



Ohio EPA and environmental justice

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Does Ohio EPA have information on environmental justice?

Ohio EPA has found that the most effective way to address environmental justice concerns is by building partnerships with community organizations. Some examples include:

- Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign - As a project partner of the Campaign, Ohio EPA acts as a technical resource and assists with projects that increase awareness and understanding of air quality issues.
- Earth Day Coalition's Sustainable Cleveland Partnership - Ohio EPA has partnered with this group which is a local initiative in neighborhood-based environmental protection for low-income and/or minority communities.

We also develop site-specific communication plans for permits in areas that warrant additional outreach, such as East Liverpool and neighborhoods in Cincinnati. As an additional reference you may also be interested in [U.S. EPA's website on Environmental Justice](#).

Ohio EPA has not compiled a written assessment or guidance related to environmental justice (EJ). In addition, we do not have an EJ office or staff dedicated specifically to EJ concerns. As a recipient of federal funding, Ohio EPA is under a legal obligation to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act. We have fully reviewed the guidance developed by U.S. EPA for states regarding environmental justice. We meet our legal obligations and implement federal guidance through both our technical review and our public involvement activities on permit applications.

Under Title VI, States are prohibited from using criteria or methods of administering its program which have the effect of subjecting individuals to discrimination because of their race, color or national origin. As a result, States may not issue permits that are intentionally discriminatory or issue permits that have a discriminatory effect based on race, color or national origin. While we do not have a specific environmental justice policy to follow, we consider all comments regarding environmental justice to ensure we comply with Title VI. Also, Ohio EPA issues permits based upon standards that are equally protective of all Ohio citizens.

If you have additional questions, contact our Public Interest Center at (614) 644-2160.

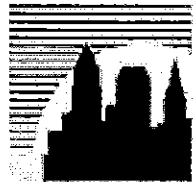


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Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign



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To address air quality issues in Northeast Ohio, the Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign was developed in the fall of 2001. Local campaign members work collaboratively with local, state, and federal Environmental Protection Agency staff to design and implement projects that protect public health in Greater Cleveland. The campaign works to reduce indoor and

outdoor air toxics. Reduction projects include, but are not limited to: School bus diesel retrofits; environmental educational activities for students; school bus health study; Indoor air quality awareness in schools; Transit fuel replacement; Reduction of secondhand smoke exposure; vehicle idle reduction education program; and healthy homes education. The Campaign has established collaborative partnerships with environmental groups and other organizations concerned with air quality throughout Northeast Ohio.

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The Cleveland Clean Air Century Campaign has recently joined forces with the Greater Cleveland Asthma Coalition to form the Greater Cleveland Air and Asthma Alliance. [Learn more.](#)

Visit the [Campaign's Resource Page](#).

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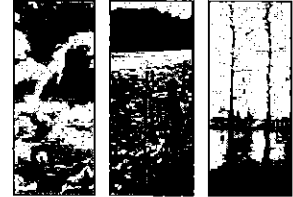
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The Sustainable Cleveland Partnership (SCP) program is a local initiative in neighborhood-based environmental protection for low-income and/or minority communities. In the framework of environmental justice, sustainable development, and pollution prevention, SCP training workshops (more than 25 held to date) have included such modules as the right-to-know laws, environmental risk regulation and reduction, environmental audits of specific neighborhoods, Title V air permit program, and more. SCP organizes tours of industrial parks, participates in public hearings and media events, leads citizen campaigns on pollution prevention for large stationary sources, and builds capacity in a variety of minority constituent groups including citizens' councils, street and block clubs, community centers and development associations, and schools and churches.

SCP partners include the City of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County Planning Commission, Environmental Defense, Earth Day Coalition, Environmental Health Watch, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Forum, Lee Seville Miles Citizens Council, Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs, Neighborhood Centers Association, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, St. Clair Superior Neighborhood Development Association, United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 (Cleveland and Chicago offices), and The Spanish American Committee.

SCP was awarded Renew America's Certificate of Environmental Achievement and invited to the National Town Meeting for a Sustainable America sponsored by the President's Council on Sustainable Development



Neighborhood organizations begin their pollution prevention planning.