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

Background

This questionnaire is designed to measure your satisfaction with access to information from the public relevant to a completed negotiation process. This questionnaire asks how you received information from the public and the nature and adequacy of such information. The questionnaire also asks about the extent to which you believe that public involvement contributed value to 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

To what extent do you agree that the following mechanisms for accessing information from the public about the issues discussed during the negotiation process are useful? Please mark "Don't know" if the mechanism was not used.

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| a) Surveys | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| b) Interviews | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| c) Mailings requesting information | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| d) Public meetings | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| e) Information repositories (e.g., library, docket) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| f) Other, please specify _____ | | | | | | | |

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

To what extent do you agree that the following types of information that the public provided during the stakeholder negotiation were useful? 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 _____							

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please mark "Don't know" if the statement is not applicable.

The information received from the public during the negotiation process...

a) Enhanced your satisfaction with the negotiation process.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
b) Narrowed issues of disagreement with other stakeholders.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
c) Improved communication with other stakeholders.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
d) Improved collaboration with other stakeholders.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

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

To what extent do you agree with the following statements? Please mark "Don't Know" if the statement is not applicable.

The information you received from the public during the negotiation process had an impact on...

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| a) Creation of options other than the negotiation process for addressing issues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| b) Reaching an agreement. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| c) Your satisfaction with the agreement. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |

Please provide any additional comments you have on how to improve access to information from the public during stakeholder negotiations:

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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