

EPA National 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 maintain an open

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Can you post the link to the slides here or say the URL?	Anonymous Attendee	Hello, the slides are available on our webpage here: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls
It looks like a transcript will be provided in the recording, but will live cc be offered in the future?	Anonymous Attendee	That is a very good question. We currently are working on that possibility but need to address the not so good closed captioning that currently is available via Zoom. Thank you again for raising a good point.
Same. I can't find the link on either webpage.	Anonymous Attendee	Hi, thank you for your comment. The link is on this page: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls . The direct link to the slides is: https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-02/slides-22feb2022-epa-natl-ej-engagement-call.pdf
Can you provide the link to Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool?	Anonymous Attendee	The Beta version of the CEJST tool is available here: https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/
1. Where can I access the census-tract level asthma dataset that is visualized in EJScreen?	Kimberly Terrell	Asthma: Asthma prevalence among adults aged 18 or older. This data is available at the tract level. Source: CDC Places Data (https://www.cdc.gov/places/index.html)
I am wondering if we can get assistance from the Office of Environmental Justice to encourage our Region 9 Community Involvement folks to put together a CAG for our community. We have been working in this community for 30 years and we have no active engagement currently. Thanks I really need help to ensure our community is engaged.	Cynthia Babich	Hi Cynthia, thank you for your comment. I suggest you reach out to your Region 9 EJ Coordinator Alan Bacock (bacock.alan@epa.gov or 415-947-4195). He will be able to assist, thank you!
In regards to Justice40, who should we contact to ask questions or express comments about the decision to not include race as a criteria?	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	Comments regarding the CEJST can be directed here: https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/contact
NY State's Brownfield Cleanup Program's Tax Credit Incentive scheme, which gives tax credit to developers who cleanup and put Brownfield sites back to public use, is due to expire on December 31st, 2022. The Incentive has revitalized EJ communities, what support or assistance can the EPA give to ensure continuity of NY's Tax Credit Incentive in line with E014008? Thanks, Teraine Okpoko	Teraine Okpoko	Hi Teraine, thank you for your important question. We suggest you reach out to the Office of Land and Emergency Management's EJ contact Ellen Manges (manges.ellen@epa.gov). I will also let Ellen know about your question. Thank you again for engaging with us.
Thanks, Matthew Lee. Do you know whether this 2021 data release was the first one? Or are there also historic datasets available for census tract level asthma across the U.S.?	Kimberly Terrell	This is the first time that data is available at the census tract level. Historically, it has been at the county level.

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Thank you for including block level data. That's great. Many of our EJ-concerned communities in Maryland are sub-census tract level in distribution.	Molla Sarros (she/her)	Thank you for your comment Molla, I am glad this information will be useful for you!
Does the Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool just use Census tract data? We prefer to use the EJSCREEN for the amount of information it provides and how it funnels into other EPA databases. The CEJST needs that granularity and it is not downloadable.	Yvette Arellano	Yes, the CEJST uses Census Tracts.
Thanks, Matthew. This is exciting!	Kimberly Terrell	
Thank you Tai for all the work yall do on EJSCREEN. It would be helpful to better label what additional maps are created by government and agencies. Also would be indicate with a prompt when maps have an more current data set.	Yvette Arellano	Thanks for that feedback, Yvette.
My org is a Thriving Earth Exchange 2022-23 cohort. Our project is examining the systems that have regulatory influence or lack thereof over lead. Your speaker mentioned lead tracking. I'd like to hear more about how to utilize it.	Romona Taylor Williams	live answered
FOR CEQ - I am unclear why communities like Manchester only rank for 5 out of 21 disadvantage thresholds on the CEJST. Id like to know the informaiton that this is based on	Yvette Arellano	Hi Yvette, thank you for comment. As rhe CEJST tool was developed by the White House's CEQ, we recommend you reach out to them with your question. Comments regarding the CEJST can be directed here: https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/contact
In the future will we be able to save bookmarks life before?	Yvette Arellano	You should stil be able to do that in EJScreen 2.0. If it's not functioning properly we will let the contractor know.
