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01	12/25/2009	Virginia Jones				Points out lack of faith-based representation on working group; many groups have been involved in this issue.		02032							
01	12/25/2009	Virginia Jones				Does not think "environmental justice" is broad enough--needs to consider health of natural community as well.	0101								
02	12/27/2009	Gary Inch			Northwest Lower Peninsula	Contends that it is unfair not to allow owners of beachfront property to maintain their property.									x
03	12/28/2009	Jeri LeRoi				Disagrees with use of minority group data to determine when the EJ analysis is triggered because it discriminates against people not in those groups.				0402					
03	12/28/2009	Jeri LeRoi				Does not want to compensate people for moving to areas where there are polluting facilities, which were in remote areas when sited and now have cheap land around them.								x	
04	12/28/2009	Kent A. McNeil				Refers to DEQ as Nazis who are eliminating private ownership of land in America.								x	
05	12/28/2009	Wayne Vermilya			Northwest Lower Peninsula	Describes problems encountered when state permitted dump in Presque Isle. Includes attachment titled "Events Leading to Current Status of Presque Isle County Solid Waste Plan."									x
06	12/31/2009	Gary Husted			Northeast Lower Peninsula	"The environment, is just that, the environment. It knows no minority or low income areas. What's fair for one should be fair for all. End of subject." Empty email.	0101			0402					
07	1/3/2010	Veronica Rojas													
08	2/6/2010	Jim Gurr			Northwest Lower Peninsula	Argues that the Plan would violate individuals' constitutional rights to property.	0101								
08	2/6/2010	Jim Gurr			Northwest Lower Peninsula	Criticizes "seventeen points" document referenced in Ch. 1.	0102								
09	3/13/2010	Heidi Phaneuf			Mid-Michigan	Health data should be collected in smaller geographic units than municipalities or counties and should be made publicly available on the web.		02031	0306	0401			07032		
09	3/13/2010	Clara Blakely			Mid-Michigan	Wants to be informed through public radio and TV about pending votes.		0203					07031		
09	3/13/2010	Brandon Jessup			Mid-Michigan	Supports ending disparate impacts.			0307	0400					
09	3/13/2010	Philip Downs			Mid-Michigan	Supports environmental impact consideration and expresses view that vulnerable communities should not suffer from NIMBY effect.			03071	0401					
09	3/13/2010	Amrita Seehra			Mid-Michigan	Environmental justice is important and lifesaving and deserves more priority.								x	
09	3/13/2010	Shelley Seehra			Mid-Michigan	Environmental justice is great, inspiring, and changes lives.								x	
09	3/13/2010	Okola Nicholson			Mid-Michigan	Supports increased media exposure for EJ issues in Flint.		0203					0701		
09	3/13/2010	Anonymous at Flint Meeting			Mid-Michigan	Believes Plan will encourage community to participate and feel satisfied with outcomes.		0203				0601	0702		
10	3/19/2010	Sally J. Kniffen	The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	Environmental Specialist	Mid-Michigan	Overall, the Plan is a good mechanism to provide outreach to communities in a fair and nondiscriminatory manner.	0101	0203						x	
10	3/19/2010	Sally J. Kniffen	The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	Environmental Specialist	Mid-Michigan	Utilizing tribal governments and representatives should be mentioned in the Public Outreach Toolkit.		02032							
10	3/19/2010	Sally J. Kniffen	The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	Environmental Specialist	Mid-Michigan	Tribal reservations should be included and identified in the areas of concern.				0402					

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10	3/19/2010	Sally J. Kniffen	The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe	Environmental Specialist	Mid-Michigan	The IWG should, to the extent possible, coordinate with other interagency groups and federal-state Tribal governments that consider environmental issues.					0506	06034			
11	3/25/2010	Sue Briggum & Wm. T. Horton	Waste Management	Vice President, Federal Public Affairs; Vice President, Public Affairs-Midwest	Southeast	Recommends emphasis on collaboration between regulators, communities, and facilities.		0203	0307			0601			
11	3/25/2010	Sue Briggum & Wm. T. Horton	Waste Management	Vice President, Federal Public Affairs; Vice President, Public Affairs-Midwest	Southeast	Recommends that the DEQ review the recommendations made in the National Environmental Justice Advisory Council's report regarding EJSEAT.				0403					
11	3/25/2010	Sue Briggum & Wm. T. Horton	Waste Management	Vice President, Federal Public Affairs; Vice President, Public Affairs-Midwest	Southeast	Recommends a proportional approach within burdened communities so that contributors provide solutions in proportion to their contribution.			0307			06034			
12	3/29/2010	Anna Rahtz	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission	Associate Planner-Transportation	Southwest	Simpler language may be necessary for public outreach and inclusion.	0103	0203						x	
12	3/29/2010	Anna Rahtz	Southwest Michigan Planning Commission	Associate Planner-Transportation	Southwest	Notes that the definition of EJ populations seems to be broadening beyond minority and low-income populations to vulnerable populations such as the elderly, people with disabilities, and children.	0101			0402					
13	3/30/2010	Frank Szollosi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Cites to an abstract to a Stanford paper on carbon pollution and says "carbon pollution should be included in the state EJ Plan"			0307	0402				x	
14	4/6/2010	Benjamin Johnson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Public was not adequately notified of the opportunity to comment on the Plan and a meeting was canceled.		02033							
