



Environmental Justice Regulations Development Workshop #3: Measuring What Matters

Identification and Measurement of Environmental and Health Stressors

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tues Mar 25, 2025; 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Link to Meeting Recording:

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1. Welcome
2. Summary of Comments Received from Workshops in December 2024 on “Public Participation Plans and Reports”
3. Key Terms and Why Cumulative Impacts
4. Survey of Other States’ Environmental and Public Health Stressors
5. Q&A

Maggie Favretti – Wondering whether this is taking into consideration cumulative impacts on indoor air pollution. Shared how lax building codes allow for toxins in processes like off gassing. It is very difficult for sensitive populations to live with those standards because they are more vulnerable to toxic chemicals and building materials.

Response: While DEEP doesn’t regulate indoor air quality, we are certainly interested in what factors might contribute to vulnerability and sensitivity in communities.

Dr. Mark Mitchell – Talked about how a public housing indicator should be considered since some people cannot get away from their exposure. For some public housing residents, it could take two years to transfer from place to place. Asked about whether race will be included as an indicator.

Response: DEEP hasn’t made any decisions yet about which indicators to include, but will take into account both of these.

Elisha Brockenberry – Shared how they are in Bridgeport, CT and from an urban farming background. Explained how soil is deeply contaminated because its industrial history and flooding. Wondering how someone can get support from CT DEEP or DPH on

projects because municipalities are not always responsive for projects having to do with topics such as EJ.

Response: DEEP will follow up with you about funding opportunities.

Arthur Simonian – Mentioned how they operate waste water treatment facility in Cromwell. Asked if there are going to be two factors or different ways to identify EJ based on environmental exposure and a community being in a depressed area that will trigger EJ regulations? They wanted clarification on whether EJ regs applied to facilities located outside EJ areas that serves EJ areas.

Response: The EJ Law focuses on the location of the facility rather than where it serves. So if the facility is located within an EJ Community and is an Affecting Facility, then the law and these regulations will apply.

Reggy S – Asked if there are layers in regard to empty lots?

Response: There could be a layer for empty lots, for example some states have used “impervious surface” layer data.

Maggie Favretti – Asked if the following scenario would be considered/investigated/regulated: A landfill near reservation and a stream emptying into their main drinking water source?

Response: The regulations will cover Affecting Facilities in Environmental Justice Communities. There are other regulations or laws that may kick in in your particular scenario.

6. Discussion on Stressors Breakout Rooms

7. Closing and Resources

- Have more to share, fill out this survey with additional comments about environmental and public health indicators:
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