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00:00:00,160 --> 00:00:04,720

Victoria Robinson: What kind of work
EPA is doing for environmental justice.

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00:00:05,759 --> 00:00:11,128

And as we get started, I'd like to go over
a few housekeeping rules or procedures.

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00:00:11,152 --> 00:00:15,276

We're asking that everybody please
join by phone or computer, not both,

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00:00:15,300 --> 00:00:18,949

unless there's no other
way you can do this.

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00:00:18,973 --> 00:00:20,509

All attendees are on mute.

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And so we're asking you to go ahead and enter
any questions and comments into the Q&A pod,

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00:00:25,439 --> 00:00:27,322

we want to hear from you.

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00:00:27,346 --> 00:00:34,584

So if you are on a computer or you're
using the app, there is a Q&A pod option,

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00:00:34,608 --> 00:00:40,640

so that you can pose questions
and post comments into it.

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When we do have an opportunity, in the last hour
we'll be focusing on an engagement dialogue,

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00:00:45,052 --> 00:00:47,741

and then if you want to
speak during that dialogue,

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00:00:47,765 --> 00:00:51,060

we're asking you to please
limit your comment to one minute,

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00:00:51,084 --> 00:00:54,096

and we also give you the
option of raising your hand,

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00:00:54,120 --> 00:00:59,359

that's how we will be calling on people
in order that they raise their hand.

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00:00:59,359 --> 00:01:04,548

And if you are on the phone, please, don't
worry, you can raise your hand by *9

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00:01:04,572 --> 00:01:08,245

and #9 I'm sorry,
and you'll be able to be on the list

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00:01:08,269 --> 00:01:11,464

and we can call you out and
unmute you so you can speak.

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00:01:11,488 --> 00:01:17,360

Please, note that a recording and a transcript
will be made available online in the near future,

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00:01:17,360 --> 00:01:22,640

as we have for past
recordings--past meetings.

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00:01:23,520 --> 00:01:26,413

We also offer the interpretation.

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00:01:26,437 --> 00:01:32,640

In this today for our call, we have
Spanish language interpretation

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00:01:32,640 --> 00:01:35,224

available for those who
prefer to listen in Spanish.

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00:01:35,248 --> 00:01:37,612

Now, how you switch to the
Spanish language channel

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00:01:37,636 --> 00:01:40,837

you should be able to see a little globe or
in your little three dots where it says more

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00:01:40,861 --> 00:01:42,973

you can scroll down

look for interpretation,

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00:01:42,997 --> 00:01:48,568

and you'll be able to click on that and

select the language you would want to have.

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00:01:48,592 --> 00:01:52,560

We're asking everybody to

actually use that interpretation mode

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00:01:52,560 --> 00:01:55,840

and choose either English

or to choose Spanish.

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00:01:55,840 --> 00:02:00,744

Those individuals who would like to ask questions

in Spanish, you can do so in the Q&A pod

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00:02:00,768 --> 00:02:05,100

because we will be having somebody

who can read the question out loud

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00:02:05,124 --> 00:02:07,769

as well as to provide
an answer to you.

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00:02:07,793 --> 00:02:12,192

And I'm going to turn it over to
one of our interpreters Jackie Moore,

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00:02:12,216 --> 00:02:15,388

who will then give these
instructions in Spanish.

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00:02:15,412 --> 00:02:16,660

Thank you, Jackie.

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00:02:16,684 --> 00:02:22,330

Jackie Moore: Muy buenos días a todos y gracias
por participar en esta convocatoria participativa

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00:02:22,574 --> 00:02:27,703

de la Agencia de Protección Ambiental,

comunidad nacional sobre justicia ambiental.

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00:02:28,333 --> 00:02:33,440

Por favor participen por teléfono
o computadora, no por los dos.

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00:02:34,110 --> 00:02:38,036

El audio estará desactivado
durante esta reunión.

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00:02:38,288 --> 00:02:41,106

Si tienen alguna pregunta
que quieren hacer,

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00:02:41,130 --> 00:02:46,024

por favor pongan su pregunta en
el módulo de preguntas y respuestas.

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00:02:46,506 --> 00:02:51,851

Si son escogidos para hablar, por
favor limiten su comentario a un minuto.

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00:02:52,392 --> 00:02:57,337

Va a ver grabación y transcripción
de esta junta en el futuro cercano.

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00:02:58,201 --> 00:03:01,622

El día de hoy tenemos
interpretación en español disponible

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00:03:01,646 --> 00:03:04,586

para aquellos que prefieren
escuchar en español.

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00:03:05,302 --> 00:03:10,223

En la parte inferior derecha de la
pantalla verán un globo terráqueo,

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00:03:10,482 --> 00:03:17,456

por favor háganle clic al globo terráqueo
y escojan su idioma, en este caso español.

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00:03:18,053 --> 00:03:23,834

Las personas pueden agregar preguntas en
español en el módulo de preguntas y respuestas.