14	4/6/2010	Benjamin Johnson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Lack of funding should not be an excuse to not address EJ concerns.	0104		0302						
14	4/6/2010	Benjamin Johnson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The petition process should not consider economic impact.						06034			
14	4/6/2010	Benjamin Johnson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Strong executive support should be retained.					0501				
14	4/6/2010	Benjamin Johnson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Industry should be swayed to support the Plan. The Plan is not specific enough with regard to training the agencies, how a disparate impact is defined, and the way petitions are reviewed.								x	
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	A "youth outreach" effort through the schools should be added to the outreach toolkit.			0303	0401		06032			
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Steps should be taken to ensure that industry doesn't overshadow citizens in public meetings.		0203							
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	EJSEAT should be supplemented with additional data to address impacts other than air pollution. There should be fewer signatures required for a petition to be filed. To make it easier for communities, a template or sample petition should be created.		02033					07031		
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	If the petition process can't interfere with permitting timelines, the public will not be able to act when they are unaware of a project.						06032			
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	There should be extra efforts to notify of pending permits so communities can petition.						06033			
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Disparate impacts should include impacts beyond cancer and toxins, like noise and aesthetic pollution.				0401		06035			

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15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	State should be required to develop an EJ program and the federal government should provide a budget.								x	
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Instead of giving existing agency officers another responsibility, the state should create positions that specialize in EJ.			0304		0505	06031			
15	4/6/2010	Emily Chi	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Workgroup participants should work with DNRE staff to draft the EJ Handbook.			0303						
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Public communication could be improved by clarifying when to use the methods in the toolkit, the percentage of community members to be reached, posting website links, and using visuals.		0203							
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	There is a lack of real support for remediation in the Plan.			03073						
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Training staff is not enough; there should be an external audit or use of a specially trained staff member.			0303						
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The Plan does not explain the benchmarks that the IWG will use to assess the progress of state agencies.					0502				
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The definitions of "disparate impact," "cumulative impacts," and "adverse impact decisions" should be clarified.				0402					
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	EJSEAT is a good step, but there are some problems and it is being improved.				0403					
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Placing department heads on the IWG runs the risk of inserting politics into the Plan.					0503				
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The EJ coordinator should have resources to ensure that each agency is carrying out its responsibilities under the petition process.						06034			
16	4/6/2010	Cybelle Shattuck	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Funding to local governments could be contingent on developing EJ plans.							0701		
17	4/7/2010	Bunyan Bryant	University of Michigan	Director of the Environmental Justice Initiative, School of Natural Resources & Environment	Southeast	Suggests a different definition of Environmental Justice: "Environmental Justice (EJ) refers to those cultural norms and values, rules, regulations, behaviors, policies, and decisions that support sustainable communities where people can interact with confidence that their environment is safe, nurturing, and productive. Environmental Justice is served when people can realize their highest potential without experiencing discrimination based on race, class, ethnicity or national origin. Environmental Justice is supported by decent paying and safe jobs, quality schools and recreation, decent housing and adequate health care, personal empowerment, and communities free of violence, drugs and poverty. These are communities where both cultural and biological diversity are respected and highly revered, and where distributive justice prevails."	0101								
18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	Supports Plan's commitment to meaningful stakeholder engagement.		0203							
18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	There should be a public comment period on the draft of the EJ Handbook and implementing guidance.		0204	0303						

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18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	DNRE does not have the authority to revoke or deny a permit on EJ grounds, or condition an EJ permit on costly mitigation projects. The petition process should be eliminated, or it should be redesigned so that its legal limits are clearly articulated.			03071			06036			
