

# National Steering Committee Meeting

Minutes  
April 15, 2003  
Baltimore, MD

## Attendance:

Mark Shanahan	OH	Region V	Chair
Ron Dyer	ME	Region I	Vice-Chair

## Region I

Rudy Cartier	NH
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## Region II

Jasmine A. Blyden	St Thomas, VI
Maria Rivera	Puerto Rico

## Region III

Richard Rasmussen	VA
Terry L. Polen	WV

## Region IV

Linda F. Sadler	TN
Tony Pendola	NC

## Region V

Renee Bashel	WI
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## Region VI

Darren Morrissey	AR
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## Region VII

Dan Nicky	IA
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## Region VIII

Dan Clark	WY
Reimar Von Kalben	CO

## Region IX

Marcia Manley	NV
Rob White	CA

## Region X

Sally Tarowsky	ID
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**OECA discussion:**

The day prior to the meeting, a break out session was held which was titled “OECA Update”. Many of those in attendance were in this session. It seems that many in the audience that day felt great consternation regarding items that were presented and comments which were made. With an eye toward attempting to ameliorate any issues from that session, the committee discussed the breakout session at length. The following comments were made during said discussion:

- 1-We are stepping back 8 years
- 2-~~We~~ have the statutory authority for Compliance Assistance
- 3-CAP people have the same acronyms therefore it is understandable that there could be problems
- 4-We, as a committee, need clarity before the next conference call
- 5-We *certainly* need to be at the table
- 6-The steering committee needs to sit down with the Assistant Administrator for Air and discuss this issue
- 7-OECA people’s relationship with the SBO office is not as comfortable as it should be
- 8-USEPA HQ has no concept of how it compliance assistance is set up in the states
- 9-Grey hat Authority
  - Strong enforcement
  - Where are the incentives?
- 10-OECA has a lack of understanding of the point of delivery for compliance assistance
- 11-The federal inspectors could make referrals so that problems could be fixed on the front end, even something as simple as carrying brochures regarding SBO/SBAP
- 12-It is understood that the National CAP will send a letter to USEPA regarding this issue
- 13-The National Steering Committee should not be on one side or another
- 14-We as a Steering Committee really don’t care how EPA resolves its internal disputes
- 15-One of the OECA speakers stated that they “Didn’t expect to be treated like that”
- 16-They (USEPA) stated that they “didn’t have any idea” that this proposal would cause a problem
- 17-At the National Summit, Gov. Christine Todd Whitman stated that we, the SBO/SBAPs, were the primary compliance assistance program. Now, we are being told something different from the same organization.
- 18-We need to set up a meeting at the Assistant Administrator level to resolve this issue which would/should also include the CAP.

### **Area source MACT deferral.**

USEPA is ending the Area source MACT deferral by Dec of 2004. This will be either by exempting the sources completely or including them within the Title V program and therefore requiring them to obtain a permit.

- Certain states are expressing concerns regarding this issue.
- We should elevate this issue through the steering committee.
- At any conversations about deferrals, we should be at the table.
- The technical sub-committee should draft something regarding this issue that we can submit or propose

### **NCAP**

The NCAP has expressed an intent to parallel our structure. They would also like to “plug-in” regionally. They would like to include an NCAP person in the regional conference calls and meetings.

### **Thanks**

Mark expressed the thanks and appreciation of the entire committee (as well as the entire organization) to those members who are rotating off.

Respectfully submitted  
May 5, 2003

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