

ACTION PLAN.....

Tennessee Coalition for Environmental Justice

includes the Nashville Branch & Dickson County Branch of the NAACP as well as peace and justice groups dedicated to clean up the toxic waste. Environmental justice issues involve government: we follow the trail of policies and regulations.

- **Research** legal basis for regulatory decisions
- **Research** the law to define goals & demands
- **Research** the burden of the pollution
- **Develop positive solutions** based on fact
- **Create multiple targets & issues**
- **Activate** neighborhoods
- **Persevere:** success may take years

Solid Waste has a higher value as compost & raw materials for business than as landfill.

Create business opportunity not environmental degradation.

Environmental Remediation is an important area of study, career and business opportunity for minorities.

- Solid Waste- A resource for the community and local businesses.
- Wet/Dry Separation- Compost food and yard waste locally to save landfill space and transport costs.
- Zero Waste- Reduce landfills, keep toxins from the environment and recycle waste as a commodity.
- Landfills- Pestering sores poisoning our water.

RESOURCES:

Institute for Local Self Reliance www.ilsr.org
Global Alliance for Incinerator Alternatives www.no-burn.org
Center for Health, Environment & Justice www.chej.org

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THE TRAGEDY..... (1960 – 2007)

Heavy industries were recruited for jobs in rural Dickson County (TN), 40 miles W. of Nashville. Companies landfilled liquid hazardous waste including trichloroethylene, acetone, pesticides, vinyl chloride and other dangerous materials.

In Dickson pollution migrated underground more than 3 miles from the landfill to poison springs & well water. Today concentrations of numerous deadly toxins exceed national standards. **Laws requiring notice to citizens were violated**, particularly blacks with wells near the landfill.

Residents are plagued with poor health, suffer devalued real estate and cannot sell farm products.

From dog pounds, to factories, to landfills, pollution migrates to poor & minority communities.

Tennessee solid waste is transported 12 million miles annually from cities to landfillsWho profits?

ENVIRONMENTAL INJUSTICE

LANDFILLS SOLID WASTE INCINERATORS

BRANCH ORGANIZING OPPORTUNITIES.

**Dickson County, TN Landfill.
Protect life, water & health.
Prevent Environmental Racism.**

Solid waste for jobs & business NOT pollution.

Dickson County, TN ground water has been saturated with toxic chemicals from 25 years of landfilled toxic waste where poor, minority and disenfranchised family farmers live.

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