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Draft to be reviewed by Ms. Warnock

Comments from Noreen Warnock (Ohio Citizen Action) , July 8, 1999 on Draft Plan for Citizen Involvement (fax 614-264-4540)

1. Wants to know details re: what's covered in advanced training. Get some citizens involved in the course, especially persons who have had the intro training.
2. It's good to put information on the web, but also need to have States put their draft permits and final permits on the internet. This is more convenient for citizens, and because it's more visible, it creates more incentive for companies to work on pollution prevention.
3. Have citizen advisors or citizen review process involved with identifying the barriers to access, prioritizing areas for improvement, and developing appropriate solutions.
4. Plan needs to address lack of technical assistance. Need to identify funding for help in analyzing draft permits in order to verify what the company is saying and how the State is responding. An example of a way to fund technical assistance would be for States to use permit fee revenue to fund technical assistance for citizens.
5. Access to information and lack of technical assistance are the two most significant problems encountered by citizens as they get involved with title V.