

Study in Environmental Racism

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Study in Environmental Racism: 'New and Significant' Information Regarding Title VI Claim 03R-04-R2 Midland Avenue Sewage Plant by *the Partnership for Onondaga Creek*

From the Executive Summary:

The Partnership for Onondaga Creek (POC) submits "A Study in Environmental Racism: 'New and Significant' Information regarding Title VI Claim 03R-04-R2" as one of several ongoing submissions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Civil Rights.

This rigorously documented case study exposes environmental and institutional racism. Such racism does not necessarily occur with the conscious or willful intent to cause harm to a select group; it is the playing out of disparity that already exists in the local power structure. This disparity leads to the privileging of certain groups at the expense of others. This power structure seeks to silence the less privileged, perpetuating a decades-long pattern of social disinvestment and community disempowerment as has occurred repeatedly on Syracuse's Southside.

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