



# Environmental Justice

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# What is Environmental Racism

- Inequality in the form of racism linked with environmental factors and practices that cause disproportionate distress on minority communities

# Environmental Racism Movement

- Many environmental justice leaders came from civil rights movement
- Pattern: pollution-producing facilities often sited in low communities of color (vs upper class white communities)
- Poorer communities usually lack connections to city councils/boards

# Environmental Racism in Minneapolis

- 2014 MN Pollution Control Agency monitoring air pollution in North Minneapolis
  - Significantly higher air pollution than other parts of city
  - Kids developing asthma, developmental delays, allergies
- Northern Metals Recycling will cease North Minneapolis operations by 2019 and pay \$2.5 million in penalties

"The City of Minneapolis has historically sited industrial polluters in poor, communities of color. It is time we advocate for environmental justice and affect change at a local level." -Jillia Pessenda

# Learn about environmental racism

Sisters on the Planet

An Inconvenient Truth

Black Faces, White Spaces

First Daughter and the Black Snake

Awake, a Dream from Standing Rock

# Videos on environmental racism

Environmental Racism is the New Jim Crow:

<https://www.theatlantic.com/video/index/529137/environmental-racism-is-the-new-jim-crow/>

Trump's EPA:

<https://www.salon.com/2017/09/25/trumps-epa-who-cares-about-environmental-racism/>

Environmental Justice Timeline:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-timeline>