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Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Restoration and Enforcement Act

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Subjects & Policy Tags

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No related bills are listed.

Environmental Justice and Civil Rights Restoration and Enforcement Act

This bill amends the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to address environmental justice.

Aggrieved persons may file suit in federal court against agencies that are engaged in unlawful: (1) intentional discrimination prohibited under this bill; or (2) unintentional discrimination that causes a disparate impact on the basis of race, color, or national origin.

The President must establish the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice Compliance and Enforcement. The bill specifies the duties of the working group, including: (1) advising and assisting federal agencies in identifying and addressing the disproportionate human health and environmental effects of federal programs, policies, practices, and activities on communities of color, low-income communities, rural communities, and tribal and indigenous communities; (2) developing and publishing a guidance document that defines terminology used in dealing with environmental justice issues; and (3) developing a coordinated interagency federal environmental justice strategy.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) must: (1) offer environmental justice training to federal employees, (2) establish grant programs that address environmental justice, (3) establish a partnership-based training program to increase the capacity of residents of environmental justice communities to identify and address disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects, and (4) establish the Environmental Justice Clearinghouse.

The President must also establish an independent National Environmental Justice Advisory Council to provide advice to the EPA regarding environmental justice issues.

Actions Timeline

- **Sep 21, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on the Constitution and Civil Justice.
- **Aug 4, 2017:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Environment.
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Introduced in House
- **Jul 28, 2017:** Referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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.