

**Multimedia Subcommittee Meeting  
October 13, 2009**

**Meeting Minutes**

Participants: Tom Coogan, Dave Fiedler, Sara Johnson, Linda Sadler, Hugh Stirts, Angela Suber, and Audrey Zelanko.

**ECOS/ National Comprehensive Environmental Compliance Assistance Initiative**

Dave gave an update on what happen at the Compliance Committee Meeting at the ECOS Annual Conference on September 23, 2009. Steve Chester, Director of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and Chair of the Compliance Committee provided background on the ECOS request for dialog with USEPA on strengthening and expanding our compliance assistance programs. Director Chester mentioned that USEPA's Environmental Assistance Network will be participating in the dialogue with the SBEAPs. Lisa Lund, Director of the Office of Compliance, OECA, spoke about new Regional Strategies that will leverage resources and promote collaboration between USEPA and the state compliance assistance and pollution prevention programs. The state directors and commissioners were supportive of the initiative. However, enforcement, penalties, and inspections appear to be a much bigger priority within the agency. States need to look for opportunities to work with enforcement without compromising the confidentiality of the SBEAP program.

Action Item: Dave will obtain the written proceedings from the ECOS meeting and distribute to Multimedia Subcommittee members.

Hugh – need to include pollution prevention along with compliance assistance in the Regional Strategies.

**Framework Document (attached)**

This document will be the starting point for discussions with the USEPA Environmental Assistance Network. The first meeting will be held on October 22, 2009.

Sara – add environmental justice and measurements in the purpose of the workgroup discussion. Need some small businesses on the Workgroup. Dave will be contacting Dale Kaplan.

Linda – reword the topic 7 to include leveraging resources with the ultimate goal of fully functioning comprehensive assistance programs in every state. According to Linda, a strong small business liaison in Region 4 was responsible for many regional compliance assistance projects including redi-mix concrete, small community outreach, and auto body shops. Linda is not able to participate in projects pertaining to larger business or sources. They like to keep the focus on small business outreach.

Dave will consider eliminating topic 8. Getting USEPA to put pressure on states to have an ombudsman, technical program and compliance assistance panel can be beneficial but it should

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be up to the individual SBEAP to ask for that support. Getting that pressure at the wrong time could be detrimental to the SBEAP.

Dave will discuss the changes to the framework document with Seth Heminway and other OECA staff on October 14, 2009. This is a pre-meeting for the October 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting with the Environmental Assistance Network.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at 2:00 pm (Eastern)