

On February 11, 1994 Presidential Executive Order 12898, “Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations” was issued because it had been concluded that many communities have been exposed to a greater volume of health and environmental dangers due to their social, economic or political position. The intent of this order is to ensure that minority and low-income populations are not exposed to disproportionately high adverse human health or environment effects due to federal programs, policies and activities.

Federal agencies have been directed to make environmental justice a part of their mission. Localities receiving funding need to ensure that the impact of a project does not lead to disproportional health or environmental danger to minority populations and low-income populations.

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