

In addition, the Departmental Office of Civil Rights will provide leadership and technical assistance to the operating administrations and in conjunction with the appropriate administrations, to major recipients of DOT funds in the administration of their Title VI responsibilities which relate to environmental justice. This may take the form of guidelines, memoranda of general applicability, and training designed to achieve environmental justice for members of minority and low-income populations.

b. Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

The Federal Aviation Administration will adhere to the principles of environmental justice.

In the area of pollution prevention, FAA will:

- Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to pollution prevention and safety and revise them, where appropriate, in accordance with the E.O. emphasizing their importance in avoiding environmental inequities;
 - Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to enforcing the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act and associated DOT regulations related to aviation;
 - Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to advising the shipping community, including FAA facilities, and other affected parties of their role in avoiding environmental and public health impacts;
 - Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to implementing the various executive orders on pollution prevention and waste reduction. Appropriate data collection, recordkeeping, and public participation and outreach procedures are being developed;
 - Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to complying with other environmental protection laws including, for example, Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, RCRA, CERCLA, TSCA, FIFRA, SDWA, and related state laws. FAA will comply with OSHA to provide safe and healthful work environment for all its employees and provide training to all employees;
 - Review FAA policies, programs, and activities related to aviation and airport safety and revise, where appropriate, consistent with the E.O.;
 - Include environmental justice principles, where appropriate, in its environmental liability training.
- With respect to NEPA, FAA will:
- Emphasize the important role of appropriate public participation and environmental review under NEPA in avoiding environmental inequities. The

agency is revising its various NEPA implementation orders (see section 6 below) to include compliance with E.O. 12898;

- Include environmental justice in its training programs, including, for example, the community involvement training course that is currently being developed and ongoing NEPA and advanced NEPA courses.

In the area of research, FAA will:

- Review the allocation of FAA education and research funds to Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other minority institutions and minority students and faculty in light of E.O. 12898. In addition, FAA will review its research programs to determine whether and how minority and low-income populations may be more appropriately included in the scope of particular research projects. Improved outreach to affected populations will be developed.
- Review its research program and consider appropriate research projects for developing data collection methods that may be needed to comply with Executive Order 12898.

c. Federal Transit Administration (FTA)

FTA's Title VI implementing circular requires public transit grantees to perform fixed facility impact analyses for all construction projects to assess the impacts on minority and low-income communities. Additionally, public transit grantees with populations of 200,000 or more must describe and establish monitoring procedures to ensure that service levels and quality do not discriminate against persons living in minority communities, and thus, deny them the environmental, human health, social, and economic benefits of local public transit programs. Grantees also must describe efforts to encourage minorities to participate on transit decision making bodies in order to ensure that such boards reasonably reflect the racial/ethnic composition of the community affected by the transit program.

The FTA strategic plan articulates the agency's intent to renew efforts to develop meaningful services for minority and low-income communities by designing new service demonstrations in partnership with such communities. Furthermore, the FTA Strategic Plan calls for a reexamination of how Federal transit investments are made in local areas and the development of appropriate action to encourage equitable distribution of such investments for minorities and transit-dependent persons living in low-income communities. FTA is also participating in the President's

Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program aimed at addressing low-income community revitalization.

FTA is launching a new "Livable Communities" Initiative to instill principles in transit programs that support the development of vibrant and healthy communities within the transit service area. This program supports the principles of environmental justice by promoting local community partnerships in local neighborhood and community transportation decision making and by creating transit investments that will serve community goals, including environmental, land use, and human health objectives. This program will encourage the development of transit systems that offer day and health care facilities to patrons; will provide special access to job training and employment to economically disadvantaged citizens; will attract shopping and economic development opportunities at transit sites; and will help to shape attractive, people-friendly land use configurations in and around transit stations. The program encourages the development of safe and secure travel and commercial environments as well as fosters the development of local circulation systems that support the vitality and the attractiveness of individual neighborhoods and communities.

d. Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

To encourage that environmental protection and enhancement are integrated into planning and project development processes, FHWA will, in consultation with stakeholders and other appropriate partners, identify exemplary environment/planning processes, projects, and individuals or teams and showcase them.

Further, FHWA with provide extensive outreach and training on the role of environmental, neighborhood, and community values in transportation investments and decisionmaking.

With FHWA as lead agency, several DOT agencies are sponsoring a conference in cooperation with the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark-Atlanta University to further understand the environmental justice issues surrounding transportation. The conference is tentatively scheduled for March 30-April 1, 1995.

e. Federal Railroad Administration (FRA)

FRA addressed environmental justice issues in its Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Northeast Corridor Improvement project—Electrification—New Haven, CT to Boston, MA and in