



# Plan EJ 2014

# Overview

# Presentation Outline

- **Plan EJ 2014 Background**
- **Framework for Plan EJ 2014**
- **Goals of Plan EJ 2014**
- **Nine Implementation Plans**



# Background on Plan EJ 2014

- **Plan EJ 2014 carries out Administrator Jackson's priority on Expanding the Conversation on Environmentalism and Working for Environmental Justice.**
- **Plan EJ 2014 is a roadmap that will help EPA integrate environmental justice into EPA's programs, policies, and activities.**
- **February 2014 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the issuance of Executive Order 12898 on environmental justice.**
- **Plan EJ 2014 involves all EPA programs and regions, receives continuous stakeholder input, and has annual reporting requirements.**



# Goals of Plan EJ 2014

- **Protect health in communities that have been overburdened by pollution.**
- **Empower communities to take action to improve their health and environment.**
- **Establish partnerships with local, state, tribal and federal organizations to achieve healthy and sustainable communities.**



# Plan EJ 2014 Framework

**Cross-Agency Focus Areas**

**Tools Development Areas**

**Program Initiatives**



# Cross-Agency Focus Areas - (5)

1. **Rulemaking:** Incorporating EJ into rulemaking framework.
2. **Permitting:** Considering EJ concerns in EPA's permitting process.
3. **Enforcement:** Advancing EJ through compliance and enforcement initiatives that focus on overburdened communities.
4. **Community-Based Action:** Supporting community-based action programs that build healthy, sustainable and green communities.
5. **Interagency Collaboration:** Fostering Administration-wide action on EJ that foster environmental, health and economic benefits.



# Tools Development – (4)

- **Science:** Apply integrated and community-based participatory research to address multi-media, cumulative impacts and equity in environmental health.
- **Law:** Provide EJ legal assistance to all Plan EJ 2014 areas and Agency programs.
- **Information:** Develop nationally consistent EJ screen and common geospatial platform.
- **Resources:** Improve transparency and efficiency in delivery of grants and technical assistance.



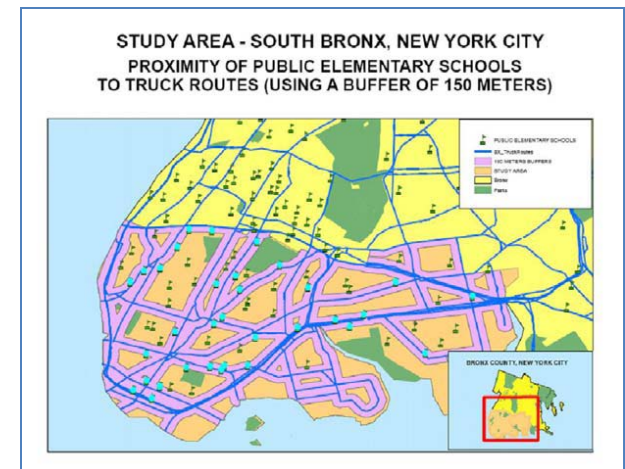
	<b>Implementation Plans</b>	<b>Lead Offices and Regions</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Rulemaking</b>	<b>OCSP, OP, OEJ, ORD, Region 9</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Permitting</b>	<b>OAR, OGC, Region 1</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Enforcement</b>	<b>OECA, Region 5</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Community-Based Action</b>	<b>OSWER, Regions 2,3, 4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Administration-Wide Action</b>	<b>OW, Region 6</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Science Tools</b>	<b>ORD, Region 7</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Legal Tools</b>	<b>OGC, Region 5</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Information Tools</b>	<b>OP, OEI, Regions 3, 8, 9, 10</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Resources Tools</b>	<b>OARM</b>





# Incorporating EJ into Rulemaking

- Finalize the *Interim Guidance on Considering Environmental Justice During the Development of an Action*.
- Implement and Monitor EJ-Rulemaking Guidance.
  - NO<sub>2</sub> NAAQS
  - RTR Chrome Electroplating MACT
  - Definition of Solid Waste
- Develop EJ Technical Guidance.



