



Assessment of Environmental Justice at the NRC

Listening Session and Panel Discussion

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Systematic Review of Environmental Justice in NRC's Programs, Policies, and Activities: Listening Session and Panel Discussion

Public Meeting
September 27, 2021

Meeting Logistics

- This is an Information Session with Q&A public meeting.
- This meeting is being transcribed and transcript will be publicly available.
- No regulatory decisions will be made at today's meeting.



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Participants are in listen-only mode until the comment-gathering period.

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Participants can send questions during the meeting to David McIntyre at dtm@nrc.gov.

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Introduction and
Agenda



Listening Session



Panel Discussion



Closing Statements

Introductions

Facilitator:

- Chip Cameron, Manager, Zero Gravity Group, LLC

U.S. NRC Participants:

- Margaret Doane, Executive Director for Operations
- Gregory Suber, Director, Environmental Justice Review Team

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Why is the NRC having this meeting?

- Staff is systematically reviewing how **Environmental Justice (EJ)** is addressed in NRC's programs, policies, and activities.
- This meeting is being conducted to hear various perspectives about NRC programs, policies, and activities, and gather additional input for the EJ Review Team's effort.
- Perspectives provided during this meeting will help inform the EJ Review Team's paper to the Commission.

What is Environmental Justice?

Environmental justice refers to the federal policy established in 1994 by Executive Order (EO) 12898, which directed federal agencies to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority and low-income populations.



Commission's
April 23, 2021
Staff
Requirements
Memorandum
(ML21113A070)

- A. Evaluate recent Executive Orders and assess whether environmental justice is appropriately considered and addressed given the agency's mission.
- B. Consider the practices of other Federal and State agencies and Tribal governments, and evaluate whether the NRC should incorporate environmental justice beyond implementation through NEPA.
- C. Review the adequacy of the 2004 Commission Policy Statement.
- D. Consider whether establishing formal mechanisms to gather external stakeholder input would benefit any future environmental justice efforts

Highlights from Ongoing Outreach Efforts

Our outreach effort has consisted of a variety of mediums including

- In-Person Meetings
- Written Comment Submissions
- Focused Interviews with members of EJ Communities and NRC subject matter experts
- Virtual Meetings and Group Discussions
- Tribal Consultation
- Listening Session
- Panel Discussion



Listening Session

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Participants:

- Reverend Leo Woodberry, CEO, New Alpha Community Development Center
- Adrienne Hollis, PhD, Hollis Environmental Consulting, LLC
- Juan Parras, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Center
- Leona Morgan (Diné), Diné No Nukes, Indigenous activist and community organizer
- Jerry Pardilla, Director, Office of Environmental Resource Management with the United Southern and Eastern Tribes
- Reverend Brendolyn Boseman, The Imani Group, Inc.
- Manna Jo Greene, Environmental Action Director, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc.



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The purpose of this session is to hear the views and perspectives from Leaders in environmental justice communities and environmental justice practitioners on how NRC has addressed, and might enhance, Environmental Justice in its programs and activities.



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Topics for Listening Session:

- Key aspects of an effective environmental justice (EJ) program
- Perspectives on how NRC has addressed EJ in its programs and activities (such as NRC's review and licensing process)
- Potential enhancements on how NRC addresses EJ in its programs and activities
- Perspectives, observations and recommendations on engaging with EJ communities



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Break

We will resume with the Panel Discussion shortly





Panel Discussion

Panel Members:

- Reverend Leo Woodberry, CEO, New Alpha Community Development Center
- June L Lorenzo, Attorney and Consultant; Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment
- Dr. Mustafa Santiago Ali, Vice President of Environmental Justice, Climate, and Community Revitalization, National Wildlife Federation
- Heather Westra, Consultant to the Tribal Council, Prairie Island Indian Community
- Matthew Tejada, Director, Office of Environmental Justice, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- Dr. Edwin Lyman, Director, Nuclear Power Safety, Union of Concerned Scientists
- Ellen Ginsberg, Sr. Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary, Nuclear Energy Institute
- Diane Curran, Counsel, Harmon, Curran, Spielberg & Eisenberg, LLP



Panel Discussion

Purpose of the Panel Discussion is to hear views and perspectives from panelists regarding NRC's 2004 Policy Statement (69 FR 52040) and legal considerations for incorporating EJ beyond implementation through the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).



Topics for Panel Discussion

Adequacy of the 2004 Commission policy statement

Incorporating EJ beyond implementation through NEPA

Enhancing opportunities for EJ communities to participate more effectively in the hearing process



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Environmental Justice Review Timeline

- Comments Accepted via
 - **Telephone:** 301-415-3875 or 800-882-4672 (leave voicemail comment)
 - **E-mail:** NRC-EJReview@nrc.gov
 - **Mail**
 - **Federal Rulemaking Website**
 - **Original Notice at 86 FR 36307**
- Deadline for comments extended to October 29, 2021
- Feb. 2022: Staff provide results of review and recommendations to the Commission

Contact Information

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