

## Environmental Justice Win

On August 27 the NJ State Assembly and the NJ Senate made history. They passed bill S232 (Singleton/McKeon/Weinberg/Ruiz). This bill gives powers to the NJDEP to deny or at least condition development permits due to disproportionate impacts to pollution in communities with significant non-white, non-English speaking or low income populations. It is a legislative call for Environmental Justice (EJ)! We will have to vigilant watching how the DEP interprets it's role, how over-burdened communities are defined and how developers will fight this.

This bill took ten years to craft and get passed. It may be the first of its kind in the nation. The Governor still has to sign it but in a speech on Juneteenth he endorsed it.