



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Environmental justice is a principle that combines civil rights with environmental protection by asking:

*Are all people, regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, receiving **fair treatment** and **meaningful involvement** with respect to the development, implementation, & enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies?*

Fair treatment means no group bears a disproportionate share of the negative environmental consequences from industrial, governmental, and commercial operations or policies, or from the execution of federal, state, and local laws, regulations, and policies.

Meaningful involvement means that people have an opportunity to participate in decisions about activities that may affect their environment and/or health, that their input can influence the decisions, and that their concerns will be considered in the decision-making process, and that decision makers will seek out and facilitate the involvement of those potentially affected.

Ensuring safe living and working conditions for our entire community is a priority in the Middle District of Alabama. Notifying the U.S. Attorney's Office about environmental justice concerns helps us protect the community from harmful violations of federal law.

WHO TO CONTACT



U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

Communicate your concerns to the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Middle District of Alabama by emailing USAALM.Environment@usdoj.gov or calling 334-223-7280



OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

If the complaint concerns workplace conditions such as chemicals or noxious fumes, contact OSHA at 1-800-321-6742 or the Mobile Area Office at 251-441-6131



DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE CIVIL RIGHTS

If you are concerned about discriminatory environmental and health impacts caused by recipients of federal funds, contact DOJ Civil Rights at 1-888-848-5306



U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

If the complaint concerns the destruction or damage to wetlands, rivers, lakes, and other waterways, contact 1-800-832-7828 or the Mobile District at 251-690-2658



ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

If the complaint concerns air quality; climate change; chemicals and toxins; health; land, waste, and cleanup; or water, report the suspected violation to the EPA at echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations, or call Region 4 at 404-562-8027



FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION

If the complaint concerns medications, cosmetics, biological products, and other products for human consumption, contact the FDA at 1-888-463-6332 or the FDA Consumer Complaint Coordinator for Alabama at 866-289-3399



NATIONAL RESPONSE CENTER

To report an oil or chemical spill, contact the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802



U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

If the complaint concerns pesticides harming wildlife, contact the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at 1-800-344-9453