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Understanding Environmental Justice through two EPA tools: EJSCREEN and EnviroAtlas

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Environmental justice (EJ) is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin or income with respect to the development, implementation and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations and policies. This goal will be achieved when everyone enjoys:

- The same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards,
- Equal access to environmental assets, and
- Equal access to the decision making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn and work.

It is vital that as a society we fix the problems created by decades of environmental injustice. Understanding patterns of how different sectors of the population are impacted inequitably by environmental issues is a necessary step towards a solution. EPA has developed tools that can be used to help users understand and address EJ. This webinar will examine two of those tools—EJScreen and EnviroAtlas—including how they can be used together. EJScreen is an EJ mapping and screening tool that provides a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. EJScreen users choose a geographic area, and the tool then provides demographic and environmental information for that area. EnviroAtlas is a data-rich, web-based decision support tool that combines maps, analysis tools, downloadable data, and informational resources. It is used by states, tribes, communities and individuals to help inform policy and planning decisions that impact the places where we live, learn, work and play.

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EJScreen and EnviroAtlas can be used together, and we will demonstrate how to use EJScreen data in EnviroAtlas and vice versa. We will also show how the two tools were used together in a lesson plan, Considering Environmental Justice in Building a Greenway: A Case Study. This webinar will provide overviews and live demonstrations of both tools with a focus on EJ issues.

Who should attend? States, tribes, local governments, non-profits, academic institutions, and other organizations interested in learning more about tools to help users understand and address EJ.

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