18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	A statement should be added to the Plan that the actions shall be accomplished within the bounds of, and consistent with, the relevant agency's existing statutory and regulatory authority.	0101								
18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	The Disparate Impact Assessment requirements are too vague; they should be revised to describe exactly how and when a disparate impact is found. The legal limits of the assessment should also be articulated more clearly.				0401					
18	4/7/2010	Virginia King	Marathon Oil	Group Counsel, Environmental Safety & Security	Southeast	The Plan should be amended to make it clear that it does not create a private right of action.	0101								
19	4/8/2010	Jean Gramlich	Sierra Club	Michigan Chapter Chair	Statewide	Public participation and outreach is not enough if it is ignored; there must be positive action to benefit communities.		02033							
19	4/8/2010	Jean Gramlich	Sierra Club	Michigan Chapter Chair	Statewide	The petition process places the burden of redress on communities by requiring them to investigate proposals.						0601			
19	4/8/2010	Jean Gramlich	Sierra Club	Michigan Chapter Chair	Statewide	The inability of a petition to affect permitting timelines makes the petition process ineffective.						06033			
19	4/8/2010	Jean Gramlich	Sierra Club	Michigan Chapter Chair	Statewide	Instead of relying on interdepartmental cooperation and assigning existing staff to address EJ issues, the Plan should create an EJ Office that has regulatory power.			0304		0501	06031			
19	4/8/2010	Jean Gramlich	Sierra Club	Michigan Chapter Chair	Statewide	Additional health and pollution data available in Michigan should be used to improve on EJSEAT.				0403					
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Believes that the Plan does a good job of encouraging public participation.		0203							
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Petitions should be placed on the state's website to raise awareness about potential EJ issues.		02031				06035			
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The Plan does not explain in detail how DNRE will provide grant assistance to EJ communities.			03074						
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The reasons behind the choice of the petition process are vague. It remains unclear why this particular process was chosen.						0602			
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	While petitions should not be used to merely delay projects, a decision on a project should not be made until a petition is considered.						06033			
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Until the EJSEAT tool is refined, the Plan will not operate as effectively as it otherwise could.				0403					
20	4/8/2010	Lael Goodman	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Training of staff at the local level is as important as training at the state level.							0701		
21	4/8/2010	David Yanocho		Environmental Consultant	Southeast	Environmental justice is rooted in the incorrect assumption that proximity to certain types of source categories will cause a disproportionate impact.	0102							x	
21	4/8/2010	David Yanocho		Environmental Consultant	Southeast	Once an action becomes embedded as a permit condition, it is no longer voluntary.			03071						
21	4/8/2010	David Yanocho		Environmental Consultant	Southeast	Since a public comment period could be required for an air Permit to Install if one person alleges an environmental controversy, this project type could be manipulated.				0404					
21	4/8/2010	David Yanocho		Environmental Consultant	Southeast	The petition process is a reasonable way to address existing problem areas.						0601			

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25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	Supports the public participation mechanisms in the Plan.		0203							
25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	Is concerned that permitting may be delayed by prolonged public participation measures and "voluntary" EJ actions to address EJ concerns.		0203	03071						
25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	The Plan isn't specific enough; it doesn't identify specific ways to prevent adverse health effects based on disparate impact or specific policies and procedures to incorporate EJ principles.				0307	0401	0506			
25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	The Plan is duplicative of DNRE's existing statutory and regulatory authority.				0307					
25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	Businesses will be scared away by having to address environmental concerns over and above permit or regulation.	0105		03071						
25	4/9/2010	Kathryn R Ross	Consumers Energy	Senior Environmental Planner, Environmental Department	Mid-Michigan	Uncertainties in how the Plan will be administered and implemented will be viewed negatively by business.								x	
26	4/9/2010	Randall G Gross	Michigan Manufacturers Association	Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	Statewide	The Plan does not acknowledge economic constraints on the state and should not create work for activities done as part of the regulatory process.	0104	0201	0302		0506	0601			
26	4/9/2010	Randall G Gross	Michigan Manufacturers Association	Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	Statewide	The Plan lacks clarity, certainty and predictability. It should define specific terms in a consistent manner and set definitive goals with measurable targets in order to limit the need to develop future handbooks and guidance.			0303	0400				x	
26	4/9/2010	Randall G Gross	Michigan Manufacturers Association	Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	Statewide	The Plan does not clearly distinguish between voluntary and mandatory requirements. Existing laws are adequate to protect the environment and public health.			0307	0400		0601			
