

BILL NUMBER: SB 1113  
VETOED DATE: 10/04/1997

To the Members of the California Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill No. 1113 without my signature.

This bill would require changes to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) guidelines which would enable public agencies to address environmental justice matters. This bill would also require the Office of Planning and Research to assist public agencies by identifying communities and populations disproportionately affected by high and adverse environmental effects.

The state environmental laws do not provide separate, less stringent requirements, or lower standards in minority and low-income communities. Environmental laws are, and should remain, color-blind.

The California Environmental Quality Act was not designed to be used as a tool for a social movement. The California Environmental Quality Act is a cumbersome process and any changes made to it should be to streamline the current process, not add new requirements that will only negatively affect the economy and people of this state.

Cordially,

PETE WILSON