

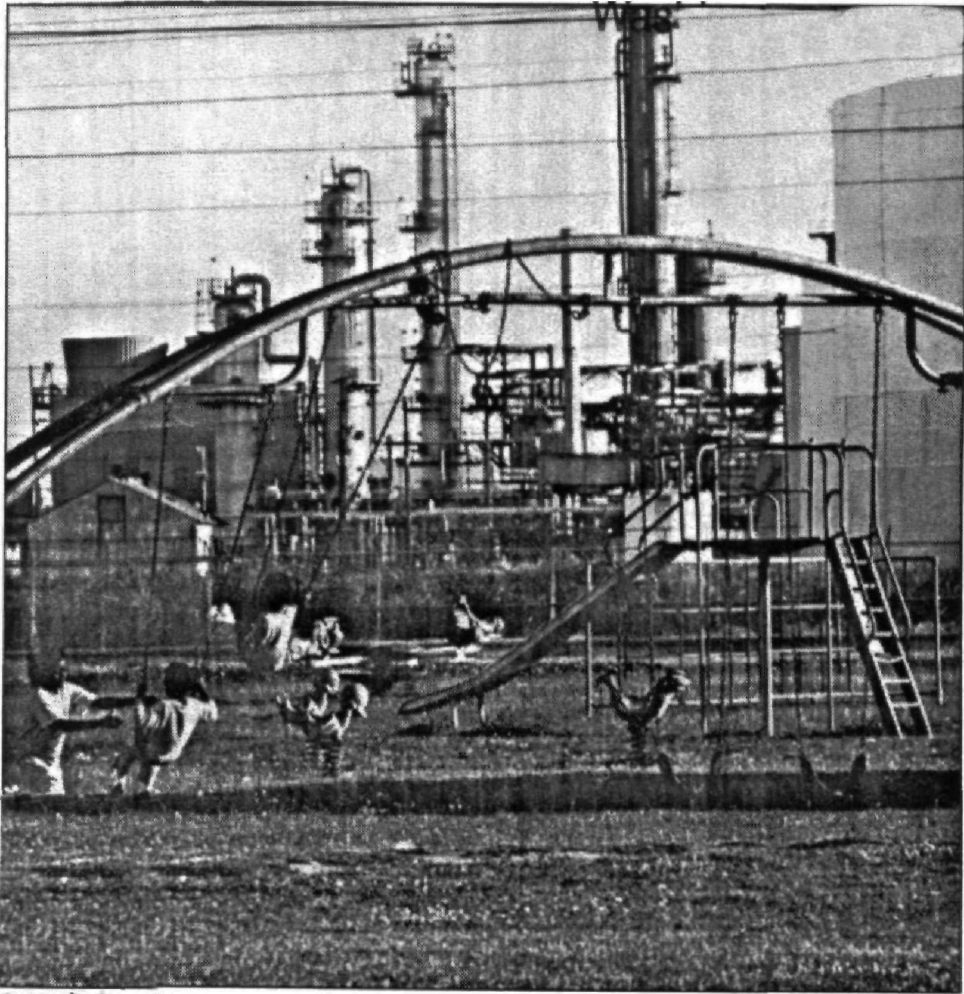
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The Environmental Justice Hotline 1-800-962-6215



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What Is Environmental Justice?

Environmental Justice means all people should be treated fairly under environmental laws without discrimination based on race, ethnicity, culture or economic status.

In 1992, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) created the Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ) to examine the environmental problems faced by people of color and/or low-income populations.

EPA's Environmental Justice Program was established for the fair implementation of environmental laws, as well as correct past injustices.

Why Should I Be Concerned About Environmental Justice?

Studies document that people of color and/or low-income populations are exposed to higher levels of environmental pollutants than the general public. Race and socioeconomic status correlate with unequal distribution of air pollution, pesticide exposure, childhood lead poisoning, location of contaminated sites, contaminated fish consumption, and possible exposure to toxins at work.

What Is The Environmental Justice Hotline?

