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Some comments:

If its not already included, please incorporate pollution prevention into your advanced training (not just pollution control). And, though you are only dealing with air, could you bring in the issue of transferring problems from 1 media to another? Hopefully the agency is moving toward looking at the big picture when it comes to working with communities and moving away from a single-media focus.

Would it be possible to place permit applications and draft permits on the Internet so that people can get easy access? Maybe use Adobe Acrobat?

It seems that citizens would be most concerned about how the proposed projects will affect them and their environment. Maybe have an up-front piece (before the actual application & draft permit) in easy-to-understand language that addresses these issues.

One concern is that people are really busy & I'm curious as to how many people will actually take the training, though I think it's good to offer. (Will you mainly get stay-at-home housewives & retirees?) Will the training also be appropriate for disadvantaged people?

I don't agree with the #8 measure of success: Number of Citizen Petitions to EPA to Object to a Permit. If your training is successful and people truly understand what is proposed, the number of objections may go down.

The philosophy of CBEP is to encourage stakeholders to work together. It doesn't seem that this is addressed. It looks like EPA is training citizens so that they can better battle industry's applications. Could you incorporate into the training how to reach consensus, find solutions that everyone can live with, etc.?

Thanks.

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