



Environmental Justice Executive Order Mandates and Progress Made

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Date	Relevant Environmental Justice Mandate	Deadline	Status
Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis (EO 13990)			
Jan. 20, 2021	Requires all agencies to “prioritize environmental justice”	None	Visit our Federal Environmental Justice Tracker for agency-specific updates.
	Requires all agencies to seek input from environmental justice organizations as part of the mandated review of all Trump-era regulations	None	Visit our Federal Environmental Justice Tracker for agency-specific updates.
	Requires the Interagency Working Group on the Social Cost of Greenhouse Gases to account for environmental justice and intergenerational equity concerns in the final calculations	June 1, 2022	Subject to Litigation. Interim social cost of carbon (SCC) values released in Feb. 2021. Several states sued, and litigation is ongoing. For more, see our Regulatory Tracker page.
Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (EO 14008)			
Jan. 27, 2021	Requires all federal agencies to “make achieving [environmental justice] part of their missions”	None	Visit our Federal Environmental Justice Tracker for agency-specific updates.
	Establishes the White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council (WHEJAC)	None	Completed. President Biden announced the WHEJAC members on March 29, 2021.
	Requires the WHEJAC to submit internal recommendations on updating EO 12898 (the 1994 Environmental Justice EO issued by President Clinton)	May 27, 2021	Completed. The White House reported this internal deadline was met; the WHEJAC submitted public proposed revisions to the Council on Environmental Quality on May 21, 2021.



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Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (EO 14008) cont.			
Jan. 27, 2021	Establishes the Justice40 Initiative, including requiring all agencies to identify funds applicable to the program	None	In Progress. The White House issued interim implementation guidance on July 20, 2022 . As of May 23, 2022 , the White House announced it had released over \$29 billion in funding consistent with Justice40. As of Aug. 18, 2022 , there are 454 programs at 16 agencies covered by the Justice40 Initiative. Visit our Federal Environmental Justice Tracker for more updates.
	Orders the Council on Environmental Quality to publish an online Environmental Justice Scorecard with annual updates	Feb. 2022	Incomplete. CEQ issued a request for comment on the Scorecard on Aug. 3, 2022 .
	Orders the Council on Environmental Quality to create a Climate & Economic Justice Screening Tool (CEJST) and annually publish interactive maps	July 27, 2021	In Progress. CEQ issued a beta version of the CEJST on Feb. 18, 2022 .
	Recommends the Department of Justice create a new Office of Environmental Justice	None	Complete. DOJ announced the opening of the new Office of Environmental Justice within the Environment and Natural Resources Division on May 5, 2022 .
	Requires the Department of Justice’s Environmental and Natural Resources Division to create a “comprehensive environmental justice enforcement strategy” (internal)	None	Complete. DOJ and EPA announced their environmental justice enforcement strategy framework on May 5, 2022 .



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Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad (EO 14008)			
Jan. 27, 2021	Establishes within Health and Human Services (HHS) an Office of Climate Change and Health Equity and an Interagency Working Group to Decrease Risk of Climate Change to Children, the Elderly, People with Disabilities, and the Vulnerable	None	Complete. HHS announced the Office of Climate Change and Health Equity on Aug. 30, 2021
	Establishes the Interagency Working Group on Coal and Power Plant Communities and Economic Revitalization, and requires the group to issue a report on mechanisms to support those economies using existing laws.	March 28, 2021	Complete. The Working Group released their report in April 2021.
Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government (EO 13985)			
Jan. 20, 2021	Requires the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to issue an internal report identifying best practices to assess equity in agency programs	June 20, 2021	Complete. OMB made its equity assessment report public on Aug. 6, 2021
	Directs all agencies to create an internal equity plan to address systemic barriers faced by underserved communities in accessing federal programs and benefits.	Aug. 8, 2021	Complete. The White House publicly released all federal agencies' equity plans on April 14, 2022.
	Revokes Trump's EO on Combating Race and Sex Stereotyping (13950), which effectively prevented agencies from conducting antiracism trainings	None	Complete.



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Rebuilding and Enhancing Programs to Resettle Refugees and Planning for the Impact of Climate Change on Migration (EO 14013)			
Aug. 4, 2021	Directs the APNSA and others to submit a report on the impact of climate change's impact on migration, including internal displacement and domestic planned relocation	Jan. 31, 2022 (internal)	Complete. The White House released its report on the impact of climate change on migration in Oct. 2021 .