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Candace:

Thanks for giving us the opportunity to preview the Citizen Involvement Plan. I've been elected to provide you our comments from Region 7, so you won't be receiving any other comments from our building.

First, we really like the idea of training for citizens. We haven't had overwhelming involvement from the few citizens groups that we do have, so educating them on the process and technical areas would be a plus. Our biggest concern, as I'm sure you can guess, is the money. Since this isn't a MOA commitment yet and we don't have budget projections for next fiscal year, we are unsure how we could effectively pull this off. Perhaps an APTI satellite course could make this project more economically feasible.

Second, we have not encountered any issues of citizens frustrated by limited access to permits during public review. I spoke with most of our states and all our EPA state coordinators and neither we nor our states have breceived any such complaints. Granted, the midwest is not your hotbed of environmental activity, but as far as we know, anyone who is interested in permit activity has not had trouble gaining access to the permits.

Thanks again for letting us review the Citizen Involvement Plan. Hopefully, we can implement this training here in Region 7 in the near future.

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