COMPENDIUM OF STATE REGULATORY ACTIVITIES ON

# **Environmental Justice**

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### **Our Commitment**

Led by accomplished and motivated individuals grounded in collaboration, Integral is committed to creating an equitable, diverse, and inclusive environment for our staff, clients, and the communities we serve. With these core principles guiding the work we do, we are committed to working with our clients and partners to ensure environmental justice is upheld in all communities.

At a time when people are demanding environmental, governmental, and social action, as well as effective corporate social responsibility efforts, Integral understands that comprehensive internal environmental justice policies and early and effective community engagement yield results. Moreover, we understand that solutions are not one size fits all, but rather need to be project-, community-, and industry-specific. Putting our beliefs into action, Integral has compiled this State by State Environmental Justice Compendium to help clients navigate the network of different approaches to environmental justice across the U.S.



# Environmental Justice Initiatives

#### **EPA DEFINES ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AS...**

"...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."

In 1994, under Executive Order 12898, environmental justice was recognized as a federal initiative administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Since then, the environmental justice movement has expanded, becoming a focus for many state regulatory agencies. Recognizing that *marginalized groups*, including *People of Color* and *low income communities*,\* bear the burden of the most polluted areas in the country, many state agencies are dedicated to ensuring equal representation in environmental issues and protecting from environmental harm.

Principles of environmental justice, first expressed 30 years ago at the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, have returned to center stage in 2021. The Biden Administration and Michael Regan, Administrator of the EPA, have elevated the importance of environmental justice through wideranging actions, including creation of two related White House councils, legislation to provide funding under the American Rescue Plan Act, development of guidance for cumulative impact assessment that reflect environmental

\*Accurately naming affected populations is incredibly important in the context of environmental justice. For this reason we have identified these specific naming conventions with use of italics throughout.

justice concerns, and directives to all offices within EPA (https://joebiden.com/environmental-justice-plan/).

At the state level, currently, there is no standard framework for developing environmental justice programs, which has led to myriad approaches to environmental justice across state agencies. Some states have started enacting their own laws whereas others have included environmental justice into existing provisions for protection of public health. With so much variability, understanding each state's existing environmental justice programs, objectives, and guiding regulations can be a challenging but vitally important component in assessing and mitigating environmental health risk to overburdened communities and is/will be a key policy driving environmental justice agenda for many states.

Integral Consulting Inc. conducted an evaluation of environmental justice initiatives and regulations in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories. Information was collected through standardized internet searches and compiled for each state and territory to the extent that information was publicly available. This document presents Integral's findings on environmental programs in each state and territory.

### **METHODS**

Environmental justice programs and regulatory information were identified using the following methods:



Review of state agency websites and environmental justice webpages



State-specific internet keyword searches, including terms such as:







Environmental Regulations



Environmental Justice Laws

Information collected for each state:



Environmental justice program mission statement



Environmental justice screening or mapping tool



Environmental justice contact



Agencies and programs that are involved in environmental justice initiatives/administration

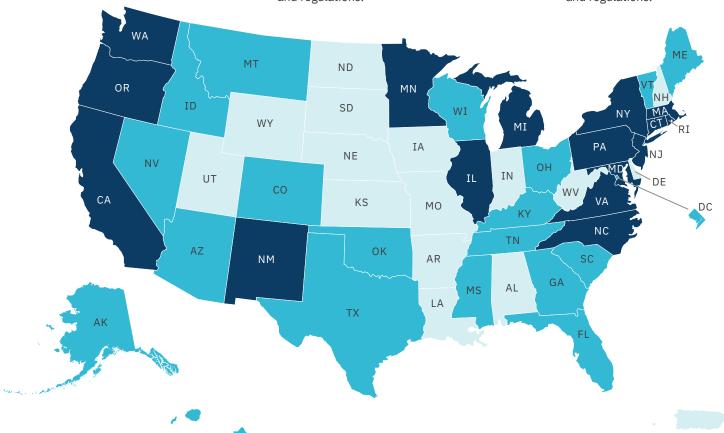


Regulations



# Environmental Justice Initiatives

- **No Activity:** State has no statespecific environmental justice initiatives or regulations.
- Low Activity: State has published, at minimum, a commitment to environmental justice. State may also have an identified agency to oversee environmental justice initiatives and have developed some goals and regulations.
- **High Activity:** State has identified an agency to lead environmental justice initiatives, often including defined goals and subprograms, a spatial environmental justice screening tool, and regulations.



