

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

**Local
Government
Advisory
Committee**



FACT SHEET

What is EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)?

The EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee is an officially chartered committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with Local Governments through building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The committee provides recommendations to the EPA on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution prevention, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management.

Key Accomplishments

- **Executive Order 13132 Federalism- Recommendation** to reduce the threshold for consultation to \$10 million.
- **Revised NAAQS for Ozone-** A set of recommendations and comments regarding the new implementation standards.
- **Small Communities Report-** Highlights the challenges and needs and recommends a small communities office to coordinate regulatory, policy and financing needs of small communities.
- **Sustainable Water Infrastructure DVD- Second Edition-** Highlights the needs of water infrastructure.
- **EPA's 2009-2014 Strategic Plan Change Document-** Reviewed and made recommendations to reflect new and emerging environmental and public health concerns.

LGAC Members

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that advisory committee membership be balanced in terms of the points of view. The LGAC is unique in having members that are locally elected and appointed officials such as mayors, county executives, city managers, commissioners, and others that represent key interests of local governments.

LGAC Workgroups

- Solid Waste
- Regulatory
- Watersheds and Coastlines
- Military Issues
- Climate Change and Indicators
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy
- Water
- Steering Committee

For more information please visit: http://www.epa.gov/ocir/scas_lgac/lgac_index.htm
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What are “Small Communities” and how are they important to EPA?

EPA generally defines small communities as a town that serves 2,500 residents or less. There are estimated to be over 26,000 small town governments in this country that deal with drinking water systems, incinerators, storm water systems, and landfills. Small communities are on the front line of environmental protection and are frequently called upon to implement public policy. Outreach and communication with local governments are a key component to successful outcomes. EPA and these small communities share the common mission of protecting human health and the environment.



The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS)

Chairperson: Steve Jenkins

The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) is a subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and was established by the EPA in 1996 to advise the Administrator on environmental issues of concern to residents of smaller communities. The SCAS is an independently appointed subcommittee of the LGAC and was created as a response to the tailored and specific need of small communities.

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