

**Multimedia Subcommittee Conference Call  
September 18, 2007**

**Meeting Minutes**

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1. National Multimedia Initiative

The conference call between ECOS, SBEAP representatives, NCAP, EPA Small Business Ombudsman and EPA Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance is set for September 26, 2007. It is anticipated that the Multimedia Subcommittee will have to put together information after this call. In anticipation of what that information could consist of, each participant responded to the following two questions:

2. What could SBEAPs do if given adequate funding?

- Provide more assistance to small- and medium-size businesses as opposed to the large firms in selected sectors such as biodiesel, ethanol, meatpacking, CAFOs, etc.
- Have adequate staffing to take more proactive approaches and apply for EPA grants.
- A major need is in the P2 arena. Most P2 work is done ad hoc during a visit or inspection.
- Add compliance assistance staff in each of our district offices.
- Big outreach demand on storm water, surface mining, and CAFOs that we cannot address without additional funding.
- Funding has always been a problem. We haven't enough money to print dry cleaning compliance calendars.
- Some states have just one person to do multimedia assistance. One staff person cannot do a lot.
- Takes money to produce compliance assistance tools.
- Need funding for mobile source projects. Currently programs are set up only to help stationary sources.
- Ensure compliance with the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996

3. What are SBEAPs' Non-Resources Needs?

- We need the SBEAP to be formally declared a multimedia program. This has been driven home in the past several months. We have two vacancies on our CAP, and our executive legislators have actually expressed a great deal of interest in appointing members to the vacancies. However, because our titles directly reflect the 507 provision of the Clean Air Act Amendment of 1990, the legislature can not consider any small business owner/representative other than those impacted by the CAA.

- Need legislation to validate program and ensure a more stable source of funding. Some of the compliance assistance staff are funded by waste reduction fees that may dry up next year.

#### 5. Next Meeting

- Tuesday October 9, 2007, 2:00 pm (EDT).