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Information is up to date as of October 2021. Environmental justice initiatives are dynamic, updates will be posted on Integral's website. PUERTO RICO AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

U.S. PACIFIC ISLANDS



# Alabama



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Alabama currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Alabama currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Alaska



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Alaska currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

★ Alaska currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice. The <u>Alaska Department of Transportation and Public</u> <u>Facilities</u> acknowledges federal guidelines on environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

**CONTACT** 



Statewide Environmental Office Juneau, Alaska (907) 465-2975



# Arizona Arizona



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Arizona currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Arizona currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice. The <u>Arizona Department of Transportation</u> acknowledges federal guidelines on environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

**CONTACT** 





# Arkansas



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Arkansas currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Arkansas currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT



### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

# California



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### ✓ California Environmental Protection Agency

- Provides environmental justice grants to support eligible organizations in efforts to address environmental justice issues in affected areas
- Reports to the governor and legislature every 3 years regarding progress on objective in 2004 Intra-Agency Environmental Justice Strategy

### Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment

- Identifies communities with high pollution and vulnerability
- Identifies who is sensitive to pollution
- Informs the public of chemicals that can cause harm
- Maintains CalEnviroScreen
- Assists California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) in environmental justice efforts

### Environmental Justice Task Force

- Composed of members and advisory members from 12 of California's boards, departments, and offices
- Increases compliance and enforcement in environmental justice areas
- Identifies disproportionately impacted areas
- Provides communities with opportunities to express environmental justice concerns
- Increases coordination between CalEPA's boards, departments, and offices across all media in disproportionately impacted areas

### **State Government Regulations**

### 2004 Intra-Agency Environmental Justice Strategy

- Product of a multiyear collaboration between CalEPA and stakeholders
- Ensures meaningful public participation in environmental decision-making processes
- Integrates environmental justice into environmental law, regulations, and policies
- Improves research and data collection to address environmental justice issues
- Ensures effective coordination and accountability in addressing environmental justice issues

# Greenhouse Gases—Investment Plan: Disadvantaged Communities

- Makes amendments to the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006
- Requires an increase in available money allocated to low-income and/or disadvantaged communities

### California Government Code 65040.12



- Proposes methods for equitable distribution of government resources to increase community quality of life
- Proposes methods to avoid overconcentration of industrial facilities that pose a risk to human health near schools and communities

### **Designation of Disadvantaged Communities**



- Identifies disadvantaged communities
- Requires that 25 percent of proceeds from cap and trade programs go to disadvantaged communities
- Requires that 10 percent of proceeds from cap and trade programs are invested within disadvantaged communities

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Include those individuals disproportionately impacted by pollution in decision making processes. The aim is to lift the unfair burden of pollution from those most vulnerable to its effects."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



CalEnvironScreen

### CONTACT



Deputy Secretary Environmental Justice, Tribal Affairs, & Border Relations (916) 445-2041

# Colorado



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Environmental Justice Unit\*

### Office of Health Equity

- Build relationships with communities and across sectors to address root causes of health disparities
- Use equity in decision-making and partner with all sectors of government to embed health and equity considerations into their decision-making process
- Use data to support the narrative of the social determinants of health and tell the story of what creates health
- De-center communications from the English language or any one dominant language, and prioritize language justice when engaging with communities
- Develop, implement, and provide guidance on health equity training, practice, and policies within CDPHE and across the state of Colorado.
- Focus on upstream determinants of health, guided by the Bay Area Regional Health Inequities Initiative

### **State Government Regulations**

### **✓ Environmental Justice Act HB21-1266**

- Promotes outreach and engage disproportionately impacted communities to gather input and share information regarding adverse effects
- Creates environmental justice task force in Department of Public Health and Environment
- Requires Air Quality Control Commission to include permit processing fees that apply to permits for sources of pollutants that contribute to significant health or environmental impacts

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Build partnerships to mobilize community power and transform systems to advance health equity and environmental justice."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



Colorado Community Health Equity Map
Climate Equity Data Viewer
Disproportionally Impacted Communities Viewer
Colorado EnviroScreen (coming soon)
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### CONTACT



Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) Environmental Justice Unit cdphe\_ej@state.co.us

<sup>\*</sup> The Environmental Justice Unit has limited publically-available information but was identified as the lead program for CO environmental justice initiatives through a CDHPE webinar. The Unit works closely with the Office of Health Equity as part of the CDPHE Administrative Division. The Unit will be launching a new external website in December 2021.

# Connecticut



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (CTDEEP)

- Assesses the effectiveness of CTDEEP efforts in the state's urban areas
- Assesses and responds to environmental problems in low-income and minority communities
- Develops strategies to increase public participation in the agency's decision making process
- Identifies community health concerns in consultation with local and state departments of health
- Enhances public participation in administrative proceedings
- Educates the public on CTDEEP regulations, policies, and procedures
- Overcomes language barriers

### **State Government Regulations**

### Public Act 20-6

- Requires applicants seeking a permit for a new or expanded "applicable facility" that is proposed to be located in an "environmental justice community," to file an Environmental Justice Public Participation Plan with and receive approval from CTDEEP *prior* to filing any application for such permit
- Requires the facility to enter an environmental benefit agreement if the facility must file under chapter 277a or if the proposed facility is in a municipality with five or more affecting facilities
- Requires public opportunity for residents of the community to express requirements or needs to be included in the agreement

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Incorporate principals of environmental justice into program development, policy making, and regulatory activities."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