Is information from the Superfund Tool layered in the EJSCREEN update	Yvette Arellano	live answered
Is EPA considering adding a disability indicator?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Lead Paint RRP is actually pre-1978 not 1960.	JKELEHER	Correct, but Census captures Age of Housing in 20 years increments, so we use pre1960
What is the intended meaning of the percentiles for pollutants such as ozone and PM where the percentile may be high but the pollutant concentration is far below the NAAQS? Thanks for all your great work on these revisions. They are great!	Molla Sarros (she/her)	live answered
EJ Screen used to highlight high numbers in the indicators like for asthma risk and now it no longer does. I would like EPA to consider doing that again	Anonymous Attendee	live answered
Does the EJSCREEN tool have an indicator that applies to the presence of abandoned mines in the tract? Curious in particular if former uranium mines and mills are included in EJSCREEN in any way?	Jackie Toth	We do not include a map layer on abandoned mines, however that information could be brought into the tool though map services. There are many specific environmental issues that are not covered in the tool.
BIPOC communities are adversely affected by Climate Change in NYC, due to the establishment of Last-Mile-Trucking facilities, which are not required to undergo any public process or environmental reviews because they are not defined under local zoning laws. This has led to increased traffic, emission/pollution in BIPOC areas. Is the EPA able to support local communities in mitigating air pollution with its rule-making power under CAA and with EO14008? Thank you, Teraine Okpoko	Teraine Okpoko	Hi Teraine, thank you for your comment. I recommend you reach out to the EJ Contact in our Office of Air and Radiation Francisco Dóñez (donez.francisco@epa.gov). Thank you!
Great presentation on EJ Screen! I look forward to checking out the website and learning about all of the improvements. Thank you, Amy Swanson.	Aswanson	Thank you for your comment!

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Tai, what were the three factors for the definition of EJ again?	Liz Ellis	Each EJScreen environmental indicator is combined with the EJ demographic index, which is an average of low income and communities of color, to create the EJ index.
Ok. Here goes: Thanks! The EJScreen concept is awesome! a Fast-forward: A ban on water fluoridation is imminent and will be "One of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 21st Century," but only if the Biden administration is truly walking the talk with regard to scientific integrity and environmental justice, and the White House ensures all agencies follow suit. In that regard, it is not too soon to realize that, according to 2018 data with the CDC, there are 17,917 Community Water Fluoridation (CWF) systems in the U.S. providing fluoridated water, and 5,753 adjusting fluoride. Accordingly, that will simply be that number of data points for an EJScreen Dataset, with only a "Yes" or "No" column for "Discontinued?" And yet other columns could be added, for example, for MO/YR Start, MO/YR End. That's enough for right now.	John Mueller	Thanks John - lack of transparency into drinking water system data including service boundaries and compliance is the single biggest lack in ej data writ large, not just for EJScreen
I've been using EJ Screen since 2009/2010 and very excited for these changes. Kudos team for all the hard work in updating this valuable resource!	Jerica Richardson	Thank you Jerica!
For your climate change information, do you have any of the research data on conditions in 10,20 years for planning purposes?	"Phil Beilin, FEMA RIX IRC "	EJScreen is not a climate change planning tool. We have included some climate change information into the tool to help communities to visualize some of the potential impacts. However, there are better climate change planning tools from NOAA and FEMA.
Wow! Broadband gap!!!! Thank you	Yvette Arellano	Thank you for your comment Yvette!
Why was there no environmental justice mapping done of the Hanford Nuclear Site in Southeastern WA? It doesn't show underground storage tanks mapped in that area.	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for that point, we will bring that back to our UST/LUST colleagues and ask
The information used in the layers. Does it include military base property or does it stop at installation lands? Wht about Tribal trust lands?	Jerica Richardson	EJScreen does not include military bases as a seperate map. However, the information is available in the basemap if you zoom in. We do include a tribal areas map layer.
