

Navigating Environmental Justice in Oil Spill and Emergency Preparedness and Response

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Environmental Justice is just tip of the iceberg

Vulnerable populations

Sensitive populations

Marginalized communities

Just transition

Social disparities

Disadvantaged community

Climate Justice

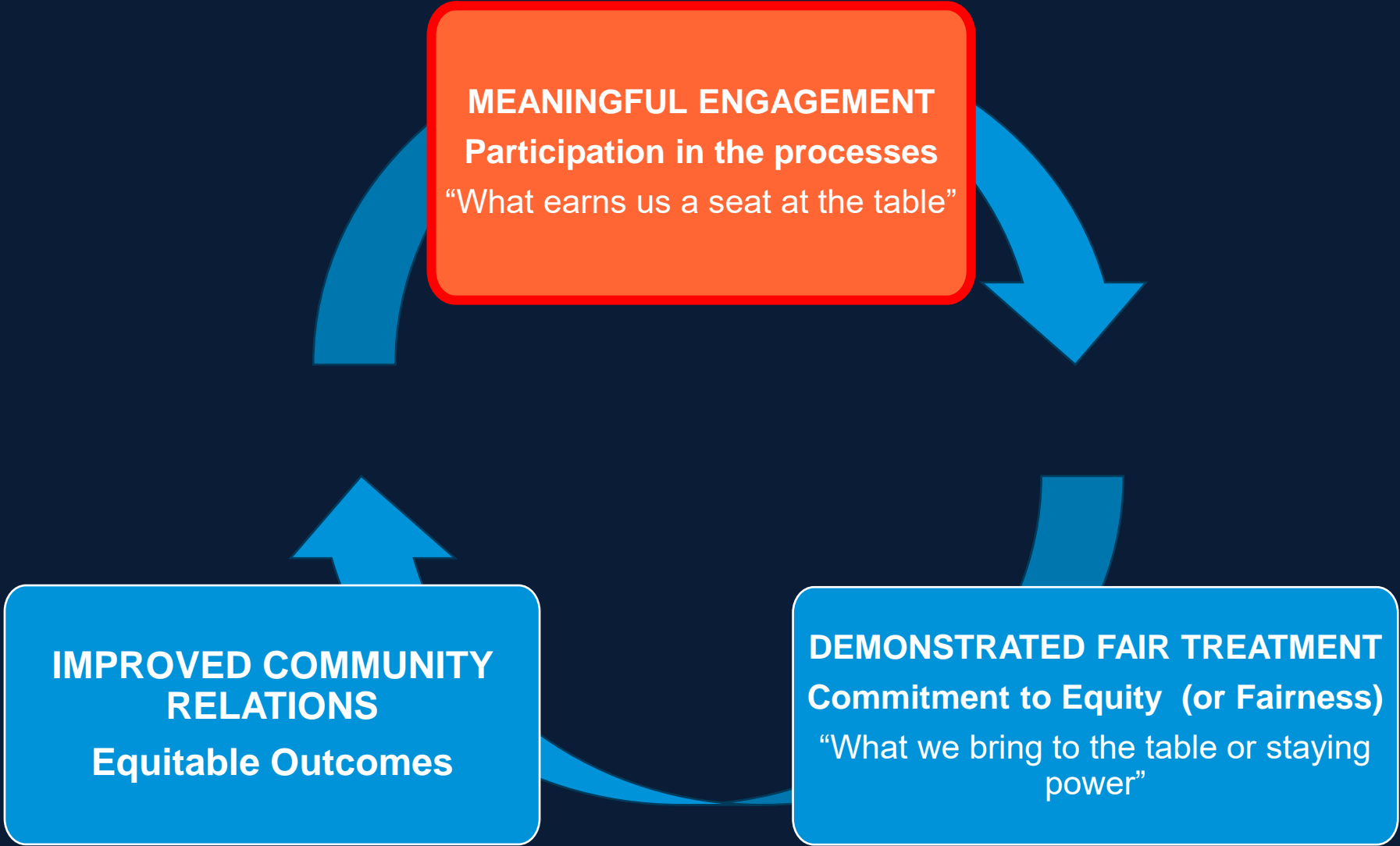
Health disparities

EQUITY

Transportation Justice

Social Justice

Energy Justice



Why Addressing Environmental Justice Matters



Agency Strategic Plans (e.g., BOEM, EPA) integrating EJ principles



Equity and fairness



Community Empowerment

Community Involvement and Consultation

- Actively involving EJ communities empowers them in decision-making.
- Actively engage EJ communities in the planning process, incorporating their perspectives and addressing concerns



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Equitable Resource Allocation

- Addresses disparities to minimize impacts on marginalized populations.
- Prioritize equitable distribution of resources, ensuring timely and adequate support for EJ communities.

