

Guidelines Subcommittee Report



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Our Mission

To explore the usability and relevance of EPA's guidelines for implementation of Section 507 of the 1990 Clean Air Act Amendments throughout the SBAP/SBO network. Once the relevance and usability are determined, create a dialogue with EPA to discuss modifications.

Background

During the 2002 National Conference Working Session, the following questions were posed to three groups of attendees:

- Are the 507 programs working as intended in the Clean Air Act?
- Are the eight EPA guidelines for the 507 programs realistic and still applicable or are they outdated?
 - Are they being followed and, if so, how?
 - Are additional guidelines needed and, if so, what would they be?
- Do the 507 programs need a formal review to become more standardized?
 - If so, what would the standards be?
 - Examples: having a minimum commitment of resources the states must give to the program; a requirement for becoming a multi-media program, etc.

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What We Have Done So Far

In response to the working session results, the Subcommittee developed a set of questions based on the Clean Air Act requirements and EPA's Guidelines to determine the usability and relevance of the guidelines. Guidelines Subcommittee members have been collaborating with EPA and Concurrent Technologies Corporation (CTC) to post the survey to the Small Biz Web page.

After extended negotiations with EPA, we are pleased to report that our survey will be online and ready to be completed shortly after the conference.

Working Session

During this year's working session, participants will review the guidelines and discuss the relevancy of various provisions to their program's functions, activities, and organizational structure. This will create a focus group exercise that will help validate the survey. Efforts will focus on determining the validity of the survey.

Our survey will be online soon at the following Web site:
www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/sba/survey/survey_list.html

*Online
Guidelines Survey
Coming Soon!*