2020 Environmental Justice Census Block Groups

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### CONTACT



Administrator
Environmental Justice Program
Department of Energy and
Environmental Protection
(860) 424-3044



# Delaware



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- Division of Community Affairs (DNREC)
  - Provides resources and facilitates <u>environmental</u> justice in <u>Delaware</u>

# **State Government Regulations**

➤ Delaware currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Florida



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Florida currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

### Brownfield Redevelopment Act

- Environmental justice considerations should be part of a meaningful public participation plan
- Advisory committee for rehabilitation and redevelopment of brownfield areas should include residents within or adjacent to brownfield areas; the committee will review and provide recommendations to the local government

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Georgia



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Environmental Justice Commission

### **State Government Regulations**

### Environmental Justice Act

- Creates environmental justice commission
- Requires permit applicants in environmental justice communities to take actions to mitigate health hazards
- Encourages government agencies to implement environmental policies that address disproportionate impacts of environmental hazards on environmental justice communities

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT









# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Formerly housed in the <u>Environmental Planning</u>
<u>Office</u>, which has since closed, Hawaii now has
no state agency or program identified as the lead
for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Hawaii currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Idaho



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

X Idaho currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Idaho currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



**Environmental Justice Statement** 

CONTACT





# Illinois



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### ✓ Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

- Ensures that communities are not disproportionately impacted by degradation of the environment or receive a less than equitable share of environmental protection and benefits
- Strengthens the public's involvement in environmental decision-making, including permitting and regulation, and where practicable, enforcement matters
- Ensures that Illinois EPA personnel use a common approach to addressing environmental justice issues
- Refines its environmental justice strategy to ensure that it continues to protect the health of the citizens of Illinois and its environment, promotes environmental equity in the administration of its programs, and is responsive to the communities it serves
- Provides administrative and other support to the Commission on Environmental Justice
- ✓ Commission on Environmental Justice
  - Advises state entities on environmental justice and related community issues
  - Reviews and analyzes the impact of current state laws and policies on the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities
  - Assesses the adequacy of state and local laws to address the issue of environmental justice and sustainable communities

- Develops criteria to assess whether communities in the state may be experiencing environmental justice issues
- Recommends options to the governor for addressing issues, concerns, or problems related to environmental justice that surface after reviewing state laws and policies, including prioritizing areas of the state that need immediate attention

### **State Government Regulations**

- Environmental Justice Act 415 ILCS 155
  - Establishes <u>Commission on Environmental Justice</u>

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Protect the health of the citizens of Illinois and its environment, and promote environmental equity in the administration of its programs to the extent it may do so legally and practicably."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



Illinois EPA Environmental Justice Start

CONTACT



Environmental Justice Officer Environmental Protection Agency (217) 524-1284



# Indiana



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

➤ Indiana currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

➤ Indiana currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT



### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

# Iowa



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

X Iowa currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Iowa currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None



**CONTACT** 



# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE Kansas



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

X Kansas currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Kansas currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None



**CONTACT** 



# Kentucky



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection
  - Based on the <u>2021 Strategic Plan</u>, the Department will consider environmental justice impacts in decision-making.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Kentucky currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Louisiana



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Louisiana currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

X Louisiana currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

**CONTACT** 





# Maine Maine



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

**✓** Office of Policy Innovation and the Future

# **State Government Regulations**



 Requires the office of policy innovation and future to develop methods of incorporating equity in decision making and define environmental justice

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

**CONTACT** 



# Maryland



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### Maryland Department of the Environment

- Integrates and incorporates environmental justice activities into state operations
- Continues education of state regulators on environmental justice and sustainable communities, with specialized focus given to marginalized and disenfranchised communities
- Strengthens government infrastructure at local levels to support marginalized communities
- Efficiently builds a network of people who are knowledgeable about the issues of concern to share expertise and advance the environmental justice agenda in Maryland, including reaching out to local businesses, legislators, planning and community organizations, and the academic community
- Collaborates with the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities
- Optimizes limited state resources
- Seeks solutions appearing in the form of increased public participation and education, public-private partnerships, innovative outreach advertising, and strategic enforcement
- Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities
  - Advises state government agencies on environmental justice.
  - Analyzes the effectiveness of state and local government laws and policies to address issues of environmental justice and sustainable communities

- Coordinates with the Children's Environmental Health and Protection Advisory Council on the issues of environmental justice and sustainable communities
- Develops criteria to assess what communities in Maryland might be experiencing environmental justice issues.
- Recommends options for addressing environmental justice issues to the governor and the generalaAssembly; includes prioritized areas of the state that need immediate attention

### **State Government Regulations**

### ✓ Md. Environment Code Ann. § 1-701

 Codifies the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities and their duties

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Emphasize improvements in quality of life, economic development, and environmental protection for all communities."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



In progress

### CONTACT



Maryland Department of the Environment (800) 633-6101

# Massachusetts



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
- Environmental Justice Task Force
- Environmental Justice Advisory Council
- ✓ Interagency Environmental Justice Group

