

Subject Environmental justice

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Overview

House File 168, as amended, requires permit applicants and the Pollution Control Agency to conduct analysis for permits that impact an environmental justice area of, respectively, socioeconomic and health characteristics of the population that may make it particularly sensitive to increased environmental pollution, and the level and effect of past and present pollution on the population.

Summary

Section	Description
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1	[116.07] Powers and duties.
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Subd. 4a. Permits. Requires a permit applicant to indicate whether granting a proposed permit will impact an environmental justice area. The agency has final authority on that issue, and must also determine the geographic boundaries of the area.

Requires the agency, before granting a permit action impacting an environmental justice area, to analyze the cumulative impacts of past and current pollution on the area, and to consider information on the sensitivity of area residents developed by the applicant under subdivision 4l.

Defines “environmental justice area.”

2	[116.07] Powers and duties.
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Subd. 4l. Demographic analysis. Requires an applicant whose permit action will impact an environmental justice area to conduct an analysis of listed factors, including socioeconomic and disease incidence data, which indicate the level of environmental sensitivity of area residents that may affect their ability to withstand incremental pollution that would result from granting the permit.

Section	Description
3	<p>[116.07] Powers and duties.</p> <p>Subd. 4m. Permits; environmental justice area. Requires the agency to consider cumulative pollution levels and the applicant’s demographic analysis before making a decision on a permit that will impact an environmental justice area. If increased levels of environmental or health impacts would result from the permit action, the agency must deny the permit or incorporate permit conditions that would remove those impacts.</p>
4	<p>[116D.04] Environmental impact statements.</p> <p>Subd. 2c. Demographic analysis. Requires an environmental assessment worksheet and environmental impact statement impacting an environmental justice area to include the environmental sensitivity analysis required under section 116.07, subdivision 4l.</p>



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