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Environmental Justice Stakeholder Meeting #6
12/10/07

✓ EJ implementation

DEM actions...

summary of external feedback...

lessons learned...

what requires discussion today?

✓ Going forward, how to update the policy?

✓ Plans for '08?

EJ implementation...

What requires discussion today?

write it on cards!

What has DEM done the past 5 months?

Info line

if you want:
- translation - int'l institute is fine
- triage (sort problems) may need another solution

like the Health Dept. info. line

they're good at knowing what they know vs. passing it on

Spanish - Does DEM have a main phone that whole someone speaks Spanish?

today, it's no

External feedback/ issues?

Fact-Sheet - Explain why DEM is getting involved

add this to the fact sheet that is site specific

fact sheet is accompanied by:
- what is DEM
- from brownfields to clean fields
- what's going on in your neighborhood

DEM is involved in this site because of..."

e.g., cleanup under-way, suspected contamination

Compliance With Court Order

why only EJ sites?

requirement is, community engagement in all sites

the law doesn't accept lack of resources as a reason

no question there's more that has to be done at an EJ site

there has to be a baseline of comm. involvement at each site

a baseline has to be more than simply how you inform a community

Signage: Investigation of What?

specify - like w/ the fact sheet

establish a protocol for sign elements and language

Signs only in EJ communities?

Why can't all brownfield sites be subject to this same policy?

understand why it's more important for EJ - less access

if we did it, it'd be a DEM resource allocation issue

2 counts:
- reviewing fact sheets
- managing all projects

looking to add sign requirements at other brownfield sites

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Lessons learned ?

Shift from "citizen" advisory board to "neighborhood" advisory board

Calling it a draft policy ?

take the "draft" off the policy by 12/31/07

1st reopen of policy - June '08

DEM Outreach Program

outreach to community members re: environmental issues

make this a formal collaboration w/ the Envir. Justice forum

do it as a "train-the trainers" program

help people see stuff accurately and report it

Devoting resources to community engagement

on DEM's side, they have to devote resources to make this happen

DEM is embarking on a change of culture

and have a DEM pl. person for neighborhood relationships

Training staff in Community engagement techniques

evolving staff to see engagement makes their job easier

EPA did some public participation trng. awhile ago that went very well

can it be replicated?

Ensuring the community "expertise" is valued the same way as professional expertise

PR

Going forward, how does the policy get updated?

Focus on the next phase of developing the policy via action learning!

Focus on "augmenting" vs. just updating

What are the triggers for updating?

It's incomplete in its current form

need a plan to complete the work of the stakeholder group.

as per the court order

When we hear clearly it doesn't work

When someone doesn't comply

which suggests it needs more teeth

or rewards

Passage of time

Applicable to more programs @ DEM

What's the frequency?

Methods/ who's involved?

Stakeholder plus
- consultants
- municipalities
- comm. network

A standing EJ advisory committee to DEM

having this would help EJ lessons expand into other areas at DEM

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EJ planning and doing in '08...

Stakeholders

Cumulative impact discussion - Mar. '08

there's not a lot of proven thinking/practice around this

CA. EJ group has been at this for yrs. and it's still growing

and they're ahead of everyone else

cumulative impact has to be more than just clean-up and were

not getting a lot of traction from w/in DEM for broader scope

Revisit official policy - June '08

DEM staff

Leadership development workshops

Community network

2nd and 3rd workshops

Use of online tools

Work w/ Speck to start cumulative impact discussion online

cumulative impact is clearly a deficiency in current policy

get to a shared understanding