### **State Government Regulations**

- Executive Order 552: Executive Office of Energy and Environmental affairs shall
  - Appoint a Director of Environmental Justice
  - Establish Environmental Justice Advisory Council
  - Update the Environmental Justice Policy
  - Review and revise environmental justice population definition
  - Establish an Interagency Environmental Justice Group

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Ensure equal protection and meaningful involvement of all people with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies and the equitable distribution of environmental benefits."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



**Environmental Justice Neighborhoods** 

CONTACT



Director of Environmental Justice
Department of Environmental Protection

### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

# Michigan



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- ✓ Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate
  - Accepts and investigates complaints and concerns related to environmental justice within the state of Michigan
  - Establishes complaint, investigatory, informational, educational, and referral procedures and programs relating to environmental justice, coordinating with existing investigatory programs where feasible
  - Establishes a statewide uniform reporting system to collect and analyze complaints about environmental justice for the purpose of publicizing improvements and significant problems, coordinating with existing programs where feasible
  - Assists other departments or agencies in the resolution of complaints where necessary or appropriate.
  - Assists in the development, and monitors the implementation of, state and federal laws, rules, and regulations relating to environmental justice
  - Recommends changes in state and federal law, rules, regulations, policies, guidelines, practices, and procedures relating to environmental justice
  - Cooperates with persons and public or private agencies and undertakes or participates in conferences, inquiries, meetings, or studies that may lead to improvements in environmental justice
  - Publicizes the activities of the Office of the Environmental Justice Public Advocate

- Identifies issues related to environmental justice that transcend state departmental jurisdictions
- Reports matters of environmental injustice involving state departments and agencies to the governor and the director of the EGLE
- Attends and participates in meetings of the Response Team

# Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team

- Assists EGLE in developing, implementing, and regularly updating a statewide environmental justice plan
- Identifies and makes recommendations to address discriminatory public health or environmental effects of state laws, regulations, policies, and activities on Michigan residents, including an examination of disproportionate impacts
- Develops policies and procedures for use by state departments and agencies, including collaborative problem-solving, to assist in assuring that environmental justice principles are incorporated into departmental and agency decision-making and practices
- Recommends mechanisms for members of the public, communities, tribal governments, and groups, including disproportionatelyburdened communities, to assert adverse or disproportionate social, economic, or environmental impact upon a community and request responsive state action

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"To serve as an external advocate and catalyst for ensuring Environmental Justice throughout the state."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



Screening Tool for Environmental Justice in Michigan

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### CONTACT



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# Michigan



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- Makes recommendations to ensure consistency with federal environmental justice programs and recommend specific mechanisms for monitoring and measuring the effects of implementing the statewide environmental justice plan.
- Identifies state departments and agencies that could benefit from the development of a departmental or agency environmental justice plan
- Assist in the development of departmental or agency environmental justice plans and review the plans for consistency with the statewide environmental justice plan
- Recommends measures to integrate and coordinate the actions of state departments to further the promotion of environmental justice in the state
- Recommends environmental justice performance goals and measures for the EGLE and other state departments and agencies with departmental or agency environmental justice plans
- Reviews the progress of the EGLE and other departments and agencies with environmental justice plans in complying with the statewide environmental justice plan and promoting environmental justice.
- Interacts with tribal governments regarding environmental justice issues
- Works to achieve Michigan's goal of becoming a national leader in achieving environmental justice
- Makes recommendations to improve environmental justice training for state and local officials and employees

- Reviews best practices to enhance community environmental quality monitoring
- Recommends changes in Michigan law
- Performs other advisory duties as requested by the director of EGLE or the governor

### State Government Regulations

### Executive Order 2019-06

 Created the Interagency Environmental Justice Response Team and <u>Office of the Environmental</u> Justice Advocate

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"To serve as an external advocate and catalyst for ensuring Environmental Justice throughout the state."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



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### CONTACT



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# Minnesota Minnesota



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

- Develops an environmental justice framework to guide integration of environmental justice initiatives
- Creates an Implementation Report to assess progress as it relates to the framework

### **State Government Regulations**

### Environmental Justice Administrative Policy

- Defines environmental justice terms
- Sets forth key aspects of environmental justice policy in Minnesota

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



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."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



<u>Understanding Environmental Justice</u> <u>in Minnesota</u>

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**CONTACT** 



Environmental Justice Coordinator Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (651) 757-2557



# Mississippi



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### Office of Community Engagement

- Develops transparent and accessible decisionmaking processes to enable meaningful community stakeholder participation
- Presents information in ways that will enable community stakeholders to better understand environmental issues and offer input in an informed way during the decision-making process
- Be responsive to stakeholders and assist
   <u>Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality</u>
   staff in addressing the stakeholder concerns to
   the extent practicable.

