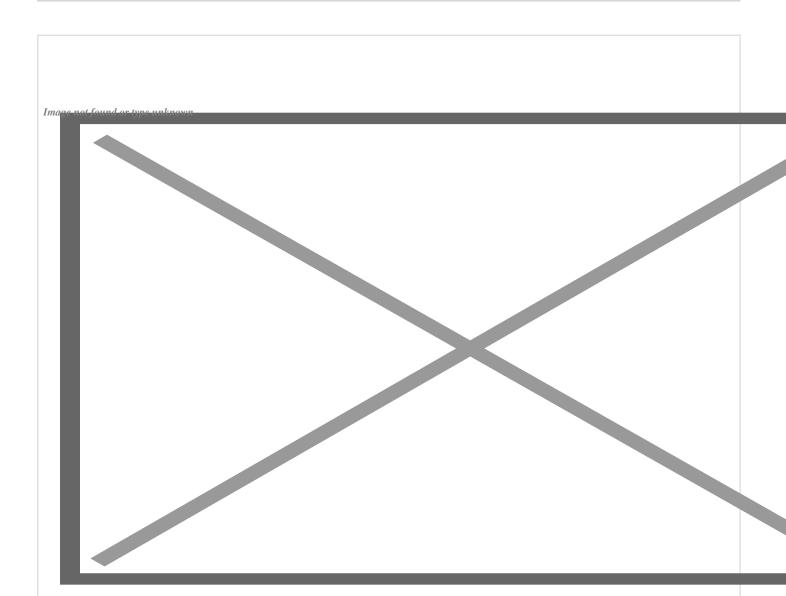
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The majority-Black area has been deemed a so-called "sacrifice zone" and counts some 200 petrochemical plants over an 80-mile stretch of the Mississippi River.

Activist and Goldman Prize winner Sharon Lavigne, speaking in front of the White House, said: "Cancer is taking over our lives, in the river parishes, down "Cancer Alley" and throughout the whole Gulf South. So we're asking President Biden to declare St. James Parish, "Cancer Alley" — to declare this an emergency. If he will not declare this as an emergency we are going to die. We are already dying."

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