. beers.samantha@epa.gov
Can grant money be available for targeted dentistry and oral health education services to replace fluoridation when CWF is curtailed as a result of the current science on fluoride's developmental neurological harm in the womb and post-natal?	Anonymous Attendee	Hello, thank you for your question. We fund opportunities based on the applications we receive, we do not set money aside for specific programs. For more information about EPA's environmental justice grants, please contact Jacob Burney, EPA OEJ, Burney.Jacob@epa.gov. Thank you!
Thanks Christina, I will pass this along to Quapaw Nation.	rstevens@cdatribe-nsn.gov	You are welcome!
how do you best go about about applying for aomething like that ..how would wqe know where we attend those meeting .. nejack..not sure how spell it ,,	yolanda ferguson	Hi Yolanda, are you talking about these calls or the webinars EPA hosts on grants? Hi Yolanda, it is the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council . Thank you! Hi, ok, we do not have any upcoming NEJAC meetings scheduled at this time, but when we do, you can find the registration link here: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-advisory-council-meetings . Also, if you sign up for our listserv, that will come to you as well. You can subscribe to EPA's Environmental Justice listserv by sending a BLANK email to: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov.

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<p>Related: Does anyone in the EJ cross-agency teams have a focus on updating the 'methods' we are all using for input — esp from our various advisory committees like NEJAC and WHEJAC etc — all are so important and filled with valuable insights, practice, have numeric & narrative lived experience data, etc.... (eg like Pres Lincoln's time of upgrading from the Pony Express to use the Telegraph in the day) — are we modernizing our use of communities of practice sharing with digital capacity and more — in terms of modernizing how we work more effectively together given the Internet?</p>	Megan Smith	<p>Thank you for your question, Megan. We have a number of ways we are trying to connect with communities, such as our new social media (Twitter handle) and putting more information out on the internet. NEJAC and WHEJAC are important conduits for information. If you have any specific ideas (platforms, etc.) for modernizing, please do share with our team -- robinson.victoria@epa.gov or kumar.chitra@epa.gov. Thanks.</p>
<p>If the White House is becoming the clearinghouse that puts a lot of power in the elected party. What checks will there be in the term to protect this from becoming overly political?</p>	Jeri Fry	<p>The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and the White House Environmental Justice Interagency Council (IAC) are collectively leading environmental justice efforts across the Federal government, including Justice40. For more information about the EJ IAC, please contact CEQ: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/</p>
<p>...thank you for these regular programs.</p>	Megan Smith	<p>You're welcome. Thank you for your participation.</p>
<p>@christina-- who can we contact to give input and feedback on the "CEJST" tool-- there may be private sector efforts related, and community input...thanks</p>	Anonymous Attendee	<p>The Council of Environmental Quality is leading the development and roll out of the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool. Questions on the status of the tool should be directed to CEQ: https://www.whitehouse.gov/ceq/</p>
<p>I'm from Community Members for Environmental Justice in North Minneapolis. As people who live in these overburdened EJ communities we battle multiple harms and toxins on a daily and while we do the hard work. We aren't funded as larger national groups are who also exploit our struggles and stories and new groups coming out who just see millions and take advantage of community's work. How will you prioritize funding so that community members on the Frontline actually get this opportunity. We went through a Pandemic, Fires from Metal Shredders like EMR/Northern Metals, Police Brutality, Uprisings, Gun violence and a homeless epidemic.. We stayed doing the work also in the face of inequitable developments on our last piece of undeveloped land and inaccessible Mississippi River. North Minneapolis like South Minneapolis need EPA's support. and we need to be prioritized for grant funding to pay Black women and women of color on the frontlines.</p>	Roxanne OBrien	<p>live answered</p>
<p>Ok, thank you. I thought that the SRF/WIIN focus was today on the 28th based on the listing that came out originally.</p>	MSPINALE	<p>Our apologies. The schedule has changed, due to a variety of factors. I will update the main page to reflect that change.</p>
<p>This might have already been addressed at past meetings, but are there efforts within EPA, maybe stemming from J40, to come up with a 'universal' definition for 'communities with EJ issues' that can be used as the baseline definition by all of EPA? This topic has come up significantly when meeting with our states/tribes/communities, particularly in Region 9. Some agencies have a definition of their own, but some don't. Knowing what definition to use causes much discussion.</p>	Gaby Baeza-Castaneda	<p>Hi Gaby, thank you very much for your message. This has been very important to EPA. We do not like to speak for communities, it is very important that we hear how they want to identify themselves. I am the Office of Environmental Justice's Communication Lead and happy to discuss this further, please email me at motilall.christina@epa.gov. Thank you!</p>

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Suggestion - AARP has state and local offices around the country and a very strong Livable Communities Program. I wonder if they could help small NPOs navigate the grant application process. They do other tax and financial workshops, why not this?	Ginger Wireman - she/her/ella	Thanks for the suggestion. NGO partners are important and many have come forward. Knowing that AARP helps with financial workshops is useful. I know Danielle Arigoni. Is that who you're referring to? If not, please put me in contact with the right point of contact, kumar.chitra@epa.gov.
