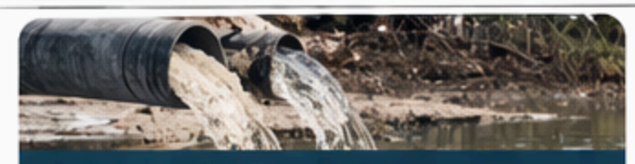
HOW ENVIRONMENTAL DECISIONS GET MADE

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REAL-WORLD ISSUE	WHAT'S AT STAKE	REGULATORY AGENCY	WHAT THEY CONTROL	HOW CHAPTERS CAN ENGAGE
 **HIGH UTILITY BILLS** Energy costs, rate increases, new infrastructure	Rising energy burdens New power plants / transmission lines	**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION (PSC)** State or Regional	Electric & gas rates Power plants & grid upgrades Transmission & energy siting Utility accountability	Attend PSC meetings Comment on rate cases Track energy infrastructure Advocate for equitable rates
 **PLACEMENT OF DIRTY INFRASTRUCTURE** Power plants, refineries, data centers, highways, warehouses	Air pollution Health disparities Environmental burdens	**AIR QUALITY AGENCY / AIR DISTRICT** State or Local Air District	Air permits for facilities Emission limits & controls Monitoring & enforcement Public health protections	Track permit applications Submit public comments Request stronger conditions Attend public hearings
 **LAND USE & ZONING DECISIONS** Data centers, industrial zoning, warehouse development	Where industry can locate Community land use Buffer zones & protections	**ZONING / PLANNING BOARD OR COMMISSION** City or County	Zoning approvals Land use & development Conditional use permits Community planning	Attend zoning board meetings Review development proposals Speak during public comment Advocate for EJ zoning policies
 **WATER QUALITY & POLLUTION** Contaminated water, flooding, industrial discharges	Drinking water safety Water pollution & discharge Flooding & climate impacts	**WATER BOARD / ENVIRONMENTAL AGENCY** State or Regional	Water discharge permits Industrial wastewater Drinking water standards Stormwater & flooding	Monitor discharge permits Attend Water Board meetings Support water quality testing Advocate for infrastructure fixes

Take Action!

- Sign up for agency alerts
- Track proposed projects early
- Submit public comments
- Attend hearings & speak up
- Partner with EJ organizations
- Educate & engage your community

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