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# Chicago's Toxic Doughnut, USA; *Good!*

## PAPER PREPARATION WORKSHEET

Please answer the following questions in 2-3 sentences (point form is also acceptable) and submit your topic for instructor approval.

### 1. WHAT IS YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONFLICT?

*be specific*

The environmental justice conflict in the case herein is improper disposal of waste within residential areas and inadvertent exposure of people to harmful substances that emanate from the disposed wastes. The landfills are defective because leaks have been reported.

### 2. WHO ARE THE ACTORS OR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN THE CONFLICT? Please consider the role of government and non-government actors.

The actors in this case are the affected community, the advocacy group that consists of People for Community Recovery, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Department of Public Health, Illinois Department of Public Health and the EPA.

### 3. WHAT IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN(S)?

Toxicology studies at the Altgeld Gardens have uncovered dangerous levels of mercury, lead, dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), heavy metals, and xylene. The landfill and dumpsite pose health hazards to the surrounding communities. Rising cases of respiratory illness and reported abnormalities in pregnancies are key concerns that the surrounding communities grapple with.

*who is most at risk?*

### 4. WHAT IS THE JUSTICE ISSUE(S)?

Environmental Justice issue herein are improper waste management; complicity by government agencies; they gave the company a green bill of health and allowed for the landfill to continue being operational despite its inherent dangers.

*environmental burden -  
- who benefits + who pays the cost?*