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CT EJ Communities Law

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CT's Environmental justice communities law

- The Environmental Justice Law (CGS 20a-22a) was enacted to address health disparities in environmentally overburdened communities by requiring the permit applicant to communicate directly with impacted communities



CT 's Environmental Justice Law 2009

- In 2009 An Act Concerning Environmental Justice Communities- became law.
- Defines EJ communities
- Defines facilities covered under law
- Requires public participation
- Provides opportunities for environmental community benefit agreements

Negotiating for Diesel Emissions Reductions

- Facility design
- Hours and days of facility operations
- Truck routes avoiding residential areas.
- Posting 3 minute Idling law
- Promoting Low-sulfur diesel with diesel particulate filters;
- CNG fueled facility trucks



Community Benefit Agreement

- Funding for retrofitting of trucks and onsite equipment
- Voluntary reporting of particulate emissions
- Cutting down hours of operation during Unhealthy Air Quality Index events.



“I don't want to breathe the air I see”
Cynthia Jennings, Hartford resident



CT Environmental Justice Champions



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