

**EPA National EJ Community Engagement Call**  
**January 25, 2022**  
**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 maintain an open dialogue with environmental justice advocates. As environmental justice continues to be integrated into EPA programs and policies, the Agency hopes that these calls will help reaffirm EPA's continued commitment to work with community groups and the public to strengthen local environmental and human health outcomes.

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Will close-captioning be provided for this meeting? I know that Zoom provides automatic transcription that can be seen from everyone.	Anonymous Attendee	Good question. Unfortunately, automatic transcription is not available for this call. We are exploring how we can do it under EPA's master Zoom license. Hopefully, we will be able to offer that service on future calls. Thank you for reminding us about the need to expand accessibility.  In addition, the transcripts for this and every call are made available on our website following each call: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>
Where are the Bio's all the speakers	Ms.Margaret Gordon	Hi Ms. Margaret, thank you for your question. We do not currently produce bios for speakers for this call but that is a great suggestion. We will look into that. In the meantime, if there is anyone is particular that you'd like to know more about following the call, please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a> .
Fluoride has been enshrined as a protected pollutant for more than 70 years. Blacks and other vulnerable subgroups are disproportionately harmed by exposure to fluoride. The fluoridation issue has been assigned to the NEJAC Water Infrastructure workgroup, according to NEJAC leadership and in response to my repeated commenting at NEJAC public meetings. How do we get curtailing fluoridation included in the Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures?	John Mueller	Hi John - thanks for your comment. Fluoride is not addressed in our draft Lead Strategy, which if specific to lead. Macara Lousberg ( <a href="mailto:lousberg.macara@epa.gov">lousberg.macara@epa.gov</a> ) in the Office of Water is a good contact for issues related to fluoride.
Do the required action plans come with additional budget lines for implementation related to equity goals?	Baltimore Green Space	Hi there, Matt is addressing that in his discussion but if you have any follow up questions, please feel free to email me <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a> .
You answered the question in the talk thank you! Glad you are also budgeting for it as well as planning!	Baltimore Green Space	Oh, well there you go! Glad you got the info you needed. Yes it is a big part of the strategic plan!
Will slides be made available to attendees?	Germaine Patterson	Hi Germaine, yes slides, a recording, and other meeting materials will be made available on the following website after the call: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>

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Could we please get an update on the development and release of the White House Climate and Environmental Justice Screening Tool and how EPA had been involved with that tool? Thank you!	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for your question. The Office of Management of Budget (OMB) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) are leading the development of this tool. They are planning a release for early this year. CEQ would be able to provide more information: <a href="https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/">https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/</a>
will we be able to get a copy of the slides	Curtis Da'Von	Hi Curtin, yes slides, a recording, and other meeting materials will be made available on the following website after the call: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>
The slides are moving too fast to take notes, I hope this presentation will be available.	JKELEHER	Hi, apologies on the pace. Yes slides, a recording, and other meeting materials will be made available on the following website after the call: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>
Can you provide links in the chat.	Shaina Oliver	Hi Shaina, The public can register for a speaking slot during the regional sessions here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities">https://www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities</a> .
We need more transparency between local state federal government, that works against the families and older cities and towns with large EJ40 population. The trio's work hard to undermine the families, will EJ40 make them work for us 40% more or same o stuff	Buddy	Hi Buddy, thank you very much for your comment. We will bring this back to our program.
Related to John Mueller's point, hydrofluosilicic acid (the "fluoride" used in over 90% of water fluoridation programs, which are primarily in urban water systems) is known to help lead leach out of pipes and also assists the absorption of lead into the brain. So, while fluoride itself is a neurotoxin (and EPA is currently being sued about its neurotoxicity under the Toxic Substances Control Act for allowing an unsafe level of fluoride in drinking water), it's relationship with lead exposure cannot be ignored and should be part of any lead strategy. Since fluoride doesn't need to be added to drinking water and is more about helping the phosphate industry dispose of its hazardous waste, ending water fluoridation should be explored as the quickest (and money-saving) way to start cutting down lead exposure in drinking water.	Mike Ewall	Mike Ewall - thanks for clarifying the connection between fluorination and the draft Lead Strategy. We will bring this back our team. We encourage you to also submit your comments to the docket by March 16: <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762</a>
Is there any educational session for Region 4, Alabama for lead strategy?	Azita Amiri	Hi Azita, Yes, there will be listening session for EPA Region 4. The link for the Region 4 session is: <a href="https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-CtrzgvGg6FI5emNSUnxBglz-IgIvo">https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsf-CtrzgvGg6FI5emNSUnxBglz-IgIvo</a>
If this webinar was for community engagement the impacted residents and vulnerable people have speaking role. All announcement should be at closing of webinar	Ms.Margaret Gordon	Thank you Ms. Margaret. We appreciate that insight. We do want to make sure we present information to allow everyone to respond and ask questions on ongoing and upcoming EPA initiatives. This feedback is invaluable to our work.

