

Multimedia Subcommittee Meeting October 14, 2008

Meeting Minutes

Participants: Tom Coogan, Dave Fiedler, Annette Fulgenzi, Rebecca Hillwig, Hugh Stirts, Angela Suber, Paula Zampieri and Audrey Zelanko.

I. ECOS/ National Comprehensive Environmental Compliance Assistance Initiative

- Dave Fiedler, Annette Fulgenzi, Mark McDermid and Renee Bashel, had a conference call with the U.S. EPA's Office of Small Business Programs on September 18, 2008. The meeting focused on the discussion of the "National Comprehensive Environmental Compliance Assistance Proposal" developed by the Multimedia Subcommittee. According to U.S. EPA, "the proposal is very general and does not provide enough specifics to justify why a comprehensive approach is better. The proposal must provide a stronger case to prove that greater funding for the state programs means greater success for small businesses environmental performance."
- The Proposal is being reworked to include more success stories. The SBEAPs have been asked to send their success stories to the Small Business Environmental Home Page.
- Mark McDermid met with some of the U.S. EPA Assistant Administrators at the ECOS Fall Meeting during the week of September 21. Mark will be working with them to set up the next ECOS/Comprehensive Environmental Compliance Assistance call.
- Nichols Owens, National Ombudsman, U.S. Small Business Administration, forwarded Brian Warner's (Region 5 CAP Representative to the NCAP) concerns about the SBEAPs in a letter dated September 8, 2008 to U.S. EPA. Mr. Owens received a letter from Jeanette Brown stating that U.S. EPA had an internal meeting on these issues on October 9th and another meeting will be scheduled between U.S. EPA, Mr. Owens and representatives from the NCAP and SBEAP sometime in October- November time frame.

II. Multimedia Peer Center

- Audrey Zelanko provided an overview of new message board http://www.smallbiz-enviroweb.org/message_board/
- Email notifications can be made when someone replies to your posted message; however notification cannot be made every time someone responds to other messages.
- The message board will be open to all SBO, SBEAPs, NCAP and U.S. EPA staff in the Office of the Small Business Programs and anyone whose email has been forwarded to Audrey from the SBOs and SBEAPs. For example if an SBO would like a trade association to have access, they would email a note containing the trade association's email address.
- One password will be used to access all forums except the Awards Forum will be given out only to those on the Awards Subcommittee.
- The message board should be accessible to the programs near the end of the month.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, November 18, 2008, at 2:00 pm (EST)