EEW Congressional Report Card Social Media Toolkit:

Want to share the findings from the Environmental Enforcement Watch Report Cards with your followers or use the findings to spark change? Use the information below to guide your posting.

- EEW Website: https://environmentalenforcementwatch.org/
- Democratizing Data Report:
 https://envirodatagov.org/publication/democratizing-data-environmental-enf-orcement-watchs-report-cards-for-congressional-oversight-of-the-epa/
- Link for EEW Congressional Report Cards: https://environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/

In any and all posts, please attribute all graphs and data by tagging @EEW_Network or @EnviroDGI. Use the hashtag #DemocratizingData.

Report Cards Key findings:

Write to your representatives here!

General Tweets

Tweets you can customize to your state or congressional district:

Hashtags

EEW Congressional Report Cards Key findings:

These key findings make great tweets:

Violations of the Clean Water Act have in general increased:

1. In 46 of 55 congressional districts and 14 of 20 states, violations of the CWA have increased since Trump took office compared to the previous 16 years.





- 2. The median increase in CWA violations during the Trump administration in comparison to the previous 16 years was 98% in congressional districts and 60% in states examined.
- 3. In 2019, 32 of 55 congressional districts and 13 of 20 states registered more than one violation for each operating facility on average.
- 4. In 2019, among the Energy and Commerce Committee's congressional districts, there were 143 Clean Water Act violations per 100 operating facilities.
- 5. Among the Environment and Public Works Committee's States in 2019, there were 154 Clean Water Act violations per 100 operating facilities.
- 6. There were 23 districts and 11 states where more than 20% of operating facilities have been in violation of the CWA for at least 9 months of the last 3.25 years or 3 out of the previous 13 quarters (1 quarter is 3 months).

Rate of Inspections have in general decreased:

- 7. In 36 of 55 congressional districts and 13 of 20 states, inspections under the CAA, CWA, and RCRA have decreased since Trump took office.
- 8. The median decline in inspections was 17% in congressional districts and 14% in states during the Trump administration compared to the previous 16 years.

Enforcement Actions have in general decreased:

- 9. In 41 of 55 congressional districts and 18 of 20 states analyzed, there was a decline in the number of enforcement actions taken under the CAA, CWA, and RCRA since Trump took office.
- 10. The median decline in enforcement actions was 28% in congressional districts and 23% in states during the Trump administration compared to the previous 16 years.
- 11. In 44 of 55 congressional districts and 19 of 20 states, there was a decline in penalties levied under the CAA, CWA, and RCRA since Trump took office.
- 12. The median decline in penalties was 69% in congressional districts and 53% in states during the Trump administration compared to the previous 16 years.
- 13. Violations increased and enforcement decreased in both Republican and Democratic districts.





Write to your representatives here!

General Tweets

<u>Link to spreadsheet</u> of Representatives and Senators whose districts or states have EEW Congressional Report Cards

Here are some example general tweets about the EEW Congressional Report Card project:

Thanks to the @EnviroDGI report cards, voters can now see how well the @EPA is enforcing environmental laws in their districts. Click to see how your representative did: https://www.environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/.

Environmental governance is controlled at all levels of government, especially at the state level. Don't forget to check the #EnvironmentalEnforcement report card for your local representative before you vote: https://www.environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/.

Environmental protection is not a partisan issue. Don't forget to check the environmental records of your local representatives when you vote this November. https://www.environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/.

With @EnviroDGI report cards, the elected officials who oversee the EPA and their constituents can judge how well the EPA is enforcing environmental laws in their districts. Click to see how your representative did:

https://www.environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/.

Since Trump took office, enforcement actions declined in 100% of the democrat states analyzed and 91% of the republican states meanwhile Clean Water Act violations rose by 60%! #DemocratizingData see the reports:

https://www.environmentalenforcementwatch.org/reports/.

Tweets you can customize to your state or congressional district:

Clean Water Act Violations in my congressional district _CD_ increase ____% since Trump took office and enforcement dropped by _____%! Learn more: ___link to your report card__ #DemocratizingData #CleanWater





Clean Water Act Violations in my state increase% since Trump took office and enforcement dropped by%! Learn more:link to your report card
#DemocratizingData #CleanWater
TIL how many clean water act violations occurred in my state in 2019:[[see report card page 3]] per 100 facilities on average! The @EPA is not enforcing environmental regulations #DemocratizingData #CleanWater
TIL how many clean water act violations occurred in my congressional district in 2019: _[[see report card page 3]] per 100 facilities on average! The @EPA is not enforcing environmental regulations. #DemocratizingData #CleanWater
(tag member of congress) Clean Water Act violations increased by % in the last 3 years in your district according to @EnviroDGI. The @EPA is not enforcing environmental regulations in your district. Click here to learn more (insert link) and to contact (name the district) deserves better. (Insert hashtag(s)).
Report cards from @EnviroDGI show that we need better @EPA data collection & environmental enforcement. Click here to learn more and contact your member of

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Congress. (insert link and hashtag).

Facebook samples:

Reliable data on environmental enforcement is vital for health equity & justice. @EnviroDGI compiled existing data & made it freely accessible. Click here to see their findings & to contact your member of Congress to demand better data collection & enforcement (insert link).





(tag MOC) received a(n) grade from @EnvironDGI. The @EPA is not enforcing
environmental regulations in their district. Click here to learn more (insert link) and to
contact (name the district) deserves better. (Insert hashtag(s)).

Are environmental polluters in your district being held responsible for their actions? Read your district's @EnviroDGI report card to see enforcement actions and to contact your member of Congress to demand better data collection and enforcement. (insert link and hashtag).

Inaccurate data collection means that the public and members of Congress cannot keep us free from the harms of environmental pollution. Read your district's @EnviroDGI environmental enforcement report card to see local enforcement actions and to contact your member of Congress. Tell them we deserve better data collection and environmental enforcement. (insert link and hashtag).