Thanks for those Critical Service Gaps!!! Those are going to be extreamly helpful us	Yvette Arellano	Thanks Yvette, glad it will be helpful for you
For your health disparities, could you create a layer for where areas are getting better/worse over time?	"Phil Beilin, FEMA RIX IRC "	temporal settings in EJScreen is something we are all keenly interested in. we are knocking down a LONG backlog of wishlist items, and that one is on there, just wasn't on the top, but with every big update, those sorts of issues get closer and clsoer to the top of the list
Can ver 2 show the RSEI grid squares?	Steve Zuiss	No, not yet.
Any plans to add energy burden data?	Kyle Crider	Yes, we are looking at numerous new indicators of service gaps, burden, access, etc. If you have a suggestion of a specific data source please let us know.
Any hopes of adding data on percent impervious area / percent of population within a quarter mile of a public park, and percent of population with access to safe drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.	"Rachel Olugbemi, EPA Region 1 "	Great ideas!

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It would be helpful if the standard reports included all data sources (demographic data don't have sources listed). And it would be tremendously helpful if EPA provided states with specific guidance for following up on "red flags" identified by EJScreen.	Kimberly Terrell	Thanks Kim, that's a good suggestion we will follow up on, and we are working very closely with states on EJ priorities and use of EJScreen or development of their own state based tools.
Can you show us how to extract shapefiles? Or is there a video that shows us how?	Jerica Richardson	https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/download-ejscreen-data
For deep colors, how do you make it more transparent?	John Sykes	There is a transparency slider, kind of small, that pops up in the key on the right hand side, you might have to look for it but it is there.
who is the contractor building EJScreen? or is it built inhouse at EPA?	Megan Smith	we work with SAIC...I don't know what the acronym stands for, but they have been building the tool for us since the outset
What was the lead pipe database mentioned?	Harold Rickenbacker	We do not currently have a national level lead pipe map in EJScreen, but we have been exploring the possibility of adding that in the future.
Will other data eventually be added for concerns other than pollution?	Shannon Anderson	Yes, we are always looking for other EJ concerns to add. Health, climate and critical service gaps were all added to EJScreen 2.0
Do you track lead contamination due to airborne contamination such as from lead batter[y] smelters and other industrial sources?	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	air pollution from such facilities will be included in the airtoxscreen data, so in that way it is included, but we do not pull airborne lead out as a standalone indicator
Is COVID19 impacts captured under Health Disparities?	Anonymous Attendee	Not yet, but we're looking into which datasets could be included.
What is currently listed as Air Toxics? Are there specific list of toxins on this tool?	Shaina Oliver	EPA will in the next few weeks release a new AirToxScreen tool that will allow the public to dig MUCH deeper into this dataset. We are proud that EJScreen is the first tool to publicly showcase the data, and are stoked to see our new tool roll out. It's pretty neat and will be a big benefit to local understanding of and transparency into air toxics data.
Are the various EJ indices all weighted the same?	John Crocker	They are all calculated using the same components..
what percentile is considered a concern for any particular EJ Index?	Anonymous Attendee	we typically start at the 80th percentile. the 80th percentile captures about 1/3 of the US, so that's a pretty inclusive starting point. But EJScreen was designed to be flexible so the user can set an even more inclusive or more exclusive starting point based upon the question they are asking or the need of their screen. we are always happy to engage and help assist you in figuring out hte best use of the tool. just pop us an email.
The State of WA has a living with a disability layer on the state tool that is similar to this - doh.wa.gov WTN	Ginger Wireman	Thank you for this information Ginger!
thank you! Faith Based organizations would benefit from knowing this tool to promote thier local mission outreach and partnership.	Kelly	Thank you Kelly, we appreciate this information
The NRDC has a website that documents the location of state health department verified cancer and disease clusters. There are three in Florida, eight in California and large clusters along the chemical corridor in Louisiana. In San Francisco we have mapped a cluster of cancers known to be induced by exposure to ionizing radiation and carcinogenic chemicals at a system of federal Superfund sites at the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard and NRDL radiation laboratory complex. The California Cancer Registry is verifying it. My comment is that the future of EJ screen indicators will clearly include cancer and disease cluster proximity.	Ahimsa Porter Sumchai MD	Thank you Dr. Sumchai for this comment.
