



Spotlight On Justice



COURTS PROTECT AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL RACISM

Minority communities often disproportionately bear the burden of polluting activities. Studies show that that race is the best predictor of siting decisions involving hazardous waste facilities.



Lawsuits can stop pollution and protect communities against environmental racism.

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