### **State Government Regulations**

Mississippi currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Community engagement and collaboration are cornerstones for the protection of human health and the environment. We are dedicated to serving potentially impacted community organizations and concerned citizens through engagement activities"

### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

CONTACT



Department of Environmental Quality Office of Community Engagement (888) 786-0661



# Missouri Missouri



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Missouri currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Missouri currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





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## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Montana currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Montana currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice. The <u>USDA in Montana</u> acknowledges federal guidelines on environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Nebraska



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Nebraska currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Nebraska currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# Nevada



# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Nevada currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

# **State Government Regulations**

Nevada currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice. The Nevada Department of Transportation acknowledges federal guidelines on environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

**CONTACT** 





# New Hampshire

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# State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

New Hampshire currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

New Hampshire currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

**SCREENING TOOL** 



None

CONTACT





# New Jersey



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Office of Environmental Justice
  - Administers the Environmental Justice Advisory Council
  - Aids in the development and/or implementation of department policy, regulations, and procedures to increase opportunities for meaningful public participation and to address potential environmental justice concerns
  - Aids in health tracking and environmental data analysis
  - Informs community members of opportunities for public participation
  - Acts as a community liaison to amplify community concerns within the department
  - Conducts outreach and educational efforts to municipalities and community-based organizations
  - Streamlines access to information to effectuate meaningful involvement in state level environmental decision-making
  - Fosters partnerships to increase involvement in environmental decision-making at all levels of government
  - Promote sustainable and equitable community revitalization
  - Support the consideration of environmental justice in climate mitigation and resiliency and clean energy

### Department of Health, Environmental Public Health Tracking (EPHT)

Collects data on health, human exposures, and environmental hazards

### **✓ Environmental Justice Advisory Council**

 Serves as advisory body to the Commissioner of NJDEP

### **State Government Regulations**

- Environmental Justice Law, N.J.S.A. 13:1D-157
  - Limits the placement and expansion of facilities that have the potential to increase environmental and human health stressors in overburdened communities by placing permit requirements and restrictions on such proposed facilities
  - Creates list of overburdened communities and updates it at least every 2 years

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Guide the DEP's program areas and state agencies in working to achieve environmental justice, empower residents who are often outside of the decision-making process of government, and address environmental concerns to improve the quality of life in New Jersey's overburdened communities."

### **SCREENING TOOL**



Overburdened communities under New Jersey 2020 Envirnonmental Justice Law

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### CONTACT



Office of Environmental Justice Department of Environmental Protection (609) 633-0747

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# New Mexico



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

### New Mexico Environment Department

- Ensures meaningful involvement and fair treatment so that no group of people bear a disproportionate share of environmental consequences
- Seeks public input and comment on environmental concerns in communities pertaining to permitting and public participation, enforcement and supplemental environmental projects, border issues, land grants, uranium mining, religious sites, farm worker exposures, and wastewater treatment

### **State Government Regulations**

### Executive Order 2005-056

- Creates program and policies to promote protection of human and environmental health, ensure the needs of *low-income communities* of color are met, and address disproportionate exposure to environmental hazards and risks
- Utilize available environmental and public health data to address impacts of low-income communities and when determining siting, permitting, compliance, enforcement, and remediation of facilities
- Creates a multiagency task force to serve as an advisory body regarding state actions to be taken to address environmental justice; the task force will develop policies and procedures for the public to request actions taken to address environmental justice issues in their communities

### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"The State of New Mexico is committed to affording all New Mexicans, including people of color and low-income communities, fair treatment and meaningful opportunities for involvement in the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, gender, disability, religious or political affiliation, income or educational level."

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None

CONTACT



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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

## New York



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- ✓ New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Office of Environmental Justice
  - Offers grants to support and empower communities to develop and implement solutions to environmental issues and improve public outreach and education
  - Manages Potential Environmental Justice Area interactive maps
  - Releases quarterly environmental justice reports

#### **✓** Indian Nation Consultation

 Consults appropriate Indian Nation representatives on matters affecting Indian Nation interests relating to natural, cultural, or subsistence resources

#### **✓** Green Infrastructure

- Manages wet weather impacts that provide community benefits
- Uses vegetation, soils, and other elements to restore natural processes to manage and create healthier urban environments

#### Operation ECO-Quality

- Focuses on small to mid-size regulated facilities in environmental justice areas
- Improves community's quality of life and reduces public health risks

- Communicates with business owners to determine what leads to non-compliance; educates them on best management practices and pollution prevention
- Conducts enhanced outreach with community leaders and residents to understand issues and concerns

### **State Government Regulations**

#### ✓ Power NY Act 2011 – Environmental Justice Subchapter

- Analyzes of environmental justice issues associated with major electric generating facilities
- Enhances public participation
- Reviews environmental impacts on environmental justice communities
- Reduces disproportionate impacts in overburdened communities

### **✓** Pollution Justice Act 2021 (passed senate)

 Two public hearings in affected environmental justice communities on replacement and compliance plans for major facilities with plan for incorporation of renewable energy resources

## ✓ Public Service and Energy Law (passed senate)

 Employment and funding for energy efficient implementation shall serve individuals in priority populations or living in environmental justice communities

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Address environmental issues and concerns that affect primarily low income and minority communities through grant opportunities, enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, consultation, guidance, and enhanced public participation."

