

# EPA Priorities and Actions

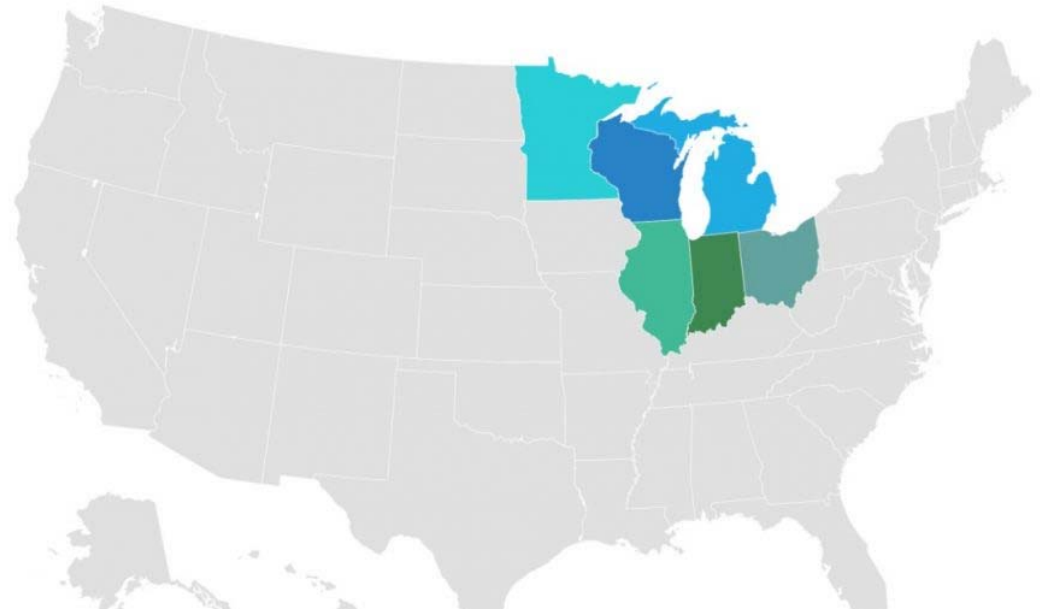
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# EPA Region 5

- **Illinois**
- **Indiana**
- **Michigan**
- **Minnesota**
- **Ohio**
- **Wisconsin**
- **35 Tribal Nations**





# Goals

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**To address climate change**

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**To advance equity and justice**

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**To protect public health and the environment with enforcement based on science and the law**

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**To restore scientific integrity**

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**To support the workforce**





## Cuyahoga River Fire

*Original Caption:* Firemen stand on a bridge over the Cuyahoga River to spray water on the tug Arizona, as a fire, started in an oil slick on the river, sweeps the docks at the Great Lakes Towing Company site in Cleveland Nov. 1. The blaze destroyed three tugs, three buildings, and the ship repair yards.

*Bettmann / Contributor via Getty Images*



# Justice40

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A whole-of-government effort to ensure that Federal agencies work with states and local communities to make good on President Biden's promise to deliver at least 40 percent of the overall benefits from Federal investments in climate and clean energy to disadvantaged communities.



**Region 5**



**Environmental Justice Academy**  
*June 2022*



President Biden's  
Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal means:

## A BIG STEP TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- ✔ The bill will create the first-ever national **network of Electric Vehicle (EV) chargers**
- ✔ The bill is the single largest investment in **clean energy transmission** in American history
- ✔ The bill includes funds to **protect against droughts, floods and wildfires**
- ✔ The bill makes the largest investment in **addressing legacy pollution** in American history
- ✔ The bill will **modernize our nation's airports, ports, and waterways** to support our supply chains and reduce emissions

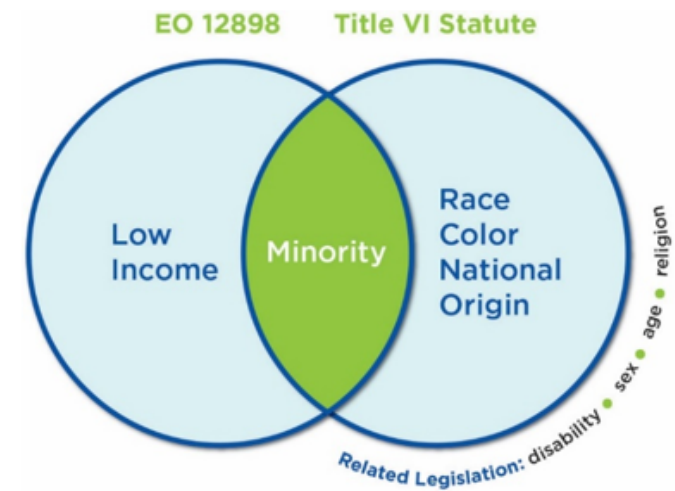




## Title VI

“ No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. ”

Figure 1: Relationship between Title VI and Environmental Justice



Source: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)



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This is what environmental justice looks like.



