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Environmental Justice

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Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. This goal will be achieved when everyone enjoys:



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- Equitable Development <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/equitable-development-and-environmental-justice>>
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
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- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 <<https://epa.gov/environmentaljustice/title-vi-and-environmental-justice>>
- Community Outreach and Engagement <<https://epa.gov/node/264611>>

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- National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC)
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- White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC)
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How Did the Environmental Movement Arise?

The environmental justice movement was started by individuals, primarily people of color, who sought to address the inequity of environmental protection in the United States.

Professor Robert Bullard wrote, "whether by conscious design or insidious neglect, the environmental injustices of color in urban ghettos, in rural 'poverty pockets', or on economically depressed Native-American reservations face some of the worst environmental conditions in the nation."

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s sounded the alarm about the environmental conditions that threatened their families, their communities and themselves.



Memphis Sanitation Stril

1968

1969

This timeline presents EPA's involvement in the Environmental Justice Movement and the major events leading up to it. This is not meant to be an all inclusive history of the movement in general.

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