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(2000, 47 minutes)

In the 100 miles between Baton Rouge and New Orleans there are over 150 petrochemical plants which are responsible for producing 25% of the nation's petrochemicals. This area reports the highest concentration of toxic emissions to the air, land and water in the country. The residents of this area, who are mainly African American and poor, suffer from astronomical rates of cancer, asthma and other medical ailments.

“They don’t care about us, as human beings, as black human beings. All they care about is green, and you know what green is? M-O-N-E-Y. Some people will sell their soul for a dollar.”

GREEN documents this environmental injustice: the disproportionate toxic development in areas populated by minorities and low income groups. The film journeys through six communities along the river showing how one group of people may be bearing the burden for a nation's consumerism.

AWARDS

- First Prize and Global Vision Award, 2002 World Population Film/Video Festival
 - Silver Medal, Documentary Category, Student Academy Award 2001
 - Best Documentary, Making Waves National Student Film Festival, NYC, NY
 - Gecko Award, Cinematexas, Austin, TX
 - Honorable Mention, Flicker Film Festival, Chicago, IL
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