yes, the ozone and particulate matter air quality standards are really low below the standards.	Molla Sarros (she/her)	Thank you Molla

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Happy to see the updated tool. It just confirmed the 99 percentile for asthma we have in our community in Kalamazoo. What does EPA plan to do to help the communities facing the highest health risks?	Brandi Crawford-Johnson	We are working a number of things to help that Brandi, and including asthma in a tool such as EJScreen is one of them. It will help to set a common starting point for discussing the issue in Michigan and what the sources and mitigation of those sources should be.
What types of industries are included in the air pollution sources portion of the dataset. Is this all industrial sources that submit emission inventories ... or just a subset of industries?	Stephanie	Air Pollution (ICIS-AIR): The air pollution data (ICIS-AIR) contains compliance and permit data for stationary sources of air pollution (such as electric power plants, steel mills, factories, and universities) regulated by EPA, state and local air pollution agencies. The information in ICIS-AIR is used by the states to prepare State Implementation Plans (SIPs) and to track the compliance status of point sources with various regulatory programs under Clean Air Act. Source: EPA's Envirofacts
What other critical service gaps is EPA hoping to include in future editions, if any?	Heather Church (She/Her) Washington State Department of Ecology	We are taking suggestions!
It might be good to put the national standards in the next revision... Thanks again!	Molla Sarros (she/her)	Thank you for your suggestion Molla!
Romona - Your question is a good one. EPA, CDC, and HUD are all working on indices and mapping to help identify locations of high lead exposure potential. HUD has a deteriorated paint index available on line, and CDC and EPA discussed their approaches that are under development at a recent public meeting. The three agencies are working together on their approaches. https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/lead/advisory/lepac-meeting-12-3-21.html	Andrew Geller EPA	Thank you for this information Andrew!
Heat Island?	John Sykes	Heat islands, heat exposure, etc., are all on the list of potential datasets to add.
Q What do you suggest as a solution when the air monitoring equipment isn't close enough to a source to record that it's there? I'm thinking not of a facility that pollutes but that has hundreds of trucks a day.	Anonymous Attendee	Our AirToxScreen datasets includes a fusion of both modelled and monitored data, it is the densest and richest such dataset available in the US. It is of course not a perfect replacement for actual monitoring at the location, but the combination of those datasets with something like our traffic proximity dataset are good proxies when a monitor is not closeby. We also want in the future to be able to incorporate more citizen science data onto the platform as a groundtruth of things such as our fusion air quality data
This question may not be answerable. I am a CWSRF Planner. I handle Environmental Review for CWSRF agreements. The CWSRF is a Justice 40 Program. Historically, I use EJ Screen. What is the direction for federally funded programs that also are required to undergo NEPA and use EJ Screen? How are we supposed to decide which tool to use, and integrate the reviews? Thank you.	Liz Ellis	you should keep using EJScreen as you always have. There will be an extra step likely where you will also have to run a CEJST report, but in terms of planning, screening, scoping, etc. EJScreen is still the tool to use.
Does EJScreen 2.0 interface with ECHO data?	JGrego02	Hi thanks for your question. ECHO currently is being updated to integrate the new EJScreen data.
Is COVID19 impacts captured under Health Disparities?	Anonymous Attendee	Not yet, we are looking for datasets to potentiall add.
Maybe add in the cancer disparities in with heart diesase, asthma, etc. under health disparities?	Jerica Richardson	We did and will continue to look at cancer, but cancer data is a tricky one to deal with in communities with EJ concerns. In many areas it can actually look like there is less cancer in the community not because it is less dangerous, but other disease rates that happen over short time spans crowd cancer out of the picture. we'll keep looking though and if you have a suggestion for us, we are all ears.

