



# The EJ Clearinghouse and EJ Hotline

# Background

- As part of Executive Order 14096, *Revitalizing Our Nation's Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, the EPA Administrator was tasked with establishing: “a public, internet-based, whole-of-government clearinghouse composed of culturally and linguistically appropriate and accessible materials related to environmental justice.”
- The Clearinghouse will assist in ensuring that environmental justice resources from across the country are readily available and accessible to the public.

# Development and Pilot of the Clearinghouse

- During the development process EPA collaborated with:
  - Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ)
  - Members of the Interagency Council (IAC)
  - Federal agencies focused on advancing environmental justice across the federal government
- The Clearinghouse was piloted and the participants included CEQ, IAC, members of WHEJAC and NEJAC.

# Pilot Results

- 12 pilot participants provided feedback on the Clearinghouse
- Some of the suggestions required short term/immediate changes to the tool
  - Added a reset button
- Others would require more time to address/were more long term in nature.
  - Local filtering

# What's in the EJ Clearinghouse?

The EJ Clearinghouse is an online library of resources to assist partners advancing EJ.

Preliminary submissions of resources from across the federal government and partners

- [Urban Waters Learning Network](#)
- [U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service](#)
- [EPA Regional Environmental Justice Coordinators](#)

EPA relies on the continued submission of proposed resources to be added to this online library.

# Future Plans

- Information and resources will be added to the Clearinghouse on a rolling basis.
- EPA anticipates that the Clearinghouse will be refined over time, as resources allow:
  - The longer-term suggestions from the pilot members will be addressed.
  - Feedback from the users of the Clearinghouse will be considered and addressed if determined to be appropriate.

# Environmental Justice Hotline

- Established in 2010 to provide a publicly accessible referral service that connects communities to information and resources that may assist in addressing potential environmental and/or public health concerns
- Serves as a mechanism to promote the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of communities who experience or have the potential to experience adverse environmental and public health impacts in their residence and communities
- Respond to inquiries within 20 days

**Example requests:** Information on how to access EPA grants and technical assistance, requests related to pollution and EPA programs, scholarly research requests, requests for speaking engagements



Thank you!