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## ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AND NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE: REGULATORY TRENDS AND THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In addition to climate change concerns, natural gas infrastructure projects are under scrutiny for their potential to impact disparately environmental justice (EJ) communities. President Biden has directed agencies to prioritize EJ in their efforts to address climate change. The European Union has established a Just Transition Fund to address social justice concerns of disproportionate impacts of the energy transition. The updated Equator Principles state that projects in designated countries may be required to satisfy all of the EP standards, rather than automatically being “deemed in compliance.” This change could have important implications regarding EJ considerations for projects in designated countries. This paper will discuss developments in EJ assessments by regulators, approaches for social impact assessments by industry, and community engagement strategies. In the U.S., regulators are developing more detailed analyses of EJ impacts. Facility-specific social impact assessments consider community-focused environmental and social impacts of operations, including the impact on minority and economically disadvantaged populations. These assessments are guided by international best practices, including the International Finance Corporation's Environmental and Social Performance Standards and the Equator Principles. Addressing potential environmental impacts is included in stakeholder engagement efforts.

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