



## ORD's Environmental Justice Program

*Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, culture, education or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.*

The goal of the Environmental Justice (EJ) Program is to ensure that all people are protected from disproportionate environmental and human health hazards, and that they benefit from clean, healthy surroundings and sustainable economic development. The Office of Research and Development's (ORD) role in the EJ Program is to identify research needs to be assessed within the established ORD planning process, and to coordinate responses to information requests from EPA's Office of Environmental Justice.

ORD supports the Agency's environmental justice activities, both directly and indirectly, through its research programs and through the provision of expert advice and scientific leadership in the development of Agency science policies. Two representatives from EPA serve as co-Designated Agency Officers (co-DFOs), to the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) Health and Research Subcommittee. One of the EPA representatives is from ORD's Office of Science Policy and the other is from the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS).

The NEJAC Health and Research Subcommittee is comprised of environmental justice experts from state and local government, academia and the private sector. The role of these experts is to advise EPA on science issues pertaining to environmental justice in general, with particular emphasis on community health. For more information about the EJ Program, please contact the current EPA co-DFOs, as follows:

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