



UNDERSTANDING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, GUIDANCE FOR REGULATED FACILITIES

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What is the **ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATORY GROUP (IERG)**?

- A ***business*** association with a focus on ***environmental matters***.
 - Established in 1985.
 - An affiliate of the Illinois Chamber of Commerce
 - Partnership with the Chamber on its Environmental Affairs Committee



Illinois Environmental Regulatory Group

Illinois non-profit corporation organized to promote and advance the interests of our members in matters involving environmental regulation.

IERG's Mission:

- **Advocate members' interests** before governmental agencies, primarily the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and the Illinois Pollution Control Board as they promulgate, administer, and implement environmental laws, regulations, and policies;
- **Serve as the voice of business** in seeking economically reasonable solutions to Illinois' environmental challenges; and
- **Provide accurate and technically sound input** early in the regulatory development processes to promote favorable outcomes for Illinois' business community.

IERG Projects

Air Issues

Land Issues

Water Issues

Climate Issues

Legislative

Environmental Justice

Sulfur Dioxide

Ozone

Particulate Matter

Permits By Rule

PSD

Nonattainment
NSR

Hazardous Waste

UST

TACO/SRP

Manifesting

Nutrients

NPDES Permits

Mahomet Aquifer

TLWQS

Wastewater Operator Certification

PFAS/PFOA

Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reporting

Cap & Trade Programs

Carbon Taxes

CCDD

PSD Permitting

Federal/State Relationship

Enforcement

Permit Fees

EJ Commission

Understanding EJ Areas

Enhanced Outreach

Cumulative Impact

Member Benefits



Avoid Costs of Outside Experts or Consultants

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Reduce Legal Counsel Costs

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Minimize Legislative or Lobbying Expenses

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More Time for Your Staff



Guiding Principles of Environmental Justice

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The foundational principle of “environmental justice” is that no group of people should bear a disproportionate environmental burden. This is a key environmental issue and a critical economic issue for EJ communities.

An environmental justice program **SHOULD**:

1. Clearly define environmental justice areas.
2. Clearly define what permits and other activities are subject to the program.
3. Provide outreach and education to potentially impacted communities.
4. Provide opportunity for meaningful participation.
5. Utilize well defined objective criteria to reach predictable outcomes.
6. Be developed with input from the regulated community.

An environmental justice program **SHOULD NOT**:

1. Provide additional cause for permit appeals.
2. Supersede local governments’ zoning decisions.
3. Hinder economic growth and/or opportunities.
4. Significantly alter existing permitting timeframes.
5. Impact existing permit protections.
6. Conflict with existing federal requirements.

The undersigned are committed that any environmental justice program adopted in the State of Illinois conform to the above-stated principles.

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Illinois Coal Association	IL Association of Aggregate Producers
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois (CICI)	API - Illinois
Illinois Manufacturers’ Association (IMA)	American Waterways Operators
Illinois Farm Bureau	Home Builders Association of Illinois
Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce	Illinois Asphalt Pavement Association
National Federation of Independent Business	National Waste and Recycling Association
	- Illinois Chapter

Thank You!

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