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00:03:24,163 --> 00:03:26,112

Muchas gracias por su participación.

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00:03:27,201 --> 00:03:27,994

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Jackie.

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00:03:28,018 --> 00:03:29,997

I'm gonna move on into
the interpreter's mode.

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00:03:30,021 --> 00:03:31,084

Thank you.

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00:03:31,140 --> 00:03:38,080

Let me update that,
and move on at the same time.

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00:03:38,080 --> 00:03:39,408

All right, so we're going to--

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00:03:39,432 --> 00:03:43,221

I'm going to-- I'll turn it over to
my colleague Chitra Kumar,

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00:03:43,245 --> 00:03:48,852

who will then give us a bit of a
mindfulness moment, thank you.

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00:03:48,876 --> 00:03:53,760

Chitra Kumar: Hi, good afternoon
or good morning everyone.

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00:03:53,760 --> 00:03:58,009

Thank you for joining us
today at this engagement call.

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I think we all join here with some
interest in environmental justice.

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And usually that means that there's
some amount of urgency to our work

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and sometimes that's because there's real

health consequences to what we're doing

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and so that can actually put an
additional stressor on us,

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in addition to the usual things that
like flurry of emails and such.

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00:04:23,919 --> 00:04:28,498

So we offer this to you all,
anyone who's doing this work

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00:04:28,622 --> 00:04:35,440

and showing up here as a way to give
yourself a quick little break in the day.

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And in addition because this is
awareness month for Asian-Americans

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00:04:41,512 --> 00:04:45,919

and native Hawaiian
Pacific Islander month,

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00:04:45,919 --> 00:04:55,809

I want to just share with you a practice that
comes from zen master and Asian Thích Nhất Hạnh,

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who comes from the zen tradition,
he was a poet, he was a peace activist

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and renowned for his powerful teachings and
best-selling writings on mindfulness and peace.

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He was active in Vietnam
while the war was going on

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and actually for his
activism was ultimately exiled

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and later Martin Luther King Jr. actually
nominated him for the Nobel Peace Prize

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00:05:20,692 --> 00:05:22,346

and was a dear friend.

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00:05:22,370 --> 00:05:28,045

So with that, I'll just take a very short
practice that I want to lead you through.

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00:05:28,069 --> 00:05:35,620

If you want to settle in to a dignified
position in a seat or you can stand or lay down,

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00:05:36,620 --> 00:05:37,759

whatever's most comfortable for you.

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00:05:37,759 --> 00:05:44,240

But some way that you can actually
breathe deeply, do that settle in

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00:05:44,240 --> 00:05:46,987

and then I'll ask you-- with your eyes
just either looking down,

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00:05:47,011 --> 00:05:50,198

so you're not distracted by the
screen or you can even close them,

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00:05:50,222 --> 00:05:53,039

whatever you feel most
comfortable doing.

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00:05:53,039 --> 00:05:58,933

I invite you to just breathe in and while
you do that,

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00:05:58,957 --> 00:06:04,722

think to yourself my in-breath
has become deep.

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00:06:04,746 --> 00:06:13,440

And breathing out, my
out breath has become slow,

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00:06:14,560 --> 00:06:22,000

doing that again, my

in-breath has become deep,

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my out breath has become slow.

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Then breathing in

again, I feel calm,

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breathing out I feel at ease,

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00:06:41,278 --> 00:06:46,880

again I feel calm

breathing in.

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00:06:46,880 --> 00:06:53,280

I feel at ease breathing out,

and breathing in again,

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00:06:53,280 --> 00:07:03,840

think I smile, and breathing out I
release all my worries and anxieties.

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00:07:05,039 --> 00:07:12,479

And breathing in again, I dwell
deeply in the present moment.

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00:07:13,919 --> 00:07:22,160

Breathing out, I know this is
a wonderful moment, smile.

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00:07:23,599 --> 00:07:27,759

There are more than
300 muscles in our face

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and when we know how to breathe
in and smile, these muscles can relax.

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This is mouth yoga.

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So check in with your body and
mind and see what's changed,

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00:07:45,223 --> 00:07:51,440

hopefully you're feeling a
little more relaxed, a little calmer,

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00:07:51,440 --> 00:07:56,661

when you're ready you can feel
free to join us again on screen.

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00:07:56,685 --> 00:08:03,000

I'd like to leave you with a
quote from Thích Nhất Hạnh:

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"Mindfulness is not to escape from society,

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00:08:06,734 --> 00:08:11,365

but to come back to ourselves
and see what's going on.

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Once they're seeing, there must be acting
and with mindfulness we know what to do

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and what not to do to help."

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00:08:20,400 --> 00:08:22,800
Thank you.

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00:08:25,360 --> 00:08:27,514
Victoria Robinson: Thank
you, Chitra, I appreciate that.

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00:08:27,538 --> 00:08:31,025
Now I'm going to go ahead
and turn it over to Matthew Tejada,

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00:08:31,049 --> 00:08:33,447
the Director of EPA's Office
of Environmental Justice.

