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Improve Delivery of Info to At-Risk and Remote Communities Flagship Update - FY2011 – 1st Quarter



Description of Flagship Project

- The Improve Delivery of Information to At-Risk and Remote Communities Project falls under the “Expanding the Environmental Conversation with Communities” Flagship Theme
- We are connecting with communities historically underrepresented in EPA decision making, to enhance their ability to acquire information and use it to meaningfully participate in EPA decisions
- The project focuses on information access, information delivery (including electronic delivery systems in the context of the digital divide), and ways to provide technical information so that it is clear, relevant, accessible and timely for use by affected communities
- Additional information can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/engagementinitiative/act13.htm>

Stakeholders

- Underserved/Urban/Rural Communities
- Communities Near Superfund Sites
- Federal/State/Tribal and Local Governments
- Academia
- Nonprofit/Community-based Organizations,
- Private Sector
- EPA Regional/Program Office

Milestones/Status

- Establish National Workgroup (Complete)
- Develop Outreach Strategy and Implementation Plan (In Progress)
- Outreach Activities and Events (In Progress)
- Develop Recommendations to Improve Delivery of Information (In Progress)
- Implement Priority Recommendation
- Conduct an Evaluation of Superfund Information Repositories (Complete)

Highlights of Progress this Quarter

- Developed a survey to solicit feedback from Agency community outreach experts and other internal stakeholders
- Conducted multiple site visits to Superfund information repositories
- Completed an assessment of Superfund information repositories based on results compiled from a regional community involvement staff survey and visits to several information repositories

Planned Activity for Next Quarter

- Recommendations will be finalized and released for public comment
- Planning to hold a session on the delivery of information during the Brownfields Conference in April 2011 to gain input from both internal and external stakeholders

Metrics

- Metrics will be developed as part of the outreach strategy