Thanks, Chitra. I appreciate the answer and will follow up with Samantha. Jordan	Anonymous Attendee	You are very welcome.
Clarification - Matt T said OP had given the BF Program \$4M under the ARP for Technical Assistance. The Congress appropriated and authorized \$5M directly to the BF Program for Technical Assistance, and we have committed those funds to our Technical Assistance to Brownfields Providers.	David Lloyd	Thank you!
For your later convenience in reaching me directly. la sheila sims via the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's EJ Advisory Group. Please assign someone to be in direct contact with me.	la sheila sims	Please reach out to your EPA regional EJ coordinator: Kathy Triantafillou (triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov). I will let her know your email is coming!
I appreciate if you contact me back to get you more info. Thanks you	Diana Umpierre	Thank you. Can you provide your email address?
https://www.unoosa.org/documents/pdf/studies/Space-Sustainability-Stakeholder-Engagment-Study-Outcome-Report.pdf	Diana Umpierre	Thank you for this information.
I speak regularly with community and government representatives in EJ communities around the USA, and it's become clear to me that there is little to no information on some new technologies that are available from the private sector that can provide support for EJ programs and goals, and also help industry better track real & projected impact due to their activities. Does the EPA have an information forum where these options can be shared with a larger audience interested in this topic? Thank you.	Alex Zamudio	Hi Alex, thank you for your message. This is a great point. At this time, we do not promote or endorse private and third-party resources. If you would like to discuss further, please feel free to email me motilall.christina@epa.gov. Thank you!
well thank you appreciate that ..you have my my permission to give her my email address ..	yolanda ferguson	Hi Yolanda, we do not have your email address. Please feel free to reach out directly yourself. Thank you!
Benton Harbor is a small city in Berrien County, Michigan. They have exceeded EPA lead levels in drinking water. Appreciate if you can take this into consideration as you think of solutions and resources for mitigation to help people in this city.	Padma T Uppala	Hi Padma, thank you for your message. For assistance with your site-specific concerns, please reach out to your EPA region 5 EJ coordinator: Kathy Triantafillou (triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov)
https://www.saverge.org/spacex	Diana Umpierre	Thank you.
good idea. 612-434-9593, mindstates22@yahoo.com, Cmejustice.org	Roxanne OBrien	Thank you.
Thank you, for your time and attention to the important issues I've raised. I look forward to hearing from someone from your agency.	la sheila sims	Hi La Sheila. Can you provide your contact information. Your response will be kept private.
My name is NOT Jesse. I think Cristina Motilall replied to wrong person. My Q was about EPA involvement w/ FCC and FAA on space related industries.	Diana Umpierre	Diana, I am very sorry, I accidently got my messages crossed. Appreciate you letting me know.

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'@Nicolette, Thanks, but that's not helpful-- it's just a website, with no direct contact email. Please give us an email address for Brenda Mallory or other direct CEQ members, thanks.	Anonymous Attendee	Here is the "contact us" page that appears when I click on the CEQ site. https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/
Pembroke Township, Illinois needs technical assistance to address health issues raw sewerage flooding onto surface, and environmental injustice in the town. jifunzawright@blackoakscenter.org Looking to conserve the triple biome conservationist lifestyle and switch to renewable energy but NICOR gas is challenging thus black farming community and their lifestyle to bring in a gas pipeline that they have thwarted a few times over 40 years. Unincorporated area needs EJ help to stop this action.	Cheryl W.	Hi Cheryl, thank you for your message. For assistance with your site-specific concerns, please reach out to your EPA region 5 EJ coordinator: Kathy Triantafillou (triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov). Thank you!