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Potential Environmental Justice Areas

CONTACT



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## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** New York



### **State Government Regulations**

#### **Environmental Conservation Law Amendments (passed senate)**

- Requires major source facilities to submit a plan to monitor ambient air concentrations for fence line communities
- Stipulates facilities will submit monitoring reports quarterly to compare with air quality standards
- Requires environmental impact statements stating if a facility will cause or increase disproportionate impacts on minority or economically distressed communities
- Requires permit applicants to submit enhanced public participation plan
- Requires consultation with environmental justice advisory group for scoping and planning as it relates to New York Climate Leadership and **Community Protection Act**

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Address environmental issues and concerns that affect primarily low income and minority communities through grant opportunities, enforcement of environmental laws and regulations, consultation, guidance, and

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Potential Environmental Justice Areas

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

## North Carolina



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

## **✓** North Carolina Department of Environmental Ouality (DEO)

- Upholds Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Engages public in environmental justice initiatives and presents clear information through the Public Participation Plan and Limited English Proficiency Language Access Plan

#### Environmental Justice and Equity Advisory Board

- Assists DEQ in achieving its mission
- Advises the secretary on the consistent implementation of fair treatment and meaningful involvement of North Carolina citizens across DEQ regarding new and ongoing complex permits, ongoing and proposed innovation, ongoing and future mitigation of contaminant exposures to human health and the environment, and other items deemed important by DEQ
- Advises the secretary on the integration of environmental justice and equity considerations into DEQ programs, policies, and activities to mitigate the environmental or public health impacts in communities disproportionately burdened by environmental harms

### **State Government Regulations**

North Carolina has no state-specific environmental justice laws, but it does cite its adherence to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Work to ensure 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 nvironmental laws, regulations and policies

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



North Carolina Community

Mapping System

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#### CONTACT



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# North Dakota



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

North Dakota currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

North Dakota currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT





# environmental justice Ohio



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### Environmental Justice Commission

- Conducts studies of environmental justice issues
- Establishes policy statements and makes recommendations to the General Assembly and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency regarding the application of environmental justice policies
- Coordinates programs and policies regarding environmental justice throughout the state

## **State Government Regulations**



/ H.B. 351

 Establishes the Environmental Justice Commission

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

**CONTACT** 





# Oklahoma



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Oklahoma currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

Oklahoma currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice. The <u>Oklahoma Department of Transportation</u> acknowledges federal guidelines on environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

**CONTACT** 





## Oregon



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEO)

- Works with local environmental justice groups to improve air quality and protect at risk populations
- Builds strong relationships with tribal communities and understands DEQ actions impacts on these communities
- Strengthens protections for people who eat fish from Oregon's waters by increasing water quality standards
- Improves environmental health of nail salon workers and customers through education and outreach
- Cleans up contaminated lands around the state that pose a risk to the health of people who are predominantly in low-income and minority communities
- Develops partnership with Oregon public health to provide information about environmental health to those not familiar with DEQ's work
- Creates opportunities for people to share comments or concerns
- Environmental Justice Task Force
  - Advises the governor on environmental justice issues
  - Advises natural resource agencies on environmental justice issues, including community concerns and public participation processes

- Identifies, in cooperation with natural resource agencies, minority and low-income communities that may be affected by environmental decisions made by the agencies
- Meets with traditionally underrepresented communities and makes recommendations to the governor regarding concerns raised by these communities
- Defines environmental justice issues in the state.

### **State Government Regulations**



Creates the Environmental Justice Task Force

#### MISSION STATEMENT



justice and to ensuring that the agency's actions—
including permitting, cleanup, policy and planning,
outreach and education, and compliance and
enforcement—address the interests of Oregon
ommunities, especially minority, low-income and other
aditionally underrepresented communities, as much as

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

#### CONTACT



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## **ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE** U.S. Pacific Islands



## **State Agencies and Programs That** Manage Environmental Justice Issues

★ The U.S. Pacific Islands currently have no agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

★ The U.S. Pacific Islands currently have no government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



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**CONTACT** 



## Pennsylvania



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

## Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Office of Environmental Justice

- Minimizes adverse environmental impacts by ensuring all projects are considering those most at risk regardless of project location
- Empowers communities by providing increased opportunities for environmental justice communities to engage in the political process
- Fosters economic opportunities by promoting environmentally responsible economic development within environmental justice communities

#### **✓ Environmental Justice Advisory Board**

- Oversees the implementation of DEP's Enhanced Public Participation Policy
- Provides a forum for protecting the health of communities, especially communities with the greatest concentration of environmental risks
- Reviews and makes recommendations to DEP management on existing and proposed regulations and policies that impact the environmental health of communities
- Provides a forum for stakeholders to share environmental concerns in their communities

#### **State Government Regulations**

## ✓ Article I §27 of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

- The people have a right to clean air, pure water, and to the preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment.
- Pennsylvania's public natural resources are the common property of all the people, including generations yet to come. As trustee of these resources, the Commonwealth shall conserve and maintain them for the benefit of all the people.

