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## Questionnaire for Feedback on Public Involvement in EPA's Stakeholder Negotiations *Public Participant Assessment*

### Background

This questionnaire is designed to measure your satisfaction with involvement in the stakeholders' decision-making process about an important issue that affects your life. This questionnaire asks about the extent to which you believe you were involved in various aspects of the stakeholder negotiation process. The questionnaire also asks about the extent to which you believe that your contributions had an impact on the outcome of the negotiation. Thanks in advance for taking time to fill out the questionnaire. We value your input!

### Directions

Rate the following statements on a scale from 1-7 and occasionally write your own opinion to questions in the space provided. If you have no opinion, circle the number representing "Don't know." Please return your questionnaire to an EPA official before you leave.

Strongly disagree  
 Disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Agree  
 Strongly agree  
 Don't know

Please rate the extent to which you are satisfied with the following aspects of your involvement with the identified stakeholder negotiation process. Please mark "Don't know" if the listed aspect is

a) Your ability to contribute information to the stakeholder's decision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) The influence of your contribution on the stakeholders' decision.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) Communication from the stakeholders to you about the decision-making process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) The effort made by stakeholders to solicit your input to the decision-making process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) Your ability to influence how you provided input to the decision-making process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f) Access to information that you needed to effectively provide input to the decision-making process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g) The influence of your input on the outcome of the decision-making process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Strongly disagree  
 Disagree  
 Somewhat disagree  
 Somewhat agree  
 Agree  
 Strongly agree  
 Don't know

To what extent do you agree that your input in the following areas impacted the outcome of the decision making process? Please mark "Don't know" if the mechanism was not used.

a) Technical/scientific information	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) Preferred outcomes	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) Past or future impacts	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) New options	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
e) Environmental justice concerns	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
f) Legal information	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
g) Funding/resource issues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
h) Other, please specify _____							

Please provide any additional comments you have on how to improve the public's involvement in stakeholder negotiations:

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Please indicate which group you represent:

- \_\_\_\_\_ neighborhood group
- \_\_\_\_\_ local non-profit organization (not including local neighborhood non-profit groups)
- \_\_\_\_\_ national environmental organization
- \_\_\_\_\_ business or industry or trade association
- \_\_\_\_\_ state or tribal or local government
- \_\_\_\_\_ federal government
- \_\_\_\_\_ other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_ no organizational affiliation (e.g., interested local resident)

**Please return your completed questionnaire to an EPA official before you leave.  
 Thank you for helping EPA improve its public involvement practices.**

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