[chicago.suntimes.com](https://chicago.suntimes.com)

Lightfoot rejects Southeast Side metal shredder's plan to open  
The move ends an almost three-year standoff between residents and the mayor  
over the relocation of General Iron.

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ECONOMIC BENEFITS

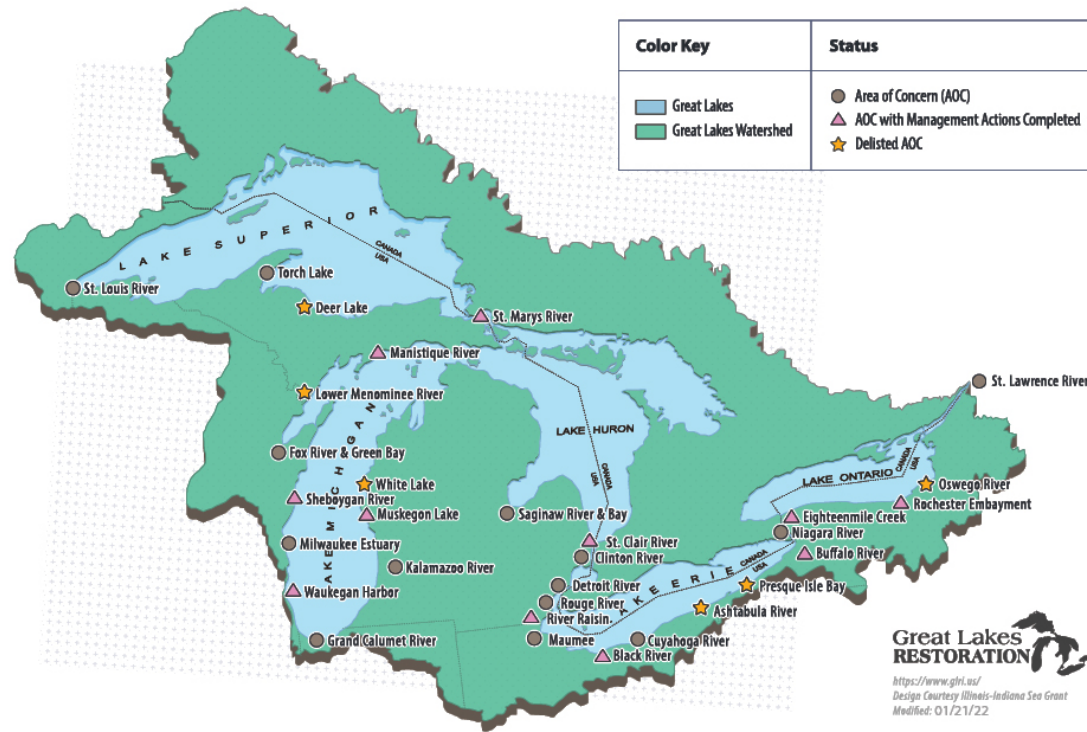


Dollars Leveraged  
**\$33.650 Billion**

\$20.43 was leveraged for each \$1  
of EPA brownfields funds spent on  
assessment and cleanup activities



