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Moving Environmental Justice Forward

Celebrating Executive Order 14096, Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All

We are pleased to celebrate the first anniversary of a pivotal moment in our nation's commitment to environmental justice – Executive Order 14096, Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All, signed by President Biden on April 21, 2023.

The Executive Order (EO), *Revitalizing our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, affirms the Administration's commitment to “restoring and protecting a healthy environment – wherever people live, work, learn, grow, and worship – is a matter of justice and a fundamental duty that the Federal Government must uphold on behalf of all people” and calls on agencies to implement and enforce the nation's environmental and civil rights laws, prevent pollution, address climate change and its effects, and work to clean up legacy pollution that is harming human health and the environment.

To fully and effectively implement its environmental and climate justice goals, we urge the Administration to continue to make progress on the following actions:

Environmental Justice Goal	Progress
Measure agency performance on racial equity and utilize race as an indicator to report on federal agency performance on environmental justice.	We urge the Administration to measure agency performance and impact of federal investments on disadvantaged communities using racial demographic data in future iterations of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Scorecard.
Provide strong guidance to	We urge agencies to take steps to integrate

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<p>agencies on addressing the cumulative impacts of environmental and other burdens on environmental justice communities.</p>	<p>cumulative impact analysis into agency rulemaking, and in the implementation of programs and practices that have the potential to impact human health and the environment.</p>
<p>Further develop environmental justice metrics to track federal agency performance.</p>	<p>We urge agencies to track and assess program success and measure program benefits through the EJ Scorecard. The scorecard should clarify how agencies define "benefits" and which metrics agencies are using to assess if at least 40% of program benefits are being delivered to disadvantaged communities.</p>
<p>Create guidance for states and municipalities for best practices on implementing environmental justice programs.</p>	<p>Our community of advocates frequently encounter local government officials unaware of the environmental justice efforts within the federal government. The Administration could provide more guidance by: creating an environmental justice materials clearing house and directly working with state governors, state agencies, mayors, environmental justice organizations and local leaders to deliver environmental justice funding to communities that need it the most.</p>