

PLAN EJ 2014

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- **What is it?**
 - 4 year plan that challenges EPA to advance EJ
- **Cross-Agency focus areas:**
 - Considering EJ concerns in EPA's permitting process –
 - Incorporating EJ into rulemaking framework
 - Accelerating compliance and enforcement initiatives that target overburdened communities
 - Supporting community-based action programs that improve health and environment of communities
 - Fostering Administration-wide action on EJ that improve health and environment of communities



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Cross-Agency focus areas (Con't):

- Developing the science to characterize and assess cumulative impacts on communities
- Identifying opportunities for greater utilization of EPA's statutory authorities to advance EJ
- Developing information tools to enhance EJ decisions
- Coordinating access to multi-Agency grant programs
- Taking programmatic actions that benefit overburdened communities



Considering EJ Concerns in EPA's Permitting Process

- **OAR and OGC Co-Leads with Region 1**
- The goal is to ensure that EJ concerns receive full consideration in the issuance of permits
- The initial focus will be on EPA-issued permits that provide the best current opportunities for taking EJ concerns into consideration
- The longer-term effort will focus on permits that enable EPA to address cumulative impacts critical to the effective consideration of EJ in permitting



Permitting Process Workgroup

Two Subcommittees to accomplish two goals:

- **Goal 1:** Develop recommendations and tools that will enhance the ability of communities to participate fully and meaningfully in the permitting process
- **Goal 2:** Develop recommendations for how to meaningfully address environmental justice in permitting decisions



Workgroup Process and Timing

- Form internal subcommittees
- Review previous NEJAC/other recommendations
- Solicit ideas and best practices from internal and external stakeholders in particular states
- Develop/identify tools and vehicles to convey information
- Develop set of recommended actions
 - Recommendations due end of 2011



External Stakeholders

- NEJAC
- CAAAC
- Community Advocacy Groups
- State, Local ,Tribal Permitting Agencies
- NACAA
- ECOS
- Business Organizations
- Trade Associations



QUESTIONS?