



# THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

## DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE STRATEGIC PLAN

### Overview

As directed by [Executive Order 14096](#), “Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All,” the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) is required to publish an Environmental Justice Strategic Plan (the “Plan”) outlining its vision, goals, priority actions, and metrics to address and advance environmental justice. The Plan must be posted online and submitted to the Council on Environmental Quality, a division of the Executive Office of the President, by October 2024.

DOJ has identified four draft goals with associated objectives that are summarized below:

#### **Goal 1: Prioritize cases and make strategic use of the Department’s legal tools.**

- a. Prioritize cases that will reduce public health and environmental harms
- b. Pursue full range of remedies available under the law

#### **Goal 2: Meaningfully engage with impacted communities and expand efforts to communicate environmental justice efforts.**

- a. Track DOJ’s progress through increased reporting
- b. Increase community outreach, public participation, and increase awareness of DOJ and its environmental justice initiatives

#### **Goal 3: Increase education and collaboration within and outside of DOJ.**

- a. Continue development of EJ-related training for DOJ staff
- b. Expand efforts to collaborate with federal, state, local, Tribal, and territorial partners

#### **Goal 4: Assess and evaluate environmental justice in DOJ’s climate adaptation efforts, including management of its procurement and real property.**

- a. Ensure DOJ considers environmental justice in the management and operation of the agency

### Public Comment Opportunities

DOJ seeks your input on several questions.

1. What additional goals and objectives should DOJ consider in its Plan?
2. How can DOJ improve its outreach and engagement efforts with communities about environmental justice?
3. What information and resources should DOJ provide to communities to clarify its environmental justice efforts?
4. What topics and considerations should DOJ include for staff training on environmental justice?
5. What organizations in your area should DOJ add to its environmental justice listserv?

All written comments must be submitted or postmarked by **Monday, July 8, 2024**.

Comments may be submitted in the following ways:

Online survey	<a href="http://www.justice.gov/oej">www.justice.gov/oej</a>
E-mail	<a href="mailto:oej@usdoj.gov">oej@usdoj.gov</a>
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