



MassDEP Northeast Regional Office (NERO)

Environmental Justice Overview Fact Sheet



What is Environmental Justice (EJ)?

This term **means that all people should have the ability to live in and enjoy a clean and healthy environment** regardless of race, color, income, class, handicap, gender identity, sexual orientation, national origin, ethnicity or ancestry, religious belief or English language proficiency.

The **goal** of EJ is for **all people to have the right and equal access to these environmental fundamentals**, which include but is not limited to:



Clean
Air



Clean
Water
Resources



Open
Space



Access to
Outdoor
Recreational
Facilities



Clean
Renewable
Energy

What is an EJ Population?

In Massachusetts, an EJ population is a neighborhood where **one or more of the following criteria is true:**



40% of the population comprise of minorities



Community median household income is no more than 65% of statewide annual median household income



25% of the population lack English proficiency



25% of the population comprise of minorities and the household income of the municipality is no more than 150% of the statewide annual median household income

EJ Public Resources

Massachusetts EJ resources and information can be found at the following links:

Office of Environmental Justice & Equity Webpage:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/service/justice/>

MassDEP Northeast Regional Office (NERO) Webpage:

<http://www.mass.gov/info-details/massdep-northeast-regional-office/>



**MassMapper Mapping
Interactive Tool:**

<http://maps.massgis.digital.mass.gov/MassMapper/MassMapper.html>



**Environmental Justice
Population Maps:**

<http://mass-eoea.maps.arcgis.com/>

MassDEP – Report Environmental Violations Contact Information

**Environmental Strike
Force**

1-888-VIOLATE
(888-846-5283)

**Environmental
Complaints**

[Filing environmental complaints | Mass.gov](#)

**MassDEP Emergency
Notification (24 Hour
Spill/Emergency Line)**

1-888-304-1133

**Environmental
Violations**

[Report Environmental Law and Regulation Violations | Mass.gov](#)