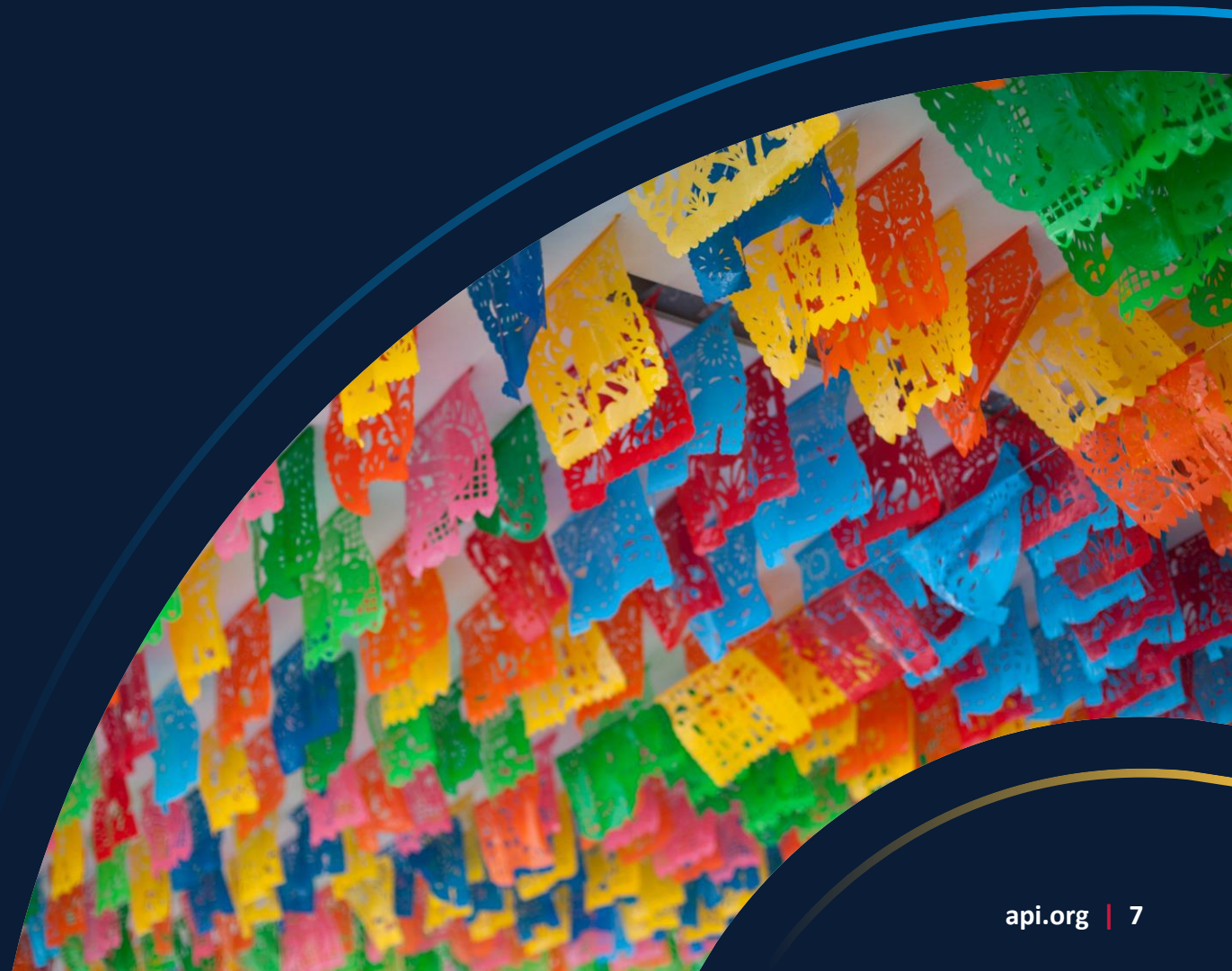


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Cultural Sensitivity and Awareness

- Fosters trust and respect, promoting effective collaboration.
- Enhance cultural awareness training, recognizing and respecting diverse cultures within EJ communities.



Accessible Communication

- Ensures inclusivity and active participation in spill response.
- Improve communication methods to be more accessible, considering language barriers and diverse communication preferences.



Capacity Building in EJ Communities

Empowers communities for active spill response participation

Invest in training and capacity-building initiatives within EJ communities to empower residents for effective spill response.



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Transparency and Accountability

- Builds trust within EJ communities, demonstrating responsible practices.
- Enhance transparency by regularly communicating industry actions and establishing accountability measures to ensure adherence to standards.



Tailored Outreach and Education

- Provides relevant information, fostering a sense of empowerment
- Develop targeted outreach and education campaigns that address community-specific concerns and priorities within EJ communities.



Comparative Case Study - Mauritius vs. Huntington Beach Spills

- Incident snapshot
 - Mauritius - MV Wakashio (Aug 2020): 1000 tons of fuel oil in Pointe d'Esny.
 - Huntington Beach, CA (Oct 2021): Offshore pipeline split, releasing 78 tons of crude oil.
- Response Challenges
 - Mauritius - Limited experience, delayed support, and mobilization challenges.
 - Huntington Beach - Prompt government intervention and effective collaboration
- Policy Changes
 - Mauritius - Reworked National Contingency Plan, new shipping regulations.
 - Huntington Beach - Calls for a ban on offshore drilling

Thank you!



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