26	4/9/2010	Randall G Gross	Michigan Manufacturers Association	Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	Statewide	The Plan should not affect the efforts of businesses to receive approvals or permits in a timely manner.			03071			06033			
26	4/9/2010	Randall G Gross	Michigan Manufacturers Association	Director of Environmental & Regulatory Affairs	Statewide	The Plan should not add a new layer of bureaucracy. This will "brownline" communities and stunt economic growth.	0105		0307	0400					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Pre-existing community outreach mechanisms should be considered sufficient for purposes of meeting the public participation and outreach objectives of the Plan.		0203							
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Public outreach should not delay, inhibit or otherwise frustrate the efforts of businesses to receive approvals or permits in a timely manner.		0203	03071						
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Public outreach will be expensive and there is no indication of who will pay for it.		0203							
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Use of public outreach and voluntary activities may unreasonably delay permitting.		0203	03071						

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27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The DNRE should guard against undertaking projects and programs that do not directly relate to its primary mission.	0101								
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Additional mandatory and "voluntary" requirements on businesses could have a significant negative impact on economic development and neighborhood revitalization.	0105								
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Michigan's proposed Plan should be "bench marked" against neighboring and competing states to determine if it creates an undue competitive liability. MEDC should provide this analysis.	0105								
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Prioritizing enforcement and compliance in EJ areas without assessment of other considerations will result in less economic development. This appears to be a mandatory requirement.	0105		03072						
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	At least 50% of the census should be in the one mile radius to be considered a potential EJ area.				0401					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The identification of potential EJ areas by demographic characteristics could result in large areas of the state being covered without reference to local factors.				0402					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The full impact of the EJSEAT tool is unknown because it is still under development and will probably be changed.				0403					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Assessing "the project size and type..." up front is a preferred approach.				0400					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The determination of threshold criteria for types of projects should be subject to further input from the business community. Including other projects identified by the DNRE is too vague.				0404					
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	It should be clarified that the IWG cannot add additional elements to permits, contravene the permitting process or exceed existing law.					0506				
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Designating the Governor's environmental policy advisor as the EJ coordinator will provide an important single point of contact.					0501				
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Submitting a petition to the IWG is an appropriate process for review.						0601			
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	A super-majority of petitioners should be residents of the impacted community. In addition, the number of signatures on the petition should vary depending on the size of the affected community.						06032			
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Petitioners must establish a rational connection or stake in the outcome of a proposed project.						06032			
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The petition process should not interfere with existing permitting or project deadlines.						06033			
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	Action plans in response to petitions should not require state agencies to take action beyond state and federal requirements.						06034			
27	4/9/2010	Cynthia Zwick	Michigan Chemistry Council	CEO	Statewide	The participation of local units of government can be valuable as long as it doesn't add another layer to the permitting process.							0701		
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	A statement should be included in the Plan that public participation measures should equalize the playing field between communities and business/industry actors.		0203							

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28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Public participation measures should include ones that will reach illiterate community members, such as public service announcements.		0203							
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	DNRE's public outreach with regard to the Plan has been insufficient.		0203							
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Plan is a sincere good faith effort to address E.J. Language is thoughtful, intentional, generally straightforward, and readable. Plan has sufficient specificity. Recognition of the "triple bottom line" is critically important.	0105							x	
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	EJ definition is outdated and reflects "environmental equity" more than "environmental justice."	0101								