The Environmental Justice Hotline is an easily accessible source of assistance on environmental justice issues. As the level of concern regarding issues of environmental justice has grown, so has the amount of information on the subject. It is the purpose of the Hotline to make this information available to the public, and to assist in the resolution of environmental justice issues.

What Type Of Assistance Will I (My Community) Receive From The Hotline?

Staff members will be able to assist you in the following ways:

- Answer many of your questions over the phone;
- Mail information about environmental justice to you, free of charge;
- Give some technical support to communities trying to reduce sources of risk to their community;
- Supply information on Federal and state legislation dealing with environmental justice;
- Refer you to the appropriate government agency or community organization to help you deal with your problem and/or questions.

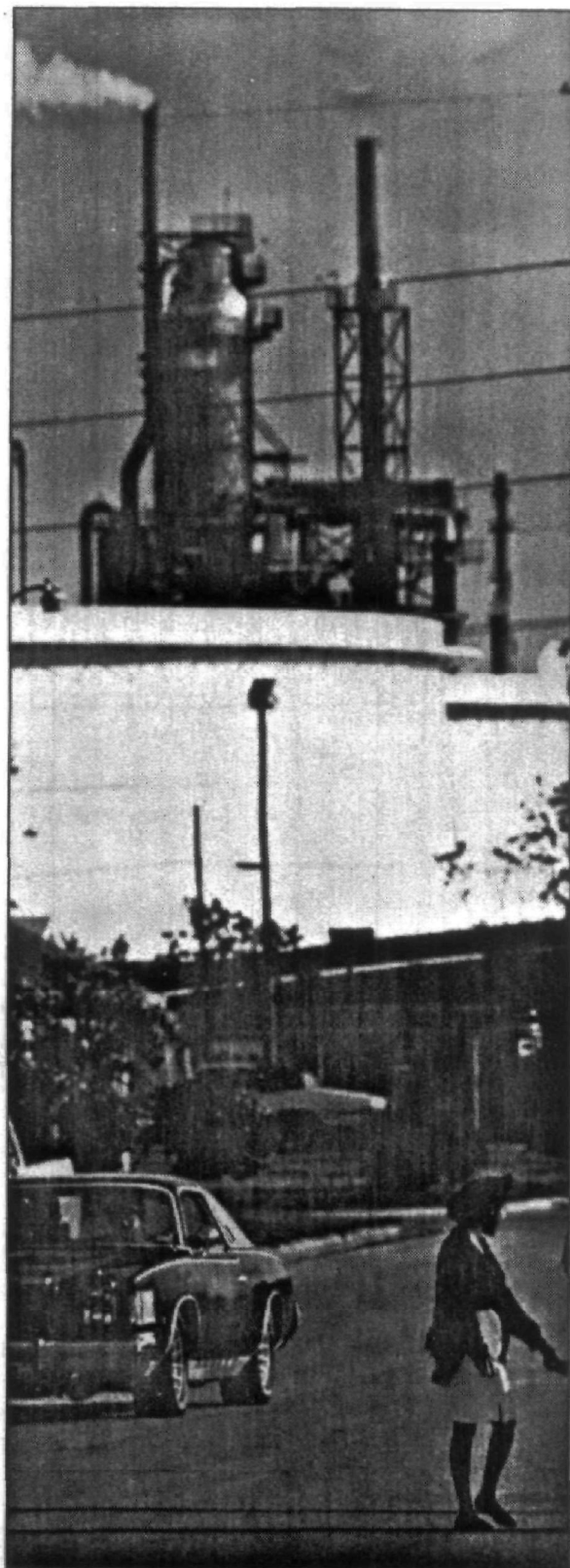
How Do I Contact The Environmental Justice Office?

You may call our toll-free Environmental Justice Hotline: **1-800-962-6215** to speak with a member of our staff. Call Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, eastern time.

Our address is:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Justice
401 M Street, SW (3103)
Washington, D.C. 20460

Regional Justice Coordinators: See back page for addresses.



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