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I'm having continuing problems with accessing the EJScreen mapping tool on my PC laptop computer. I can access the mobile version on my tablet but not on my lap. I've tried several times since Friday. (I can access the EJScreen homepage and various pages on the overall EJScreen website but not the mapping tool itself. In addition, I'm not experiencing problems with accessing any other sites on my laptop.) Are others having the problem?	Anonymous Attendee	Hi, thank you for your comment. We have not heard of this issue from others but if it persists, please email me at motilall.christina@epa.gov . Thank you.
Tai and Matt does the EJ Screen still connect to the TRI site	Yvette Arellano	Yes, the RSEI/TRI data is available in the places tab/other environmental data.
Is there a link to the EJScreen training on March 9th? And do you know if there will be a training on the new CEJST tool?	Katy Deng	Hi Katy, thank you for your questions. We will release the March 9th training information shortly here: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen . For training on CEJST, we suggest you reach out to CEQ: https://screeningtool.geoplatform.gov/en/contact . Thank you!
Is there a link to the EJScreen training on March 9th? And do you know if there will be a training on the new CEJST tool?	Katy Deng	Hi Katy, the link for the training is https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1611366191 . Registration is not required
what percentile is considered a concern for any particular EJ Index?	Joe Ferentz	Thank you for your question. OECA uses over 80% to consider a community of concern. Update: I should have added a little more context to let you know we seek to ground truth that screening level view with other information available to the agency
Question for Enforcement. In Region 5- Kalamazoo, Michigan, a Company called Graphic Packaging has been out of compliance for 12 years. The State has given them 10 violations with no fines. They are also a responsible party in Allied Paper Mill Superfund site when they were under the name Fort James. Instead of cleaning up their contamination, the State gave them a permit to expand next to our disadvantaged community. Can EGLE disregards our health risks. Can EPA take over enforcement to help??	Brandi Crawford-Johnson	For assistance with your site-specific concerns, please reach out to your EPA regional EJ coordinator: US EPA, REGION 5 (IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI, and 9 Tribes) Kathy Triantafillou (triantafillou.kathy@epa.gov)
How did EPA establish the 55% target for inspections in overburdened communities? It still seems disproportionately low, since overburdened communities, by definition, presumably represent the majority of facilities in the U.S.	Kimberly Terrell	live answered
Did you need an ICR to use the next door app? Interesting approach.	Tina Guthrie	Hello Tina, thank you very much for your question. Could you please clarify or rephrase it for us?
Suggestion: If a file is too large to show as part of a report, perhaps you could link to it, or the website where it can be found.	Liz Ellis	Hi Liz, thank you, that is a great suggestion. We will share that with our team.
'-Thanne Berg Will you support and coordinate with local governments engaged in the same criminal investigations? We need resources	Anonymous Attendee	EPA's criminal agents are located in or near the Regional offices across the country. We can help connect you to the office nearest you offline. Feel free to contact me at berg.elizabeth@epa.gov .
Thanne and Amy, Will OECA increase non-technical common language so that our communities dont have to apply for technical assistance grants?	Yvette Arellano	live answered
I understand that there have been Drinking Water Acts established in Jackson, MS. But has there been any action towards plain water availability? Our water has recently been shut off for almost the entire day	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for this question. We suggest reaching out directly to the Region 4 enforcement program. US EPA, Region 4 enforces environmental laws in AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, and in Indian country. For further assistance, please contact: Larry Lamberth (lamberth.larry@epa.gov)
Can you say more about Safe Drinking Water Act orders? How are actions initiated? What actions do you take against municipalities that have inadequate lead service line replacement plans?	Anonymous Attendee	live answered

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Increased air monitoring is so critical. We have a noise pollution issue in Jackson, MS from trains. Ironically right up the road in Clinton, MS the same trains do not blow their horns. There are signs posted No Train Horns. Yet, when the train cross into Jackson the conductors lay on the horns at 4a as if they're rooster waking up the chickens. This is clear racial injustice.	Romona Taylor Williams	Hi Romona, thank you for letting us know. I suggest you reach out to EPA Region 4 EJ Coordinator: Tami Thomas-Burton (thomas-burton.tami@epa.gov). Thank you!