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Rather than focusing on economic constraints, the Plan should offer creative solutions to expand agency capacity. There are a number of possibilities, including collaboration with universities for research and a volunteer EJ Corps to help the EJ Coordinator and Advocate.	0104		0304		0501	06031		x	
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Local community advocates should co-facilitate trainings of agency staff with state and federal employees.				0303					
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Environmental Justice Impact Statements should be required.				03071					
28	4/9/2010	Mona Younis	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	How the Plan will filter to local levels depends on the capacities and interests of LUG and community organizations to organize the community around public input sessions							0702		
29	4/9/2010	Emily Baker	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	There should be a clear framework for public involvement in social justice movements.		0203							
29	4/9/2010	Emily Baker	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Believes that the Plan should address additional, non-racial categories of discrimination.				0402					
29	4/9/2010	Emily Baker	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The government should set the framework, and communities can set more specific details, goals, and terms themselves. Local government and community leaders would facilitate this.							0701	x	
29	4/9/2010	Emily Baker	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Corporate responsibility should involve taking costs of health and environment into account.									x
29	4/9/2010	Emily Baker	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Statistical analyses could be done to determine adverse effects. The Plan could also include anecdotes and specific examples of adverse effects occurring in communities.				0401					
30	4/9/2010	Rashida Tlaib	Michigan House of Representatives	Representative, Detroit District 12	Southeast	Community input should be an integral part of the process from the beginning in a way that does not negatively impact economic growth or create another layer of bureaucracy.	0105	0203	0307			0601			
30	4/9/2010	Rashida Tlaib	Michigan House of Representatives	Representative, Detroit District 12	Southeast	Suggests that the EJ Plan needs to focus on accountability and transparency.									x
30	4/9/2010	Rashida Tlaib	Michigan House of Representatives	Representative, Detroit District 12	Southeast	The biggest challenge facing EJ in Michigan is a lack of funding to the MDNRE. The Plan should reinforce the importance of funding.	0104		0302						
30	4/9/2010	Rashida Tlaib	Michigan House of Representatives	Representative, Detroit District 12	Southeast	The petition process must be clear and accessible to the layperson.						06035			
30	4/9/2010	Rashida Tlaib	Michigan House of Representatives	Representative, Detroit District 12	Southeast	The petition process is the only way to provide environmental justice and give communities a true voice.						0601			

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31	4/9/2010	Doug Roberts	Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Director of Environmental and Energy Policy	Statewide	The Plan will conflict with the executive order creating the new DNRE by slowing the permit process and adding public participation measures.		0203	03071						
31	4/9/2010	Doug Roberts	Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Director of Environmental and Energy Policy	Statewide	DNRE should reject the proposed Plan. The commenter asks to have his name removed from the list of members.	0103							x	
31	4/9/2010	Doug Roberts	Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Director of Environmental and Energy Policy	Statewide	The Plan will slow economic growth in urban areas and is in conflict with the Land Use Leadership Council report.	0105							x	
31	4/9/2010	Doug Roberts	Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Director of Environmental and Energy Policy	Statewide	The requirement for 50 signatures for a petition is too low a threshold.						06032			
31	4/9/2010	Doug Roberts	Michigan Chamber of Commerce	Director of Environmental and Energy Policy	Statewide	It is essential that any petition process not interfere with the existing timeliness for permit approvals.				03071		06033			
32	4/9/2010	Ahmina Maxey	East Michigan Environmental Action Council	Associate Director	Southeast	There should be a full time staff position to carry out the directive.		0201	0304			06031			
32	4/9/2010	Ahmina Maxey	East Michigan Environmental Action Council	Associate Director	Southeast	Supports a strong EJ Program for Michigan. This Plan is a first step.								x	
32	4/9/2010	Ahmina Maxey	East Michigan Environmental Action Council	Associate Director	Southeast	There should be a strong IWG, as the core institutional structure of the Plan.					0501				
32	4/9/2010	Ahmina Maxey	East Michigan Environmental Action Council	Associate Director	Southeast	The petition process should be reviewed to ensure the inclusion of all.						0601			
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The Plan should consider the formation of a permanent task force -- composed of community, industry, and academic representation -- to coordinate communications, gauge progress, and provide feedback to the Governor.					0501				
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The Plan underestimates the presence and needs of limited English speaking populations generally and appears to make communication with these populations elective.		0202					0702		
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The Plan does not clearly define the elements of environmental justice, such as "meaningful public involvement."	0101	0203							
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Agencies should be given mandated, measurable objectives to indicate their progress toward increased public participation and should be offered incentives.		0203							