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Thank you Stiven. The basis of my question is that fluoridated tap water leaches lead from pipes and fittings. One means of reducing lead exposure is to stop adding a chemical that produces more lead at the tap. Can it still be added to the Draft Strategy?	John Mueller	John - thanks for this clarification. We will be revising the strategy in the spring and will share your comment with our team. We encourage you to also submit your comments to the docket before March 16: <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762</a>
If a community wins a grant for say, real time, hand held monitors, will EPA support a local community in taking their data to local or state agencies? Where I live I don't think these agencies have used publicly gathered data and worry it would be difficult for them to take the data seriously?	Anonymous Attendee	Projects can generate fit-for-purpose data to inform a range of decisions associated with improved environmental management. The data is also expected to be made publicly available by grant recipients
Will there be a community air monitoring grant open to evaluation research? Typically \$100,000 will only pay for the implementation and data collection but not the evaluation.	Jonathan Pruitt (He/him)- Catholic Charities EJ Program	As part of the American Rescue Plan this is the only competition for air monitoring
what is the link for q and a session on the air monitoring grants	Marla Painter	<a href="https://www.epa.gov/grants/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-communities">https://www.epa.gov/grants/enhanced-air-quality-monitoring-communities</a>
Stopping the addition of fluoridating chemicals fits perfectly into meeting Goal 1, Objective B, Reduce Exposure to Lead from Drinking Water. How can this be added to the Draft Strategy? This is an example of the studies confirming the association with lead: <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17420053/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17420053/</a>	John Mueller	John - we will share your suggesting to include fluoridation under Goal 1 Objective B of the Lead Strategy, and as mentioned earlier we encourage you to submit your comments to the docket: <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762</a>
The grants disbursement aren't develop base on cost living for region	Ms.Margaret Gordon	live answered
Clarification on announcement regarding EJ Strategic Plan. Is the EPA claiming (in any way) that citizens have given their consent and endorsement for the draft EPA Strategic plan?  Being the plan is being sent to the White House for finalization - i think it should be made clear if EPA is claiming consent and endorsement by citizens and members of community who provided feedback or written comments. Feedback and written comments is NOT equivalent to consent or endorsement	Anonymous Attendee	Hello, thank you for this comment. We will take this back to your program.
Hi, we are seeing increasing lead levels in Flint that seems to coincide with the City and State blending our source water with another... without doing testing first. Could we get more clarification on regulations surrounding blending of source water to the Lead Draft strategy??	Melissa Mays	Melissa - the Lead Strategy will cover the Lead and Copper Rule Improvement efforts. We will share your request for more clarity about blending source water with our team. We also encourage you to submit comments to the docket at: <a href="https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762">https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-HQ-OLEM-2021-0762</a>
I'm concerned how much EPA EJ information is coming to communities via online webinars. EJ communities often don't have the same internet infrastructure as not-impacted communities - so this method of dispersing information can be a very real barrier.	Anonymous Attendee	Hello, thank you for this very important comment. We absolutely agree and are seeking new and helpful ways to communicate with all communities. We acknowledge the digital divide and are trying to work to remove as many barriers as we can. If you have any suggestions, please email me at <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a> .
What are some examples of the P2 source reduction projects funded by the BIL P2 grants?	Anita	Some examples of P2 projects can be found on our EPA P2 website at this location: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/p2/pollution-prevention-case-studies">https://www.epa.gov/p2/pollution-prevention-case-studies</a>

