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I applaud your dedication for doing good work. But you are outsiders assessing the needs from your perspective which results in leaving people off of your list of overburdened communities. You are not getting access to the most vulnerable populations. When you do talk there is a communications gap so your proposal is not readily understandable to most people. Instead use community engagement principles and proposals from the Healthy Environment for All ("HEAL") Act to work with insider community engagement efforts. Based on their perspective, residents of overburdened communities must be given the opportunity to apply or petition for consideration due to their lived experience with pollution, or due to special or unforeseen circumstances. It is be better to be safe than sorry so err on the side of caution and include more communities on the initial list of overburdened communities. I feel you are excluding vulnerable communities and at-risk populations by using community indicators that are overly narrow and restrictive due to an overly limited multi-factor test. I support the many other recommendations Front and Centered has presented to you. Please widen your scope to identify all the vulnerable populations in overburdened communities so they can enjoy improved air quality. Thank you for your work.