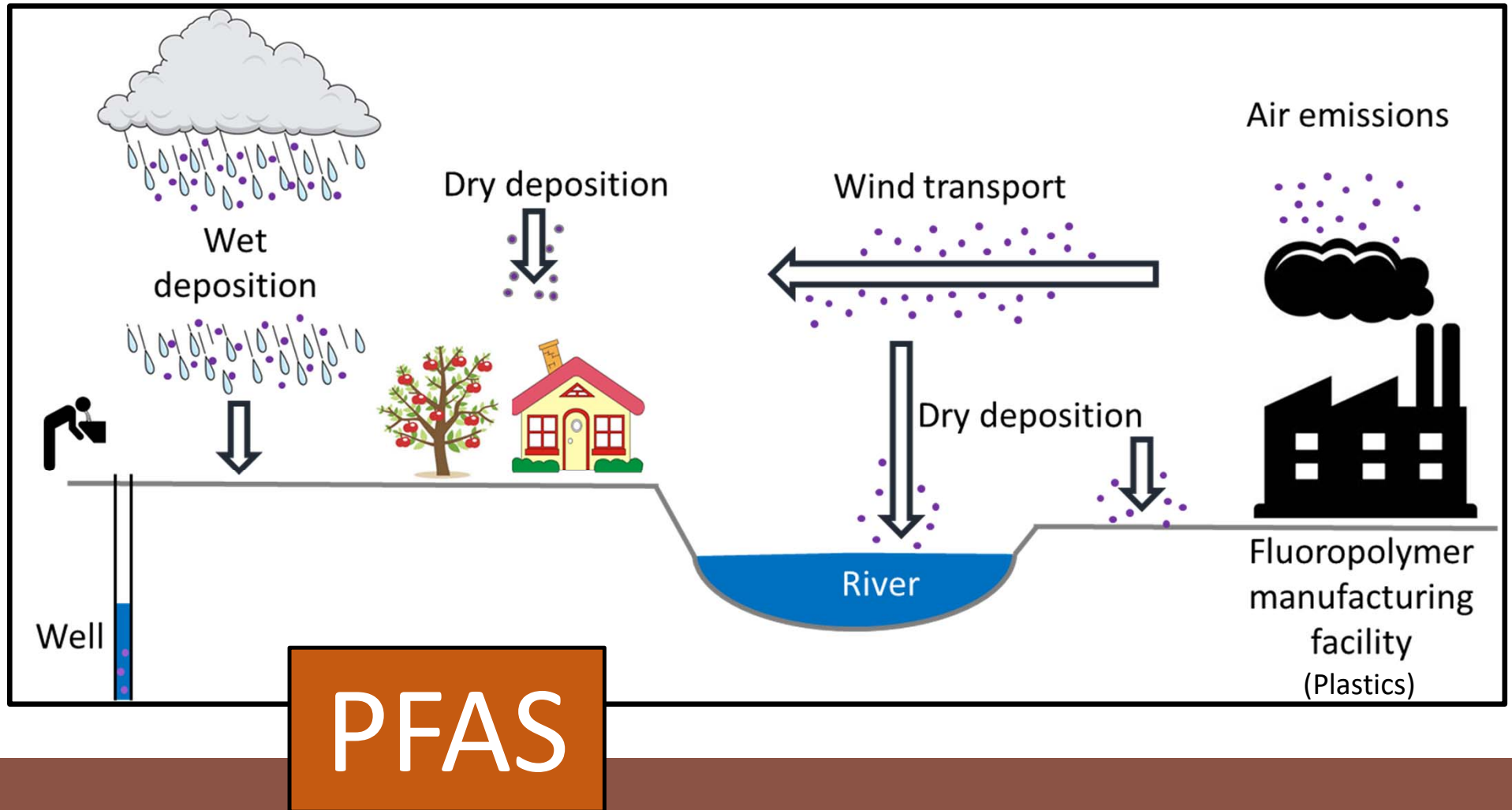
# U.S. Great Lakes Areas of Concern

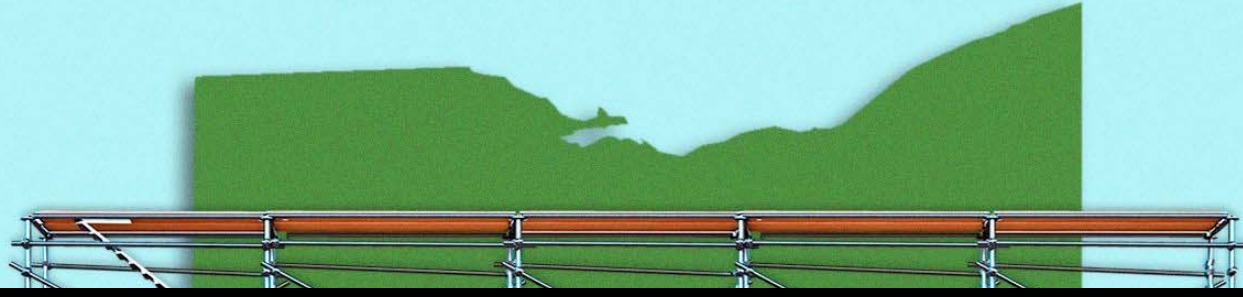




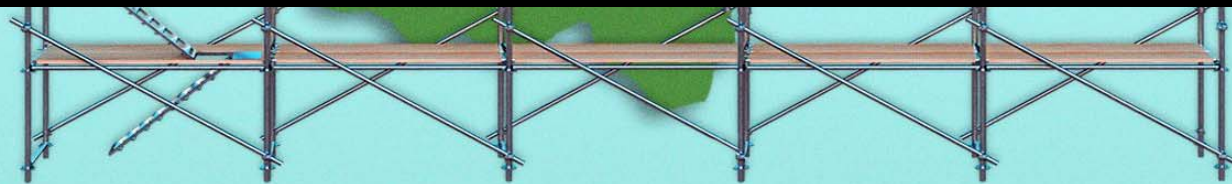
# 2019 Lake Erie Harmful Algal Bloom







\$241,554,000







Thank you!



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