

## HR 4652

Environmental Justice Access and Implementation Act of 2007

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## Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Energy and Commerce Committee	House	Referred to	Dec 13, 2007
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred To	Dec 13, 2007

## Subjects & Policy Tags

### Policy Area:

Environmental Protection

## Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

## Summary (as of Dec 13, 2007)

Environmental Justice Access and Implementation Act of 2007 - Requires specified federal agencies to establish an Office of Environmental Justice pursuant to Executive Order 12898 (concerning federal actions to address environmental justice in minority and low-income populations).

Defines "environmental justice" as the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, educational level, or income in the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws and regulations. Requires the inclusion of minority and low-income populations with health vulnerabilities and exposure to certain environmental conditions in criteria for defining an environmental justice community.

Requires federal agencies to integrate the environmental justice strategy developed under Executive Order 12898 into their operations and missions and explicitly address compliance with this Act.

Directs the Interagency Federal Working Group on Environmental Justice (Working Group) to coordinate an integrated environmental justice training plan for federal agencies.

Requires federal agencies subject to the requirements of this Act to carry out certain outreach activities relating to environmental justice and to report on such activities to the Working Group.

Directs federal agencies to fund and establish community technology centers to provide technical assistance and other services in the environmental justice area.

Requires the President and the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to provide certain reports to Congress relating to environmental justice.

## Actions Timeline

- **Dec 13, 2007:** Introduced in House
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E2568)
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Dec 13, 2007:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials.