

Iowa Field Office Technical Guide - Section II - Special Environmental Concerns

7. Environmental Justice

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According to the Environmental Protection Agency's definition, Environmental Justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. It will be achieved when everyone enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and health hazards and equal access to the decision-making process to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn, and work.

This special environmental concern will not be a factor in conservation planning of farms or ranches in Iowa. Project-type work, such as PL-566 watershed projects, will need to assess this concern.

More information may be found: <http://www.epa.gov/oecaerth/environmentaljustice/>