## ✓ Environmental Justice Public Participation Policy

 Provides guidelines for DEP's approach to public engagement for permit application reviews in environmental justice areas

#### MISSION STATEMENT



"Help the DEP ensure the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people with the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental policies, regulation, and laws; as well as with respect to the identification of environmental issues that affect the most vulnerable communities."

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**Environmental Justice Areas Viewer** 

CONTACT



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# Puerto Rico



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Puerto Rico currently has no agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

> Puerto Rico currently has no government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT



## Rhode Island



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### Office of Land Revitalization and Sustainable Materials Management

- Helps the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) make more informed decisions, improve work quality through collaborative efforts, and build mutual understanding and trust between the Department and the public it serves
- Ensures that DEM staff understand the characteristics of the communities surrounding the sites that they are assigned to regulate
- Increases awareness in the urban centers about DEM, the Site Remediation program, and the opportunities for assistance offered by DEM to residents living in these neighborhoods
- Provides a clear process for residents to identify potentially contaminated sites to DEM, monitors the initial consideration of those sites, and understands the results of the evaluation
- Encourages investment and development in environmental justice areas that balance the needs of residents and municipalities and the redevelopment community
- Provides a clear and effective process for ongoing two-way communication and understanding as a site is investigated and cleaned up
- Helps DEM staff engage residents within their own communities and neighborhoods in order to help build capacity of residents and community groups within urban areas to support progress towards the goals of this policy
- Provides an opportunity to raise concerns about environmental justice and ensures they are considered by DEM

#### **State Government Regulations**

#### Chapter 23-19.14, Section 23-19.14-5

Sets forth guidelines for environmental equity and public participation

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



None

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



**Environmental Resource Map** 

CONTACT



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## South Carolina



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

- ✓ South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Environmental Affairs
  - Ensures environmental justice communities are considered during decision-making processes
  - Builds and strengthens relationships with communities by sharing information, providing technical assistance, and identifying resources
  - Promotes partnership between communities and other stakeholders
  - Facilitates capacity building and problem solving within environmental justice communities
  - Strengthen agency's leadership goal of sustaining environmental justice

### **State Government Regulations**

X South Carolina currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT



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# South Dakota



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

South Dakota currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

X South Dakota currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT





## Tennessee



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

## ✓ <u>Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation</u>

- Undertakes early and proactive discussions with community leaders, nonprofits, local, state and federal agencies, elected officials, and the private sector
- Ensures that engagement opportunities are broadcast through a variety of means including those that are most likely to reach the community members most impacted by the decision
- Provides multiple means for community members to participate in public meetings and hearings, such as in-person, videoconference, and phone
- Educates interested stakeholders on the Department's roles and responsibilities as related to the action/activity
- Ensures that comments can be submitted through many methods

### **State Government Regulations**

➤ Tennessee currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Fair and equitable treatment of every community in its practices as agency decisions and actions have the potential to involve and impact underserved or environmentally overburdened communities."

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

CONTACT



## Texas



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

- Helps communities participate in decisionmaking and regulatory processes
- Serves as contact for environmental justice concerns
- Considers and handles concerns fairly
- Ensures all people receive equal benefit from environmental regulations and protection

## **State Government Regulations**

➤ Texas currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Address environmental equity (also known as environmental justice) concerns for all Texans, including low-income and minority communities across the state, so that all Texans can fully participate in decision-making processes and enjoy the benefits of our environmental programs."

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

CONTACT



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# U.S. Virgin Islands



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

★ The U.S. Virgin Islands currently have no agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

The U.S. Virgin Islands currently have no government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT





# ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE Utah



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

➤ Utah currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

Utah currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

**CONTACT** 





## Vermont



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### **Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC)**

- Develops an Environmental Justice Policy for
- Empowers team member to serve as division liaison in environmental justice
- Advises on how to integrate environmental justice into Vermont's regulatory, outreach, and funding programs
- Explores funding sources (e.g., EPA Healthy Communities grant program) for projects in Vermont communities
- Develops a plan for environmental justice sustainability and consistent application throughout all DEC divisions into the future
- Supports and develops further staff training including environmental justice team experts (e.g., Diversity, Equity & Inclusion and Poverty Training)
- Monitors the effectiveness of its Environmental Justice Policy and Title VI compliance
- Promotes awareness of environmental justice within the department

### **State Government Regulations**

#### **Bill S.148**

Requires Agency of Natural Resources, of Transportation, of Commerce and Community Development, and of Education; Dept. of Health, of Public Safety, and of Public Service to report actions that will be taken to incorporate environmental justice into Vermont's policies by July 1, 2024

