



Just the Facts on EJ

What is environmental justice and does it require?

Environmental Justice (EJ) refers to the federal government's policy that EWG, as a federal-aid recipient, identify and address, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of EWG's policies, programs, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations. Under this policy, EWG is required to, in part: (a) identify EJ populations that may be affected by a proposed program, project, or activity, (b) determine whether EJ populations will experience potential adverse human health or environment effects as a result of a proposed program, project, or activity, and (c) consider alternatives to proposed programs, policies, and activities, where these alternatives would result in avoiding or minimizing disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects.

Who is covered by EJ standards?

Minority populations and low-income populations are covered by EJ standards. A minority population or a low-income population means any readily identifiable group(s) of minority persons or low-income persons, as applicable, who live in geographic proximity and, if circumstances warrant, geographically dispersed/transient persons (i.e. migrant workers or Native Americans) who will be similarly affected by a proposed program, policy, or activity.



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How do I obtain more information about EWG's Title VI Program or EJ?

Additional information can be obtained on EWG's website at www.ewgateway.org/titlevi or by contacting EWG's Title VI Coordinator at the email, address, or phone number provided below.

How do I file a complaint?

If you have a complaint, you may file it with EWG's Title VI Coordinator up to 180 calendar days from the date of the alleged discrimination. The complaint may be submitted using EWG's Title VI Nondiscrimination Complaint Form (found online at www.ewgateway.org/titlevi) or may be submitted in writing. If you do not use EWG's complaint form, your complaint should be in writing and signed and should include:

- Your name, address, and telephone number.
- The name and address of the agency, institution, or department that you believed discriminated against you.
- The how, why, when that you believe you were discriminated against. Include as much specific, detailed information as possible about the alleged acts of discrimination and any other relevant information.
- The names of any persons, if known, who EWG can contact for clarity regarding the allegations.

More information about EWG's Title VI Complaint Procedures can be found in Appendix 3 of EWG's Title VI Program located online at www.ewgateway.org/titlevi.

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