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Where could one go to seek employment with the endeavors just mentioned?	Curtis Da'Von	Hi Curtis, to clarify, are you asking for employment opportunities within EPA to work on grants or work with those who receive the grant money? Thank you for clarifying.
When will the P2 program EJ-focused mapping tool be released?	Stephanie Williams	It will be posted at the same time the P2 Grants solicitations are posted. The link to the tool will be in the P2 grant solicitation.
Can you speak to what the EPA is doing to improve engagement with tribal communities? Are any of the webinars or outreach being done in Indigenous languages or use alternate platforms that are culturally competent to these communities?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered Information on EJ Tribal Webinars: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples</a> There will also be a dedicated session for Tribal and Indigenous communities for the Draft Lead Strategy. Information will be posted here when the date has been set: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities">https://www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities</a> For additional questions on this, please email me at <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a> .
Thank you Stiven. It seems that these agencies and systems have been able to dodge regulations due to the gap between permanent changes and blending of source water.	Melissa Mays	One of the goals of the Lead and Copper Rule Improvement is to close loop holes and gaps in protections. We appreciate your comment and will share it with the team.
Thank you Stiven, for making the suggestion. What is the deadline for submitting comments to that docket?	John Mueller	March 16, 2022
Thank you Ms. Margaret for that question. Maybe an analysis is needed for the equitable distribution of EPA's grants?	Jonathan Pruitt (He/him)- Catholic Charities EJ Program	Thank you Jonathan, we appreciate that insight. We agree that EPA needs to continue to evaluate many programs, including grants. We are always striving to make our grants process is more equitable. If you have a suggestion, please email me at <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a>
There are other issues with fluoride other than high lead levels, such as neurotoxicity. <a href="https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25715/review-of-the-draft-ntp-monograph-systematic-review-of-fluoride">https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25715/review-of-the-draft-ntp-monograph-systematic-review-of-fluoride</a> <a href="https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32666538/">https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32666538/</a>	Azita Amiri	Hi Azita, thank you for sharing this resource with all of us.
Would not the application be written to reflect what the community group thinks it can do within their economic situation. How an EPA do that for each town/group?	Anonymous Attendee	Correct - the applicant proposes the costs necessary for their proposal and all EPA grant competitions evaluate the applicant's proposed budget
The applicant can make their case to do less or more with \$X based on their situation.	Anonymous Attendee	Correct - the applicant proposes the costs necessary for their proposal and all EPA grant competitions evaluate the applicant's proposed budget

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Has the EPA considered offering stipends/honorariums with people like Ms. Margaret across the country to get input from local EJ organizers to improve these calls? She is offering something critical that would make these programs more effective, impactful, successful, and powerful. EJ organizers are often expected to do this kind of thing for free, and it can be very overwhelming on top of the rest of local EJ organizing work.	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Community Engagement should be community driven o don't for get the tool boxes again will J40 change anything like this caller.	Buddy	live answered
Im not sure. it was in reference of the wave of new hires that should be coming in?	Curtis Da'Von	<p>The new EPA positions to support the new P2 Grants under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law are currently being advertised in the job announcement on USA Jobs at the following location. To view the specifics of this announcement or apply, please click the following link:  <a href="https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/631967300">https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/631967300</a></p> <p>RTP-MC-DE-2022-0008  Agency:Environmental Protection Agency  Title:Environmental Protection Specialist  Series &amp; Grades Advertised:GS-0028-9/11  Location of Position:Washington, DC  Position Type:Permanent  Opening Date:January 19, 2022  Closing Date:January 31, 2022  Number of Vacancies:Multiple</p>
"slides will be posted soon" she said. doesn't seem like things get posted that quickly from these meetings. can you please put the link for the nasa solicitation in the chat?	Anonymous Attendee	<p>Of course, here is the link to the solicitation:  <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/roses-2021/amendment-52-new-opportunity-roses-a49-earth-science-applications-equity-and-environmental-justice">https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/roses-2021/amendment-52-new-opportunity-roses-a49-earth-science-applications-equity-and-environmental-justice</a>  Thank you for your feedback, we do work to get materials on the web as quickly as possible. These slides will be posted today to this webpage:  <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>. In addition, the link for the solicitation is:  <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/roses-2021/amendment-52-new-opportunity-roses-a49-earth-science-applications-equity-and-environmental-justice">https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/solicitations/roses-2021/amendment-52-new-opportunity-roses-a49-earth-science-applications-equity-and-environmental-justice</a></p>
Will you be sharing the presentation with attendees?	María Gabriela Huertas Díaz	Hi Maria, yes slides, a recording, and other meeting materials will be made available on the following website after the call: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>
Is NASAs funding opportunities being held to J40 standards and metrics?	Anonymous Attendee	NASA is not a Justice40 agency.
Could you put the arset website on the last slide in this chat? Clarification on my last question - the website for the 1/27 training...	Christina Lovingood	<a href="https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/join-mission/training/english/arset-earth-observations-toolkit-sustainable-cities-and-human">https://appliedsciences.nasa.gov/join-mission/training/english/arset-earth-observations-toolkit-sustainable-cities-and-human</a>

