

I looked through the redline and I really don't have a lot of questions about the regulations per se, my question is about application. I've been working on EJ issues (under NEPA) since the early 1980s and it is always a balance between protection of the community and opportunity for the community. It seems to me that the new regs will make it harder (and more expensive) to develop anywhere near an EJ community. This unintended consequence will further limit opportunities for those very communities we are trying to protect. Development in Massachusetts is difficult enough already and I fear that adding additional regulatory burdens will chase more development outside the borders of the Commonwealth, or at least as far from EJ communities as possible.

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