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	There need to be more specifics about how communities can contact agencies.		0203					0701		
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	The state should set clear, measurable, mandated EJ targets and consequences for agencies.			0303		0502				
33	4/9/2010	Sidney Brown	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Given limited resources, it would be useful to highlight a few, small, meaningful and less expensive steps that agencies could take to address EJ concerns.	0104	02011	0302					x	
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The commenter opposes the Plan because it imposes undue burdens on approval processes, requires increased state resources that are not available, and otherwise lacks clarity on important issues.	0104	02011	03071					x	

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34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The public participation aspects of the Plan will slow down the DNRE's decision-making process.		0203	0307						
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The Plan should clarify that it does not have the force or effect of law and does not bind the regulated community. In addition, the Michigan Constitution prohibits the state from imposing unfunded mandates on LUGs.	0101		0303				0701		
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The areas of concern should be objectively defined and listed. EJ measures should only be triggered if a project is located in an area of concern and is of major significance.				0402					
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The petition process is not sustainable given the lack of resources.						0602			
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	Even if the state did have the resources to implement the petition process, the process could potentially be abused because the signature threshold is set too low.						06032			
34	4/9/2010	Jeanne Englehart, Troy Cummings, Andy Johnston	Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO; Chair, Environmental Affairs Committee; Director of Legislative Affairs	West	The DNRE may not impose more stringent criteria in environmental justice areas.			0307	0401					
35	4/9/2010	Robin Clark	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan	Environmental Specialist, Environmental Services Department	Statewide	There should be better inclusion of and coordination with Tribal governments and rural Tribal populations with regard to the Plan.		02032	0305	0401				x	
35	4/9/2010	Robin Clark	Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan	Environmental Specialist	Statewide	The Air Quality Division's public participation efforts could be improved through better coordination with Tribal governments and taking into consideration Tribal population characteristics. For example, the Division should take into account the rate of fish consumption in Tribal populations in assessing health risks.		02032	0305						
36	4/9/2010	Dawn Nelson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Government officials need to work on building trust with the public to assure them that the mechanisms in the Plan are real.		0203						x	
36	4/9/2010	Dawn Nelson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	Sample action plans for different types of communities should be developed to bring together the ideas in the Plan. This would include action plans for public participation.		0203						x	
36	4/9/2010	Dawn Nelson	University of Michigan	Graduate Student	Southeast	An effective evaluation process should be put in place.					0502				
37	4/9/2010	Susan E. Harley	Clean Water Action	Michigan Policy Director	Mid-Michigan	A permanent and well developed IWG is essential to implementation of the Plan.					0501				

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37	4/9/2010	Susan E. Harley	Clean Water Action	Michigan Policy Director	Mid-Michigan	The advisory council to the IWG should have an active role, meeting frequently, to ensure stakeholder buy-in.					0504				
37	4/9/2010	Susan E. Harley	Clean Water Action	Michigan Policy Director	Mid-Michigan	The EJ Coordinator and Advocate positions should be filled by people who do not have other roles in the Administration so they have ample time and expertise to lead EJ efforts.			0304		0501	06031			
37	4/9/2010	Susan E. Harley	Clean Water Action	Michigan Policy Director	Mid-Michigan	The petition process is essential to hearing the voices of affected communities on pressing issues. Mobile source pollution is an issue that could be addressed through the process.							0601		
38	4/11/2010	Debbie Fisher	Community and Economic Development, Focus: Hope		Southeast	Public meetings should be held in close proximity to the project and at a customary meeting place in the community.		02033							
38	4/11/2010	Debbie Fisher	Community and Economic Development, Focus: Hope		Southeast	The Plan does not explain how public comments are to be addressed in permitting or other decisions.		0203	0307						
38	4/11/2010	Debbie Fisher	Community and Economic Development, Focus: Hope		Southeast	The Plan should provide that DEQ shall give priority to grants, loans, and other incentive programs that will benefit EJ areas.				03074					
38	4/11/2010	Debbie Fisher	Community and Economic Development, Focus: Hope		Southeast	There is missing language in the first sentence of the attachment on sustainable alternative agreements.				03075					
38	4/11/2010	Debbie Fisher	Community and Economic Development, Focus: Hope		Southeast	Before public comment on a permit or other DEQ decision, the division should be required to issue a report on the total number of other similar permits within a 50-mile radius and within the state.				0305					