

# **Environmental Justice: Analyzing the Impacts of Offshore Development of Vulnerable Populations**

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## **Abstract**

This presentation will provide a brief definition of “Environmental Justice (EJ)” based on the EPA and other sources. The following topics will also be considered:

- Participatory vs. distributive justice.
- The utility of qualitative data in EJ analysis.
- The use of census data in EJ analysis.
- “Ecological fallacy” and other statistical issues involved in census data.
- Discuss the necessary role of survey research in EJ analysis.
- Provide two or three examples of EJ findings within Louisiana.
- Discuss a “collaborate” approach to the EIS process – grounded in community and stakeholder involvement.
- Briefly discuss the results of a National Park Service research project that addressed some of these topics.
- Provide a methodological overview for addressing EJ, including a critique of current EPA/NOAA reliance on surveys from the “American Community Data”.