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Environmental Justice at the EPA

Learn about the EPA's [Office of Environmental Justice](#) and read the [Annual Environmental Justice Reports](#) to learn how the Agency's programs and resources serve vulnerable communities across the country. Read the report and stay connected through our [ListServ](#) to find out how you can stay involved!

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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:



[Read the Factsheet about the EPA's Office of Environmental Justice.](#)



The same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards, and
Equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment
in which to live, learn, and work.

Still have questions? [Contact your Regional Staff.](#)

EJSCREEN

Check out EPA's environmental justice screening and mapping tool today!

Enter a location:

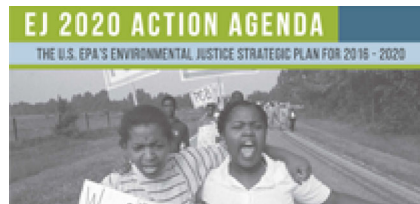
 

Grants and Resources



[EJ Grants, Funding, and Technical Assistance Resources for Communities](#)
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Strategic Planning



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[National Environmental Policy Act \(NEPA\)](#)
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Collaborative Partnerships



Community Voices

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC)

Federal Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice

International Human Rights and Rights of Indigenous People

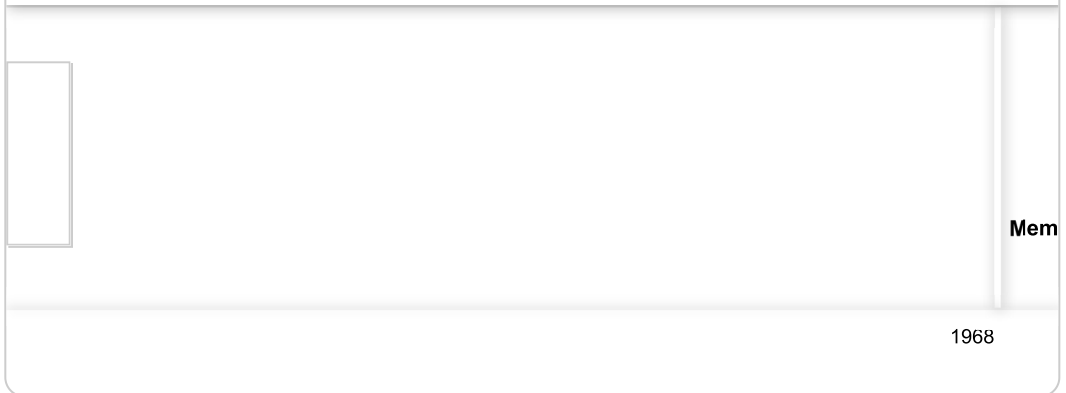
Tribes and Indigenous Peoples

How Did the Environmental Movement Arise?

The environmental justice movement was started by individuals who sought to address the inequity of environmental protection.

Professor Robert Bullard wrote, "whether by conscious or unconscious choices of color in urban ghettos, in rural 'poverty pockets', American reservations face some of the worst environmental conditions."

The Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s sounded the alarm for their families, their communities and themselves.



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.



Report a Violation

Report possible violations of environmental laws and regulations.

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