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Will EJ (black) groups get the grants or thoes who say they speak for us and don't live with us ?	Buddy	Hi Buddy, hope Matt answered your question! If not, let me know!
Sydney—would schoolage children qualify? There is a school club on renewables and energy efficiency in frontline communities (EJ communities).	Suzanne Kim	DEVELOP participants are 18 years and older.
Great work at NASA!	H Kramer	Great work indeed!
Critical to expand users to NASA data...currently is is very hard to use..especially the PM data. What can be done to fix this problem...?	jane williams	live answered
So excited to see NASA involved in helping EJ communities achieve solutions.	Brandi Crawford-Johnson	Thanks Brandi! We're excited to figure out best ways to help.
Thanks NASA... includind the youth/student outreach (help them "work on our hometown for homework!" ... engaging impacful STEAM learning)	Megan Smith	Thanks! Our DEVELOP program is working with Groundwork USA to reach even more youth. See <a href="https://groundworkusa.org/csn/nasa/">https://groundworkusa.org/csn/nasa/</a>
Can the question of consent and endorsement by EJ communities for the EPA EJ Plan be responded to?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Today presentations was very informative, and i enjoyed each and every session. I will be researching the links that was given for additional information, again Thanks to all of you, GREAT JOB!!!!	Shela poke-williams	Thank you very much!
Does NASA have any data on ulrafine PM?	Azita Amiri	Please learn more about current efforts with our Health and Air Quality Science Team (HAQAST) Tiger Team: <a href="https://haqast.org/tiger-teams/">https://haqast.org/tiger-teams/</a>
Similarly, are there funding opportunities for young Black women environmental justice activists?	Diamond Spratling, GPE	Hi Diamond, thank you for your question. I don't know of any at this time, but if you'd like to email me at <a href="mailto:motilall.christina@epa.gov">motilall.christina@epa.gov</a> we can continue this conversation. Thank you!
Great - the EPA has asked a lot for free from me and other local impacted people over the years. It's frustrating. And I'm sure I'm not the only local EJ organizer experiencing this.	Anonymous Attendee	Hi, thank you for your comment, we appreciate you voicing this frustration and we hope you continue to do so and hold us accountable.
Hello everyone! Chiming in from our EJ community here in Gary, Indiana! Thank you for doing this call.	Kimmie Gordon	Hi Kimmie, thanks very much for chiming in, great to hear from you!
We who represent these underserved communities have countless times pointed out the fact that for decades, community and faith based organizations, which are the primary service points in underserved communities, lack access to necessary funding sources and the technical resource tools, thus making a difficult funding situation impossible, the end result being we continue to be shut out of the funding sream primarily goverened at the State level due largely to the inability to compete for these grants.	Will Patterson	Will, thank you for this very important insight. We know this is a problem and that EPA must improve. Please continue to engage with us and feel free to send additional comments forward to any of us. Thank you!
Thank you as an EPA EJ Academy Fellow from Legal Aid of Western Ohio.	crutledge	Thank you for attending today!

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Making EPA's BENmap tool usable by mere mortals would be lovely.	Mike Ewall	I will relay your comment to EPA's BenMAP team. EPA is re-building the tool and plans to move it to the cloud, with a launch date TBD.
Is there an EPA program to engage college students from a minority-serving institution to research the presence of water pollutants in our community? We are located in a rural area of Southwest Mississippi with extensive agricultural practice. The rate of cancer death is the highest in the State in these counties which are the poorest in the State. I understand that this was never done before in our community.	Anonymous Attendee	Hi, there are a few programs in which we engage with students at MSIs. Our College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) is one: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/collegeunderserved-community-partnership-program</a> . The contact for the program, Jeannie Williamson ( <a href="mailto:williamson.jeannie@epa.gov">williamson.jeannie@epa.gov</a> ), would be a great first contact!
Will a recording me sent to all participants?	Baltimore Green Space	Hi there, the recording and session materials will all be made available here: <a href="https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls">https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls</a>
My final comment is this: Fluoride has been the most protected pollutant ever since the PHS approved it in 1950 (before studies were completed after only 5 years since the experiment began in Grand Rapids, MI in 1945) and recommended its addition to tap water to help prevent childhood tooth decay. That protection has created a very dense wall with high quality science on one side, and the powers-that-be insisting on maintaining its protected status on the other side. That wall needs to be taken down. I am optimistic that I and others are chipping away at that wall, but it's hard and dense. NEJAC is clearly the best organization to do what's needed. Please do what you can to tear down that wall and put fluoridation in the history books.	John Mueller	John, thank you for your comments, we always appreciate them. Please continue to engage with us as you have been.
A suggestion for the long links, if you are iffy about QR codes; use bitly links to shorten them	Jonathan Pruitt (He/him)- Catholic Charities EJ Program	Thanks for the suggestion!
Can non-regulatory monitoring become regulatory monitoring through EPA rulemaking?	Anonymous Attendee	Please send this question to <a href="mailto:AirMonitoring@epa.gov">AirMonitoring@epa.gov</a> for us to look into further
Mrs. Searby where can I learn more about what you were talking about?	Anonymous Attendee	Please see our general website that includes links to resources: <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/equity-and-environmental-justice">https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/equity-and-environmental-justice</a>

