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This Framework is vital to protect communities (especially low-income and marginalized) from disproportionate environmental hazards. We need enforcement and strong safeguards to prevent polluters from continuing "business as usual," harming public health and the health of animals, soil and plants also. It is important, as the Framework states, to assess environmental hazards cumulatively. Having lived in Chelsea, Mass., I know how it is to be a family in an overburdened community, suffering asthma due to air pollution. There are oil tanks, factories, etc. in this residential area. And because they are already there, then more factories, oil refining, trucking etc. are allowed. This Framework if implemented/enforced could stop overburdening communities like Chelsea.

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