Can you shed light on why the oil/gas lease sale is opening up in the Gulf of Mexico? And why more are slated for 2022 despite EO14008 and the consistent cries of Gulf communities against the sales? Regardless of the 13 states who filed suits, how is this possible? How is this "environmental justice"?	Aurora Aparicio Collazo	Thank you for your question. Please contact the EPA Office of Air's EJ Coordinator Francisco Donez (Donez.Francisco@epa.gov) to begin a conversation on this.
The web location for information on our Brownfields Technical Assistance Program is www.epa.gov/brownfields	David Lloyd	Thanks, David.
A school in Watts needs immediate assistance to protect students and staff from the dangerous impacts from a metal recycler. Please visit our website that provides background on this serious environmental and racial injustice: https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16939	Torres, Carlos	Thank you for this link.
It's interesting to me how many communities have EJ issues related to radioactive contamination. We are confronting the full force of the nuclear industry/federal promotion of nuclear power as our EJ community now is being pushed to site a nuclear power plant after the community overwhelmingly rejected it about 10 years ago. We are already an air pollution and industrial waste sacrifice zone - now we have to fight against being a nuclear sacrifice zone. How will the EPA EJ programs help communities oppose programs that are being promoted by other federal agencies? It's not just dealing with multiple agencies, it may be conflicting goals of the agencies. Also, it would be good to connect with and support other communities dealing with radioactive contamination. Velma Campbell - vlcampb3@gmail.com .	Velma Campbell, she/her/ella	
Thank you. As an indigenous environmental organization, we are doing all we can to be involved locally, statewide and hope that nationwide we can receive support. You may contact me at maritza@sacredplacesinstitute.org . Thank you	Maritza A. - SPI	Thank you for your contact information Maritza!
I am cofounder of Colorado Citizens Against Toxic Waste (est 2002) We brought in EPA's help to our community by way of Community Advisory Group to address our 37-year old Superfund Site. We are able to meet with EPA and CDPHE monthly. We also have used the Technical Advisory Grant (TAG) and the TASC programs. These are great tools for communities. a comment next.	Jeri Fry	Thank you.

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<p>Thank you, Christina. So at this point, a definition for disadvantaged communities will remain as set by each program? (apologies, I meant to say disadvantaged communities, not communities with EJ issues).</p>	<p>Gaby Baeza-Castaneda</p>	<p>Hi Gaby, the terms we use to describe communities point back to what EJ is. Environmental justice (EJ) 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.</p> <p>Fair treatment means no group of people should bear a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences resulting from industrial, governmental and commercial operations or policies.</p> <p>Meaningful involvement means: People have an opportunity to participate in decisions about activities that may affect their environment and/or health; The public's contribution can influence the regulatory agency's decision; Community concerns will be considered in the decision making process; and Decision makers will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected.</p> <p>As programs keep what EJ is, there a few terms that use to encompass all that I descibed above.</p>
<p>If the White House is becoming the clearinghouse with these 14008 Exec Orders, that puts a lot of power in the control of the elected party. What checks will there be in the longterm to keep Environmental Justice "blind" to protect the justice from becoming politically weponized?</p>	<p>Jeri Fry</p>	<p>live answered</p>
<p>A comment regarding uranium mines on Navajo Nation. I would suggest contacting the R9 Superfund Division. They have Remedial Project Managers (RPMs) along with a Navajo speaking Community Involvement Coordinator assigned to AUM sites and communities impacted my these mines.</p>	<p>SHUBBA02</p>	<p>Thank you for your comment!</p>
<p>Thank you for this presentation. Communities affected by the Portland Harbor Superfund site request more regular consultation with National EPA and EJ leadership, leaders in J40, and also Ms. Brenda Mallory. We hope to meet with Ms. Mallory this October, when she is coming out to meet with Duwamish Valley Superfund community leaders in Seattle. Thank you, Cassie Cohen, Executive Director - Portland Harbor Community Coalition; cassie@phccoalition.org</p>	<p>Portland Harbor Community Coalition</p>	