

Environmental Justice Survey: National Association of Clean Air Agencies September 2021 Report



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The National Association of Clean Air Agencies ("NACAA") published a September 2021 report titled:

Environmental Justice Survey Report ("Report")

The *Report* documents the results of a survey the NACAA conducted of its members addressing issues, challenges and successes related to environmental justice ("EJ")

NACAA describes itself as the national, nonpartisan, non-profit association of air pollution control agencies in 41 states, including 15 local air agencies, the District of Columbia and four territories.

The *Report* states that one-third of the agencies in NACAA responded. The response included 22 states and 23 local agencies.

A focus of the *Report* was agency programs.

The survey included 33 questions addressing:

... agency programs that target EJ outcomes, as well as concerns, barriers, growth areas, and successes.

Conclusions drawn from the survey are stated to include:

- Agencies are active on EJ
- But many are taking action without dedicated staff, budget, or policy support
- Many agencies have procedures to identify and work with EJ communities
- But EJ is not always the determining factor in agency decisions
- Diversity and inclusion at agencies is making a difference
- Agencies perceive benefits, but most do not measure them
- Funding and resources would especially help
- EJ efforts extend beyond air agencies' usual roles

The *Report* states that the NACAA can assist state and local air agencies in such efforts by facilitating the sharing of experiences and best practices amongst the members.

A copy of the *Report* can be downloaded [here](#).