



US EPA Webcast

Listening Session on EPA's Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) and Peak Flows Policy



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Four-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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Session Description:

On June 1, 2010, EPA published a notice in the Federal Register seeking stakeholder input to help EPA determine whether to modify the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations as they apply to municipal sanitary sewer collection systems and sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs). As described in the Federal Register Notice, EPA is seeking input on the following questions:

1. Should EPA clarify its standard permit conditions for SSO reporting, recordkeeping, and public notification?
2. Should EPA develop a standard permit condition with requirements for capacity, management, and operations & maintenance programs based on asset management principles?
3. Should EPA require permit coverage for municipal satellite collection systems?
4. What is the appropriate role of NPDES permits in addressing unauthorized SSOs that are caused by exceptional circumstances?
5. How should EPA address Peak Flows at POTW treatment plants?
6. What are the costs and benefits of capacity, management, and operations & maintenance programs and asset management of sanitary sewers?
7. Are there other considerations?

In addition, EPA is seeking the public's perspective on the 2005 Draft Peak Flows Policy. Four public listening sessions will be held in Seattle (June 24), Atlanta (June 28), Kansas City (June 30), and Washington, DC (July 13). These public listening sessions afford an opportunity for the public to provide input on regulatory actions that EPA is considering. This webcast will be a "virtual" listening session for anyone who cannot participate in one of the four listening sessions. Additional information on the listening sessions, and a copy of the Federal Register notice, is available at www.epa.gov/npdes/sso.

Session format: After a presentation from EPA, brief oral comments (three minutes or less) will be accepted from members of the public who call into a designated conference call line. Audience members will be able to listen to the webcast and all public statements using their computer speakers.

Speakers: Charles Glass, U.S. EPA
Connie Bosma, U.S. EPA
Kevin Weiss, U.S. EPA

Registration: You must register in advance to attend this webcast. Visit the NPDES Web site at www.epa.gov/npdes/training to register. *Note: Your computer must have the capability of playing sound in order to attend this webcast.*