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Abstract	<p>In the language of environmental justice (EJ), environmental racism, equity and justice are often considered interchangeable. Using detailed historical exposition in tandem with the analysis of performativity, this article seeks to demonstrate that these terms in fact exist in particular reference frames and therefore should not be considered conflated. Special attention is paid to US EPA's 1992 Environmental Equity Report. It is argued that, after the publication of the 1992 report EJ is widely considered a "scientific" issue. This scientific understanding is however by no means value-free, as this report implicitly inclined to support a particular value judgement, which moulds, and sometimes even distorts, our understanding of EJ. This article suggests that although understanding EJ through a scientific lens is tempting, a just society cannot be achieved merely through scientific research. Therefore, EJ research should move towards a deeper understanding on performativity questions.</p>
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