#### **Bill H.440**

Proposes "green justice zones" starting in two communities to establish communityled, participatory planning, budgeting, and referendum process. Implementing projects to address social and environmental vulnerabilities. Would create jobs to address social and environmental vulnerabilities, with a unionized workforce, and would prioritize BIPOC individuals

#### MISSION STATEMENT



"Incorporating environmental justice into all of DEC's programs through collaboration with external innovative community engagement techniques, staff training, development of an environmental justice mapping tool for Vermont and exploring opportunities

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In progress

CONTACT





# Virginia



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### **✓ Virginia Department of Environmental Quality**

 Serves as lead agency for environmental justice initiatives and incorporate recommendations of the Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group

## Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group

- Assesses and provides recommendations regarding agency improvements to meaningfully engage environmental justice communities and "fenceline" communities in decision-making activities
- Compile environmental justice report to define future of the Environmental Justice program in Virginia

### **State Government Regulations**

#### Environmental Justice Act HB 704/SB 406

- Defines environmental justice terms and requires environmental justice is carried out throughout Virginia with a focus on environmental justice and "fenceline" communities
- Budget item 372 #1c created to establish Interagency Environmental Justice Working Group, a group tasked to identify what resources and processes were required to develop environmental justice policies

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"To further environmental justice and enhance public participation in the regulatory and permitting processes."

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

CONTACT



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# Washington, DC



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Office of Enforcement and Environmental Justice

## **State Government Regulations**

Washington, DC currently has no government regulations relating to environmental justice.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



repromote environmental justice in enforcement decisions and support Depart of Energy and Environment's work to ensure that District lowincome, minority, or limited English proficiency residents have meaningful opportunities to participate in DOEE environmental decision making."

#### **SCREENING TOOL**



None

**CONTACT** 



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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

## Washington



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

#### Washington State Department of Ecology

- Develops and maintains interactive map of contaminated sites in the state
- Funds affordable housing and development of brownfields
- Protects communities from climate change

#### Environmental Justice Council

- Provides recommendations to the state on implementing environmental justice requirements such as environmental justice assessments, community engagement plans, and strategic plans
- Develops guidance on identifying overburdened communities and the use of the environmental health disparities map
- Tracks progress toward increasing health equity and ensuring environmental justice throughout Washington.
- Provides recommendations on the development and implementation of climate programs, including programs funded from carbon revenues
- Serves as a forum for environmental justice concerns and priorities
- Provides recommendations to the governor and legislature on actions that advance environmental justice

#### ✓ Environmental Justice Task Force

- Guidance for using the Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map to identify communities that are highly impacted by environmental justice issues with current demographic data
- Best practices for increasing meaningful and inclusive community engagement that takes into account barriers to participation that may arise due to race, color, ethnicity, religion, income, or education level
- Measurable goals for reducing environmental health disparities for each community in Washington state and ways in which state agencies may focus their work towards meeting those goals
- Model policies that prioritize highly impacted communities and vulnerable populations for the purpose of reducing environmental health disparities and advancing a healthy environment for all residents

## **State Government Regulations**

### ✓ Senate Bill 5141

- Implements findings of environmental task force
- Prevents and addresses environmental health disparities by administering ongoing and new environmental programs, and to remedy effects of past disparate treatment of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Committed to making decisions that do not place disproportionate burdens on disadvantaged communities. And we seek to lift the weight of pollution and contamination borne by those communities. Focusing our time and resources toward strategic actions to address these long-standing inequities will lead to improvements in health and the environment, and more

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<u>What's in My Neighborhood?</u> <u>Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map</u>

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# Washington



## **State Government Regulations**

- Requires agencies to:
  - Create and adopt a community engagement plan for engagement of overburdened and vulnerable populations
  - Conduct environmental justice assessment to support considerations of overburdened communities and vulnerable populations when making decisions and equitable distribution of environmental benefits, reduction of environmental harms, and identification and reduction of environmental and health disparities
  - Incorporate environmental justice principles in decision-making processes for developing budgets, making expenditures, and granting or withholding environmental benefits
  - Have consultation framework to coordinate with tribal governments
- Establishes Environmental Justice Council

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**



"Committed to making decisions that do not place disproportionate burdens on disadvantaged communities. And we seek to lift the weight of pollution and contamination borne by those communities. Focusing our time and resources toward strategic actions to address these long-standing inequities will lead to improvements in health and the environment, and more resilient communities in Washington."

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<u>What's in My Neighborhood?</u> Washington Environmental Health Disparity Map

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# West Virginia



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

West Virginia currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

West Virginia currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

CONTACT





## Wisconsin



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Wisconsin currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

Wisconsin currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

The Wisconsin Department of Transportation acknowledges federal guidelines on environment justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

**CONTACT** 





# Wyoming



## State Agencies and Programs That Manage Environmental Justice Issues

Wyoming currently has no state agency or program identified as the lead for environmental justice initiatives.

## **State Government Regulations**

Wyoming currently has no state government regulations relating to environmental justice.

**MISSION STATEMENT** 



None

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None

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