Has EPA released a strategic plan (with methodologies, community engagement process, etc.) for ensuring that the agency will carry out the J40 Initiative? If so, where can this be accessed?	Kirsten Cook	live answered
It would be helpful if Reports of environmental violations filed on ECHO were automatically filed with our state DEQ. Otherwise, we're asking residents to report twice - to EPA and to the state.	Kimberly Terrell	Thank you Kim, we appreciate this suggestion. This will be shared with the team.
Thanks for your commitment to EJ. I left my last role in state-level Compliance and Enforcement in part because of my Department's active refusal to even discuss applications of EJ to water pollution cases. How do you plan to work with state agencies to improve integration of EJ into everyday work on the ground?	Shannon Anderson	live answered
I have reached out and talked with Kathy several times over the last two years. There is still no help for my fence line community. They are still being poisoned and the Superfund plume and our homes are still not cleaned up!	Brandi Crawford-Johnson	Thank you for letting us know. We'd also like to provide you with enforcement contact information: US EPA, Region 5 enforces environmental laws in IL, IN, MI, MN, OH, WI, and in Indian country. For further assistance, please contact: Carolyn Persoon (persoon.carolyn@epa.gov)
Could you please describe the metrics you use to track which EPA enforcement work supports EJ and which does not (and needs improvement)?	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for your question. To identify facilities located in areas of potential EJ concerns we use EJSSCREEN and also seek to ground truth that screening level view with other information available to the agency
Thanks Matt. Here is a legitimate question: What is the status of the fluoridation issue with NEJAC's Water Infrastructure workgroup?	John Mueller	honestly, it's not at the top right now. trying to help us spend \$50B in water infrastructure funding is taking up a LOT of oxygen at present.
What is being done regarding Superfund sites, enforcement, and environmental justice?	Anonymous Attendee	Thank you for your question. Consistent with Administrator Regan's prioritization of EPA's commitment to the protection of communities disproportionately impacted by pollution, EPA is developing model enforcement documents with provisions to increase community involvement. The new model documents also include enforcement mechanisms to reduce and manage the impacts of cleanup activities.
Why wasn't the Risk Screening Env'tl. Indicators (RSEI) tool added to the EJ Indexes in version 2.0? It's buried -- now under Places/Other Env'tl. Data, and the way it's displayed is still very confusing and difficult to understand. Will you consider adding it to the EJ Indexes in the next version or at least make it easier to use and understand (such as focusing specifically on the RSEI score rather other RSEI features).	Shelley Fudge	live answered
Is there a way to load my own KML or shapefile into the screening tool?	1. jriggs	Yes, go to the Tools tab and click add shapefile
oh I was just curious if you needed an information collection request for asking specific questions through the nextdoor app	Tina Guthrie	Hi Tina, no we don't need an information collection request.
or what types of questions were you asking?	Tina Guthrie	See Catherine's response to your previous comment. Thanks.
Thanks for AQ non-point answer.	Anonymous Attendee	Thanks for your comment!
Yes! Change log is a great idea.	Kimberly Terrell	Thank you Kim!
Can we get a change log issued outside of the tool and published on the website, noting the changes succinctly for 2.0?	Anonymous Attendee	We will include a change log during the next update of the tool, if not sooner. It will be shared on the EJSscreen webpage at: https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen .

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Do you have recommendations for layering EJSCREEN with Great Lakes specific data? For example, in Areas of Concern and beneficial use impairments and water data.	Gail Graves	In the tools tab, you can bring in your own shapefiles, search the geoplatform or add map services. This enables users to add their own specific datasets. Or you can download EJScreen data and overlay the data within your own GIS.
What was the name of the TRI manufacturer?	Tina Guthrie	Hi Tina. Info on the TRI regulated facilities can be found at: https://www.epa.gov/toxics-release-inventory-tri-program .
Please spell out the acronyms being used for benefit of all attendees.	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	Thank you Yvonne, great suggestion. TRI is Toxics Release Inventory. Any others?
