



Community Involvement in Risk-Based Site Decision Making

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Positive relationships with citizens living and working near sites under evaluation for possible public health and environmental impacts can be achieved through a flexible and informal community involvement strategy. Among the site team's responsibilities are: identifying opportunities for public involvement in the site- evaluation process; developing goals for public involvement; determining who is responsible for community involvement; identifying the affected community; identifying outrage factors at controversial sites; assessing the community's preferred communication channels; selecting appropriate methods for public involvement; implementing a plan; nurturing long-term relationships with communities; and appropriately using resources to develop communication skills.

Draft Document Availability

All draft guidelines are to be used with assistance from Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff assigned to a specific site. Draft sections of the site evaluation manual will be available for public comment as they are completed. A photocopy fee of approximately \$0.20 per page will be charged for pages in excess of 20. To receive copies of the current and future documents or to be placed on a mailing list to receive notices regarding the guidance development efforts please send written requests to:

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