DEM
Environmental Justice

Stakeholder Meeting #7
7/30/08

- Welcome
- Transitioning from stakeholder process to something else
- In summary...
- Progress on EJ actions!
- Amendments to draft policy
- DEM's response to comments

How do we transition from a stakeholder process into a new forum(s) on EJ issues?

quarterly advisory w/ DEM director?

EJ League?

EJ community network of not-for-profits?

Stakeholders will meet in Sept.

We have a lot of loose ends to ~~work~~ take care of

Next – ending this process is not stopping the EJ conversation

We want to integrate EJ into other areas of DEM (air, water, etc.)

not enough resources for entire state but can do it by community

Need to broaden who's in the conversation

both from public and DEM pt. of view

What should we consider to...

Expand and shift the forum(s) for the dialogue?

We have roundtables

Not-for-profit environ. orgs. (eg ~~Sav~~ Save the Bay)

and business

Dr. Sullivan has combined these

we could add an EJ ~~sta~~ conversation as an standing agenda item

concern about bringing it here is that it could get diluted

so we have to brief ourselves 2 wks prior to round table

EJ league should be engaged in this dialogue w/ us

Comm. network of comm. and health orgs.

currently brownfield focus wants to expand to EJ

1 measure of success would be to get DOT to say "this matters to us"

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status of stakeholder group

The work of this group isn't finished

based on the original court order

Transitioning beyond stakeholders should be made by this group

When you deal w/ brownfields, the issues are not compartmentalized

we can bring in other parts (air, other DEM areas) business into conversation

Still to discuss

from DEM's pt. of view, there's been compliance w/ the court order

We still need to discuss cumulative impacts

Still to develop is a community development process beyond an EJ process

for all of DEM

When DEM has info a site could be contaminated and doesn't take action

eg, building a school over a garbage dump

This is all about how DEM handles EJ issues

its about change

I want DEM to have my back when we have to go to ~~[illegible]~~ a school

to measure air quality

I want to work hand in hand as a team (citizens and DEM)

We have to reach out to kids or we'll lose them

DEM thinks it needs a bigger org. structure

to handle a broader EJ issue

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What's the progress on EJ action items identified in the EJ policy?

Policy

Repositories..
·GIS
are done

Internal staff training on better communication

and running mtgs.

staff has taken EPA EJ course

Public outreach?

List serve

anyone can sign up

EJ community network

Contaminated sites?

DEM visited all 15 sites

Still working on dept. as multi-lingual

working w/ Int'l Inst. on translation of documents

complaint on-line is not fully executed

Use statewide "211" hotline now housed at Family Service

1 page document on each site in language "Joe/Jane Public can absorb

common format in basic language

nothing changed at site but still need to go thru process

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Amendments to draft policy?

Presentation and discussion

Lessons from site visits

Inconsistent signage

and up more than 30 days

need to follow up where signage has to be bilingual

why not make bilingual a requirement

or check census data for % of ethnic presence

A lot of the contamination flags resulted from bank financing

In the 15 sites, no repository requests or public mtg. requests

Some sites are active redevelop sites

Policy hasn't been tested because we haven't come across major contamination

Fact sheet changes

1st person to request info. triggers repository

posting these online will trigger access by people who can spread word

insert p/j, mgr. email and link to repository if requested

then the orgs. in our comm. network will spread the word

Sign stays up til the remediation is complete

add to sign "you can request a public mtg"

this would combine approval plus construction

when the closure report is done

comments will be accepted up til Sept. 4

Once comments are finalized, "draft" will be removed

an "approved" date will be added

final policy by Sept. mtg.

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DEM's "response to comments" document?

Presentation and discussion

You'll get an elec updated version of this as we integrate comments

w/in 2 wks. of today

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