# Considering EJ in Permitting

- **Develop and implement tools and recommendations to:**
  - Enhance meaningful community participation.
  - Assist permitting authorities to incorporate EJ in permitting decisions.
- **Implementation Plan emphasizes early stakeholder engagement to all groups.**



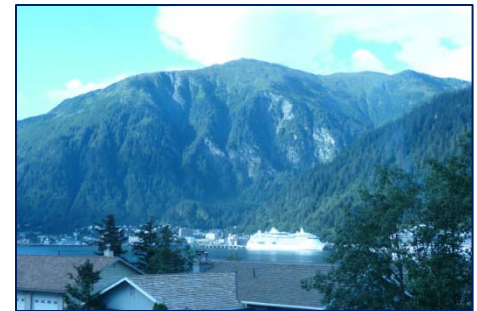
# Advancing EJ through Compliance and Enforcement

- Advance EJ goals through National Enforcement Initiatives.
- Advance EJ goals through targeting and development of enforcement and compliance actions.
- Enhance use of enforcement and compliance tools in geographic initiatives.
- Seek appropriate remedies in enforcement actions to benefit vulnerable communities.
- Enhance communications.



# Supporting Community-Based Action Programs

- Advance EJ principles in state and tribal partnerships through NEPPS and NPM guidance.
- Identify scalable/replicable program elements and align multiple community-based programs to operationalize EJ.
- Promote One EPA presence to better engage communities.
- Foster community based programs modeled on CARE principles.
- Explore how EPA can inform or help local decision-makers to maximize benefits and minimize adverse impacts from land use decision-making, planning, siting, and permitting.
- Promote equitable development opportunities.



# Fostering Administration-Wide Action

- Assist other federal agencies to integrate EJ through Interagency Working Group.
- Strengthen use of NEPA and Title VI.
- Foster healthy and sustainable communities through interagency collaborations.
- Strengthen community access to federal agencies.



# Science Tools Development

- Focus on addressing multi-media, cumulative impacts and equity in environmental health and environmental conditions.
- Incorporate perspectives from community-based organizations and leaders into EPA research agendas and engage in collaborative partnerships on science/research to address EJ.
- Leverage partnerships with other federal agencies on issues of research, policy and action to address health disparities.
- Build and strengthen capacity of Agency scientists to conduct research in partnership with impacted communities and translating research results to inform change.
- Build and strengthen technical capacity of community-based organizations and community environmental justice and health leaders to address disparities and environmental sustainability.



# Legal Tools Development

- **Identify opportunities to utilize the Agency's statutory authorities to advance environmental justice.**
- **Implement forward-leaning environmental justice policies with acceptable legal risk and to identify new opportunities to promote environmental justice policy objectives.**



# Information Tools Development

- **Develop a nationally consistent environmental justice screening tool.**
- **Develop EPA's GeoPlatform.**
  - Create a more effective place-based product, using common geospatial data, services, and applications, and hosted on a shared infrastructure.
- **Incorporate appropriate elements of the screening tool into the GeoPlatform.**





# Resources Tools Development

- **Grants and Technical Assistance Component:**
  - Increase transparency and efficiency in providing community-based grant opportunities.
  - Improve delivery of technical assistance to communities.
  - Strengthen grants training for communities.
  - Improve community awareness of grant competition.
  - Revise grant policies that are unduly restrictive.
  - Improve timeliness of Brownfields Grant Awards.
- **Workforce Diversity Component:**
  - Increase the diverse pool of qualified applicants.
  - Operate a One EPA approach for recruitment/outreach.



# What Happens in 2014?

- EPA will have created a menu of policies, tools and strategies for building healthy, sustainable and green communities in overburdened areas.
- EPA will make an assessment of its progress in achieving the goals of Plan EJ 2014. Based on this assessment, EPA will produce a report on the accomplishments, lessons learned, challenges, and next steps for continuing the Agency's efforts to make environmental justice an integral part of every decision.



# Acronyms

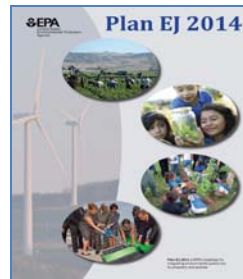
- CARE – Community Action for a Renewed Environment
- MACT – Maximum Achievable Control Technology
- NAAQS – National Ambient Air Quality Standards
- NEPPS – National Environmental Performance Partnership System
- NPM – National Program Manager
- OAR – Office of Air and Radiation
- OARM – Office of Administration and Resource Management
- OEI – Office of Environmental Information
- OEJ – Office of Environmental Justice
- OCSP – Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention
- OECA – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- OGC – Office of General Counsel
- OP – Office of Policy
- ORD – Office of Research and Development
- OSWER – Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
- OW – Office of Water



# For more information

## Plan EJ 2014

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/plan-ej/index.html>



## EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView>