

EPA's MOU Decentralized Partnership Webcast Series: Using Green Project Reserve Funds for Decentralized – Ohio's Success

Thursday October 21, 2010 1:30-3:30 EST

Session Description

An informational session exploring the issue of “Funding Decentralized Wastewater Projects with State Revolving Funds.” Learn about how Ohio's agencies collaborated to secure more than \$3.3 million in funding for decentralized projects through the “Green Project Reserve” provision of the Clean Water Act's State Revolving Fund (SRF). Also learn about the types of wastewater projects that qualify to receive low-interest, flexible, government financial support, other borrower assistance services, and partnerships with other funding sources through presentations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and Ohio State Department of Health and Environmental Protection Agency.

Speakers

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Attendance

114 people registered

126 people attended (*this number is larger than registration because multiple watched at one computer*)

Audience Totals by Industry

Industry	Total	%
Consultants	37	29.37%
Federal Government	13	10.32%
Local or State Government	73	57.94%
(blank)	3	2.38%
Grand Total	126	100.00%

Audience Totals by State

State	Total	%
AK	2	1.59%
AR	5	3.97%
CA	6	4.76%
CO	3	2.38%
CT	6	4.76%
DC	7	5.56%
DE	1	0.79%
FL	3	2.38%
ID	4	3.17%
IL	2	1.59%
KS	12	9.52%
MA	1	0.79%
MI	7	5.56%
MN	4	3.17%
MO	3	2.38%
ND	2	1.59%
NJ	3	2.38%
NM	7	5.56%
NY	9	7.14%
OH	6	4.76%
OK	5	3.97%
OR	4	3.17%
PA	7	5.56%
TX	4	3.17%
VT	1	0.79%
WA	8	6.35%
WV	2	1.59%
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Audience Totals by EPA Region

Region	Total	%
1	8	6.35%
2	12	9.52%
3	17	13.49%
4	3	2.38%
5	19	15.08%
6	21	16.67%
7	15	11.90%
8	5	3.97%
9	6	4.76%
10	18	14.29%
(blank)	2	1.59%
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Questions Asked by Audience

Q: Will the slides be available for download?

Q: For Bonk: Env Review done for each system, each borrower's projects, or the program as a whole?

- *Larry Fitch, larry.fitch@state.vt.us*

Q: Will copies of the slides used for this webinar be available a website? If so, will attendees receive a link to the website?

- *Douglas Schneweis, dschnewe@kdheks.gov*

Q: When is the deadline for FY 2011 funding proposals? How do you apply?

A: answered on air

Q: Will these presentations and/or a recording of this meeting be available?

Q: Katie: How does a state that has never funded decentralized treatment go about changing that? Any upcoming deadlines to watch out for?

- *Elke Ursin, elke_ursin@doh.state.fl.us*

Q: Were the 45 projects funded on the IUP or was an amendment needed? Who owns the new system and who maintains it over the coming years/decades.

Q: Hold on - How were they on the IUP if the local health depts. had to develop a list of specific systems identified.

Q: where can the PowerPoints slides be downloaded.

- *Bill Dunn, bill.dunn@state.mn.us*

Q: Was it 200% of the federal poverty level used in Ohio?

A: answered on air

Q: In WV we have many individual homeowners on very small lots that need a decentralized cluster system but Public Service Districts want to use SRF only for extension of centralized. How can US EPA help small communities more?

A: answered on air

Q: Will the EPA at the federal level ever direct more of the total SRF funding to the individual states be used for constructing decentralized if 25% of the country has homes with onsite systems and 30% of new construction uses onsite systems.

- *Paul Hamrick, chubnwv@aol.com*

Q: Question to Ohio: How did Ohio address the bias to want to connect onsites to central sewer vs. repair or replacement of failing onsites?

- *John Borland, jborland@state.pa.us*

Q: Question for Katherine Hess: Katherine, would you address the situation in some States where privately owned systems cannot be funded.

A: answered on air

Q: Will slides be made available to participants?

- *KRISTINA HEINEMANN, heinemann.kristina@epa.gov*

Q: Is Jim specifically hired to coordinate onsite funding? Did his funding for his position come from state SRF admin funds?

Q: For Katie Hess - How many decentralized wastewater projects were funded with ARRA? How many dollars and what percentage is that of the ARRA and the decentralized category?

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- Edward Corriveau, ecorriveau@state.pa.us

Q: Is it possible to get a copy of the slides now instead of later so that I can take notes on the actual slides?

- Carol Garrison, carol.garrison@deq.idaho.gov

Q: has any water quality monitoring taken place within the states that have upgraded the most systems? there seems to be limited load reduction data associated with onsite system upgrades...

Q: Is there a requirement to connect to a public wastewater system if the system is within a certain distance of the pipeline?

Q: question for ohio: how many straight pipe systems have been upgraded near streams rather than lakes?

- Constance Buckner, cbuckner@kdheks.gov

Q: From a design perspective, what are the types of decentralized wastewater treatment systems? Which of these types qualify for federal funding.

A: answered on air

- Jane Wittke, gfoster@oki.org

Q: For ARRA, how did Ohio handle the requirement that funding recipients have all on-site systems under contract by the Feb 17 deadline? WA state had applicants that could not have all residential failures identified since they usually handle individual septic loans on a case by case basis.

- Jeff Nejedly, jnej461@ecy.wa.gov

Q: can we save a copy of the slides presentations?

Q: Ohio; were rural non residential, i.e., school, small business, church with a failing onsite systems allowed to participate?

- Richard Basore, rbasore@kdheks.gov

Q: Can we download copies of PPTs for our notes?

- Mark Repasky, repaskymd@aol.com

Q: also did it fund clusters

- Dendra Best, info@wastewatereducation.org

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