

Guidelines Subcommittee

SBO/SBAP National Conference

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Creation of the Guidelines Subcommittee

- 2002 National SBO/SBAP Conference in Chicago Working Session
 - 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 - Are the eight EPA guidelines for the 507 programs realistic and still applicable or are they outdated?
 - Do the 507 programs need a formal review to become more standardized?

Mission of Guidelines Subcommittee

Explore the usability and relevance of EPA's guidelines for implementation of Section 507 of the 1990 CAAA throughout the SBO/SBEAP network. Once the relevance and usability are determined, create a dialogue with EPA to discuss modifications.

Guidelines Subcommittee Survey

- Survey administered to the 507 programs in mid-2003.
 - Makeup of each program (# of FTE, funding, Ombudsman, TAP, CAP)
 - Adherence to the eight elements in EPA's 507 Guidelines and to Section 507 CAA requirements
 - Adoption of incentive policy/audit policy

Guidelines Subcommittee Survey

- Survey data was analyzed and discussed.
 - *50 responses received*
 - *Many of the deficiencies related to:*
 - *CAP (function and membership)*
 - *Paperwork Reduction Act, Regulatory Flexibility Act, and Equal Access to Justice Act,*
 - *Accidental Release and Prevention and Detection*
 - *Referring sources to qualified auditors*
 - *Rendering advisory opinions (Ombudsman and CAP)*
- Discussions were tabled in 2004 until the multimedia initiative was resolved.

National Steering Committee Guidelines

- After the 2006 conference, the subcommittee was asked to revise the NSC guidelines.
- The guidelines were revised and approved by the NSC in the spring of 2007.

Next Steps

Guidelines Subcommittee Session

Wednesday June 20th

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

- We will be discussing the next steps of the subcommittee, as it is at a crossroads.
- We welcome new membership.
- The subcommittee will need a new chair.