

Capacity Development: Getting the Most Out of Your Reporting



**Regions 1-4 Capacity Development Workshop
August 30, 2005**



Outline

- Importance of Capacity Development
- EPA's Future Direction for Capacity Development
- Program Reporting:
 - The "New" and the "Old"
- Discussion



Why is Capacity Development So Important?

- Allows systems to return to compliance faster
- Empowers communities to work together and develop partnerships for better public health protection
- Builds public awareness/creates a mechanism for dialogue



Why is Capacity Development So Important?

- Can and is addressing the remaining 10% population issue: Improving public health protection!
- Provides the necessary foundation to promote long-term compliance and sustainability



EPA's Future Direction (we need your help!)

- “New” Annual Reporting Content
 - June 2005
- Capacity Development Program Assessment and Evaluation Tool
 - October 2005
- National Capacity Development Program Strategic Plan
 - December 2005
- Capacity Development Program Goals and Measures
 - December 2006



Why Guidance on Reporting Now?

- Let's give you the credit you deserve for all of the positive work that's done
- Streamline the process of reporting
- You want consistent oversight
 - EPA responsible for providing effective oversight and for being accountable
- You can be even *better* advocates for your systems!



“New” Annual Report Content Focus

- Streamline annual reporting for States (*narrative* not data focus)
- Provide a consistent mechanism for EPA to assess State program implementation (States expect it)
- Allow EPA to thoroughly document the assessment process



“New” Annual Report Content Focus

- EPA obtains information to formulate a national Capacity Development Program-specific strategic plan and provide continuous national picture of success
- Allows States to effectively monitor and assess **their own successes!**



“New” Annual Report Content Development

- State/EPA workgroup convened in August 2004
 - 13 State Coordinators
 - 3 State Administrators
 - EPA HQ and Regions
- Workgroup developed proposal for:
 - New Systems Program information
 - Existing Systems Strategy information
 - “Cleaner” Reporting Schedule



“New” Annual Report Content Development

- EPA solicited two rounds of comment from all States on proposal in November 2004 and February 2005
- What was developed?
 - 3 questions for the New Systems Program
 - 5 questions for the Existing Systems Strategy
 - “Cleaner” Reporting Schedule



“New” Annual Report Content Discussion

- Any questions on the Annual Report Content?
- What are your thoughts?
- Other questions?



Triennial Report to the Governor (2005)

- How's it going?
 - Reports due 9/30/2005
- Any feedback from your political leadership?
- How do and/or how can we make this reporting requirement work for us?



Triennial Historical Significant Non-Complier (HSNC) List (2006)

- 2006 List covers HSNCs from FY2003-FY2005
- EPA HQ will generate the list in early 2006
 - List due on 8/6/2006
- How do and/or how can we make this reporting requirement work for us?



General Discussion

- Capacity Development Influencing Positive Change at the PWS Level
- 5 Years Later: Demonstrating and Documenting Program Results through Effective, Streamlined Reporting



Food for Thought...

- Trade offs:
 - Capacity Development OR Rule Implementation?
- Why not Capacity Development to support Rule Implementation
 - Early implementation of LT2/Stage 2?
 - Other regulations?
- (PS: Don't forget about the Operator Certification Program!)



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