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Under the "purpose of this plan", perhaps you want to add that in addition to complementing EPA's oversight and adding valuable information to permitting decisions, that citizens will (1) benefit by having a more comprehensive and clearer understanding of citizen participation and (2) as a result be able to have a more active oversight role.

Under the "improve citizen access to existing environmental data and information", the website enhancement is noted as well as the citizen handbook. Perhaps a "tool kit" could be developed through a cooperative agreement or contractor, and the "tool kit" could be disseminated to local government associations and state level government, citizen groups, etc.. In addition, a CD ROM could be developed with the citizen handbook and various publications - somewhat of a tutorial, which could also be distributed to appropriate groups.

Under the "enhance integration of citizen...into the title V program", perhaps to address the questions posed by folks who attend the trainings - the questions and answers could be posted on the website or any publication, CD ROM, etc. as a part of commonly asked questions

These are some thoughts on the draft proposal. In my earlier message I also referred to looking into forming a relationship with State PIRGs and that I was waiting to hear back from a couple of folks on some other recommended organizations. Note: our office currently has a relationship with Northern Arizona University (NAU) focusing on training with tribal governments/ tribes. If you are interested in getting additional information on this please let me know, however the contact is David LaRoche. Please let me know if I can provide any additional assistance.

-Ramola Gupta