Where will EPA post this recording?	Kimberly Terrell	Hi Kimberly, the recording will be posted within 2 days here: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls
Sorry! Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)	Tina Guthrie	
Will this chat, with Q&A, be avail for dl later?	Liz Ellis	Hi Liz, yes, a summary will be posted shortly after the call here: https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/national-environmental-justice-community-engagement-calls
RSEI and others mentioned in the Q&A box	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	Risk-Screening Environmental Indicators (RSEI). Please let me know if there are any others that are unclear, thank you Yvonne.
Any how are communities/orgs kept regularly informed of the successes/ progress of OECA? Is that the purpose of ECHO?	Anonymous Attendee	OECA has a new tool to make enforcement information available more quickly and regularly: ECHO Notify. It is a service that will provide weekly email notifications identifying changes to facility enforcement and compliance data in ECHO for various environmental programs. Notifications can be tailored based on the geographic locations, zip code or facility IDs of interest. The service will provide a weekly digest of all recent EPA and State violations identified, and enforcement actions taken. ECHO Notify will make it easy to see what is happening in your area or in your facilities of interest. We plan to launch ECHO Notify to the public mid-March. The launch will be publicized widely through a variety of EPA networks with the links to sign up.
It would be extremely helpful to include a list of such acronyms along with the written materials regarding today's call. I plan to share this information with my committee as well as residents in EJ communities.	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	Thank you Yvonne, I will share with our team to spell out acronyms in our Q&A summary we post online.
How does any of this lead to enforcement protections in our communities. We are dying waiting.	Cynthia Babich	Thank you for your question. OECA is focused on increasing inspections in areas with EJ concerns because inspections deter violations and lead to increased compliance. We expect that increased inspections will also result in increased detection of violations, and enforcement in areas with potential EJ concerns. OECA is committed to taking swift action wherever we find violations at facilities in overburdened communities.

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Matthew Tejada: How else will Justice 40 affect agency decisions, aside from grant programs like the one you just mentioned (where 40% of benefits seem relatively easy to measure and ensure)?	Anonymous Attendee	<p>live answered</p> <p>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. Follow us on Twitter: @EPAEnvJustice</p> <p>Para recibir información actualizada sobre oportunidades de financiamiento de Justicia Ambiental, eventos y seminarios web, suscríbese al listserve de Justicia Ambiental de la EPA enviando un mensaje en blanco de correo electrónico a: join-epa-ej@lists.epa.gov. Síguenos en Twitter: @EPAEnvJustice.</p>
By the way: in my bio SCAC stands for Sierra Club Angeles Chapter. I had to abbreviate due to space constraints.	"Yvonne Martinez Watson, Chair, SCAC, Enviro and Social Justice "	Thanks for letting us know Yvonne!
It is directly related to lead abatement efforts for two reasons: 1) Fluoridated tap water can increase the leaching of lead from lead service lines and brass fixtures. And 2) Lead is often added to tap water incidentally as a contaminant in the supplied fluorosilicic acid (FSA). I am looking at a Certificate of Analysis for a shipment of FSA to a Tulsa treatment plant from Simplot Phosphates, LLC, in Rock Springs, WY, dated May 8, 2020, and it shows 1.22 ppm Lead (Pb). The MCLG for lead is zero. It is such a violation of the public trust that EPA allows the deliberate addition of a regulated contaminant with an MCLG of zero. When do you expect it to be considered by the WI workgroup? Or, do you have any confidence that it will be considered favorably with a specific recommendation moving forward?	John Mueller	I will ask about this specifically next time I engage with the wg. Did you ever get a response from teh chair?
Each agency was tasked with coming up with a strategic plan.	Anonymous Attendee	
Has the precautionary principle been included in the draft FY 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan? When will the next draft of the Plan be available for public review, or finalized?	John Mueller	The precautionary principle isn't addressed directly I think John, but the stratplan will be out with the president's FY23 budget request is published, hopefully in the next few weeks