

## **ECOS-DOD Sustainability Work Group Notes**

### **2005 Annual Meeting**

**Wednesday September 7, 2005 from 10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Ballroom at the Colony Hotel in Kennebunkport, Maine**

Welcome and Opening Remarks – Jon Sandoval with Idaho DEQ and Alex Beehler with DOD

- Jon welcomed everyone to the meeting
- Alex thanked the states especially Illinois, New Jersey, Nevada and Idaho for their participation in the Work Group

Update on Facility Reporting Project – Shelley Metzenbaum, Environmental Compliance Consortium

- Shelley reported that the Facility Reporting Project was in its pilot phase with pilots occurring in Georgia and New Hampshire and with the Ford Motor Company. She said they were looking to partner with states and would like to hear from interested states.

Land Use Controls Task Group – Pat Ferree, DOD

- The group has been working on the resolution on environmental covenants but as that is winding down they are looking to work in coordination with EPA on creating a set of best practices for LUCs. The group is also looking at incentives for management systems and costing systems for LUCs management.

Compatible Use and Sustainability Task Group – Marybeth Brenner with New Jersey DEP and Jim Hartman with DOD Region 5

- The group has created a customizable briefing on compatible use and sustainability that can be used by state government, local government, and DOD. The presentation has been revised based on feedback from several dry runs and includes an array of case studies to help presenters customize the material to their situation. The group is now working on a primer on how to use the presentation and is creating a plan to get feedback on the use of the presentation. The group is looking at getting information on their presentation out through other ECOS committees and through the ITRC. The group would like to serve as a clearinghouse of compatible use information by developing an email list through which to keep people informed and through a website providing key links to work on the issue.

Virginia Regional Environmental Management System (VREMS) Update – Mike Murphy, Virginia DEQ

- VREMS was created to use a regional environmental management system to solve regional airshed issues.
- After having a speaker on VREMS as an ASTSWMO meeting, several bases have expressed an interest in pursuing similar projects.

Emerging Contaminants Task Group – Paul Yaroshak, Navy

- The group is putting together the “Forging Partnerships in Emerging Contaminants: A Forum for State and Federal Stakeholders” forum in November to look at the many issues around emerging contaminants. The forum, which is for government officials only, will be a focused session to lay out the issues and scope out a way forward.
- Jon Sandoval encouraged the state environmental commissioners to be involved in the forum.

Environmental Covenants Resolution - Jon Sandoval, Idaho DEQ

- The work group has reached consensus on this resolution but Jon would like to open it up for one more round of comments from the commissioners because there are so many new commissioners and because the resolution is broader than just federal facilities.