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Thank you for this EJ work. The Surfrider Foundation is dedicated to the protection and enjoyment of the world's oceans, waves and beaches, for all people, through a powerful activist network. We look forward to continued EJ analysis of the impacts of single use plastics on communities. The impacts of coal ash must be real. We also look forward to an analysis of the rulemaking on dispersants and the impact on these communities and health disparities. In terms of water quality, we particularly are interested in work concerning satellites and HAB research in conjunction with NASA and NOAA. With the looming threat of sea level rise, having an understanding of the impacts of climate change on coastal and EJ communities must be addressed and support of NBS and development. The future has so much potential with these initiatives! There are so many serious environmental issues and we are grateful for this opportunity to interact and hear what you are doing. Thank you for this important work, overdue and so critical.	Nicole de Venoge	Nicole, thank you for your interesting insight and comments. Please continue to interact with us on all of this work.
I would like to express this by audio, so I'm raising my hand, if you'll allow it.	John Mueller	Hi John, we take the raised hands and comments in chronological order. Please stand by, we are working through them all but we did receive your previous comments!
Thank you Matthew for this session. I look forward to future opportunities to participate.	John Armstead	Thank you John, we look forward to working with you.
Buddy raises a good point. And is there a way to divert funds to communities recognizing that requiring a non-profit status is a barrier for some impacted EJ communities? Just a thought since many truly grassroots local led solutions don't have time/energy/resources to create a non-profit given the rest of the challenges facing community. There may be creative solutions worth consideration.	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Is there a direct link for the NASA EJ projects and solicitations?	Jonathan Pruitt (He/him)- Catholic Charities EJ Program	Also, we have a proposers' telecon on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2022 1-3 p.m., Eastern Standard Time. Event Access: Event number: 2762 706 3764 Event password: iGGG2vSAF64  <a href="https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/equity-and-environmental-justice">https://science.nasa.gov/earth-science/equity-and-environmental-justice</a>
Thank you, Christina. I may have to leave before I get called. I have another Zoom call in 10 minutes, and it's about fluoride.	John Mueller	I understand John. There are 2 others before you and we only have 10 minutes left. But I know you have been on calls before and as always we encourage you to continue to reach out to our Office of Water and to Matt Tejada as you have before. Thank you for joining our calls.
Thank you for bringing up compensation for movement from contaminated areas and PFAS! Many dollars are going to this effort and it's so complex. It's such important work!	Nicole de Venoge	Thank you for your comment Nicole!
Relocation should be funded by the EPA. They only fund relocation for superfund sites but these EJ communities are just as polluted as a Superfund.	Brandi Crawford-Johnson	Thank you for your comment Brandi



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Whatever funding flows down through the States, including funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, then THE STATES will need to be in on the EPA community engagement discussion as well. Here in Northern California, we have assembled key community leaders/stakeholders who will hold our state as well as local elected officials and bodies accountable for the fair and equitable distribution of any funding and/or resources targeted for disadvantaged communities. Too many times, underserved populations with the greatest need receive the least (if any) funding and resources to help improve environmental conditions.	Will Patterson	Will, thank you for your important comment. We do work with states but we appreciate your insight that we can do more. We are working for an equitable distribution of funds and resources. I also recommend you reach out your region 9 EJ coordinator Alan Bacock (Bacock.Alan@epa.gov). Thank you!
There are two specific technical assistance asks: (1) legal — it is so hard to secure pro bono help (2) accounting — there is no pro bono accounting (this is to access grants and financing to solve entrenched EJ issues)	Suzanne Kim	Hi Suzanne, thank you very much, this is a very important comment and insight. We will bring this back to our team.
Thank you! Susquehanna Clean Up/ Pick Up, Inc - North Philly. Clean Air in an Urban Environment.	Judith Robinson	Thank you!
Also, the capital requirements for concessionary financing is prohibitive to local nonprofits. It is a significant barrier.	Suzanne Kim	Thank you for this comment.