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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 23

STAKEHOLDER MEETING 2: BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS

Below are summary notes from the second (held on July 24th at NJDEP in Trenton) stakeholder meeting seeking input on the guidance being developed under Executive Order No. 23. The NJDEP, along with other state agencies, continue to work to develop guidance to consider environmental justice (EJ) in implementing their diverse statutory and regulatory responsibilities using the information collected during these stakeholder meetings.

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Summary of Stake Holder Meeting

Each meeting began with a welcome and introductions of NJDEP staff or other State representatives, steering committee members and Environmental Justice Advisory Council members in the room.

NJDEP provided a presentation and then facilitated a conversation with stakeholders on priority EJ challenges; identification of EJ Areas; state agency actions; and state agency coordination. Below are the overarching comments from the various stakeholders and do not cover all that was discussed at the stakeholder meetings.

Overarching Comments from Stakeholders

- 1) Priority Challenges:
 - Historic challenges- Brownfields, Economic development
 - Balance needed- recognizing environmental challenges but still moving forward with economic development
 - Streamlining remediation
 - EJ requirements- Applicable standards and certainty

- 2) Identification of EJ Communities:
 - Radius- How far out should an EJ issue be addressed?
 - "EJScreen" is a useful tool
 - Equally applicable/Baseline
 - Public policy- Who will make the decision on the EJ Area
 - Cumulative Impacts
 - Utilization of data that is reliable and uses science

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3) Strategic Focus for State Agencies:

- Community Advisory Panels (CAPs)
- Notification of public outreach- keep this consistent
- Consistent messaging from state agencies

4) State Agency Coordination:

- Quarterly meetings of - DEP, DOT, BPU, DCA, EDA and DOH
- Permit coordination with all agencies
- Utilizing regional planning organizations
- If additional requirements have adequate staff to address and not hold up the process
- Accountability and Feedback Loop
- Coordinate with state and local officials for consistency
- Regular meetings to ensure consistency