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00:08:33,471 --> 00:08:34,958
Thank you.

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00:08:34,958 --> 00:08:36,502

Matthew Tejada: Right, I love that.

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00:08:36,526 --> 00:08:40,958

Thank you Chitra so much, thank you so much better when somebody else does it.

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00:08:40,958 --> 00:08:44,583

And not only are they better, but I get to enjoy participating in them instead

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00:08:44,607 --> 00:08:48,800

of leading them which I actually really appreciate.

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00:08:48,800 --> 00:08:52,707

So hey everyone, thanks for joining us today.

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I hope everyone has had a wonderful spring and is getting ready for hopefully some fun

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00:09:00,732 --> 00:09:06,800

and relaxation and time away or
maybe some exciting and safe travel

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coming up over the summer months,

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we at EPA of course are not
going to be letting up for a moment

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even as we work through the summer

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because we continue to have just
an incredible amount of activity,

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and a lot of that is going to continue to be
focused around our infrastructure programs

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or those programs which received
infrastructure funding this past fall,

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but also-- and one of the things that
we're going to focus on today

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is we received funding through the FY 22
omnibus budget, the fiscal year even FY22,

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fiscal year 2022 omnibus budget,

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and as part of that the EJ Program
at EPA has the opportunity to stand up

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an entirely new form of capacity building
technical assistance for communities

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and their partners,

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as well as a grants program,

a totally new grants program.

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So we're going to start

today talking about the former

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because that's something that we need to start

getting our arms around in order to get it out

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on the street as quickly as possible.

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That's the community technical

capacity building approach.

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So you're gonna hear a lot more information
on that, you're gonna hear from Chitra

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and other members of our team
in the latter part of this meeting,

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but first, we're going to focus
in on one of those programs

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that received some infrastructure funding.

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So our Drinking Water System
Resilience & Sustainability Grants,

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this is one of those programs that
has received a bunch of additional resources

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that is primed and ready to go to lift
up the Justice40 mandate contained

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in Executive order 14008,

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and as we ready that grant
program, as we are everywhere,

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we want to engage, receive feedback,

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raise awareness for folks out in communities
with EJ concerns those that are most needing

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and deserving of exactly this sort
of funding to do everything we can

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to make sure that this funding
touches down in those communities,

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again, that need and deserve it the most.

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So these are two elements, two good very
clear indications of the sort of things

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that we are very much
focused on at EPA today.

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I don't have too terribly
many other updates for folks,

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00:11:43,554 --> 00:11:48,496

we are planning for our National
Environmental Justice Advisory Council

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00:11:48,520 --> 00:11:53,757

to have a public meeting, it looks
like it's going to be June 22 and 23rd.

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We are working to get the federal
register notice pulled together,

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but just for folks awareness, we're
looking at June 22nd and 23rd,

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00:12:02,631 --> 00:12:08,320

and even as I say it, I'm going to open my
calendar to make sure I didn't say that wrong.

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And the big yeah, June 22nd and
23rd that's a Wednesday and Thursday.

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We're really going to be focusing
on there with the NEJAC bringing

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to finalization some of its work,

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particularly around its recommendations

to EPA on our Infrastructure Programs

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and using Justice40 to

help as a guiding framework

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00:12:31,078 --> 00:12:35,519

for how we implement

those infrastructure programs,

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so it should be a really good meeting,

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it's going to be a much

more of a working meeting,

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but still a lot of good
feedback and involvement.

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We're also planning for this
technical assistance idea

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that is based in ideas that are not new, ideas
that come from EJ communities and EJ leaders.

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We will be taking a revised version of
this idea to the NEJAC at that meeting ,

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and some of your feedback today is what
helps to inform and evolve our approach

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to this technical assistance and
capacity building for communities,

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as we get ready for the NEJAC meeting.

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So yeah, so it should be a
good meeting at the end of June.

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So I'm gonna go ahead and get
out of the way and ask for a couple of

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-- or for several I think
of our colleagues to come on--

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as I said we're gonna
start with our overview

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of the Drinking Water System Infrastructure
Resilience and Sustainability Grants,

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and I believe our good
colleague and friend Joe Tiago,

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00:13:42,560 --> 00:13:46,253

from the Office of Ground and
Drinking Water is going to join us

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00:13:46,277 --> 00:13:48,148

to take us through this session.

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There he is, hey Joe,
it's all you.

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00:13:52,000 --> 00:13:56,187

Joe Tiago: Well, thank
you Matt for your remarks

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and for mentioning that we are
really ready to hit the ground running

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with some of the projects related
to Drinking Water Infrastructure,

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and this grant is one of them.

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Thank you, Chitra for the
mindfulness moment.

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00:14:15,519 --> 00:14:22,320

It was very relaxing to me to go through that
and I hope it was for many others on this call.

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And again I'm Joe Tiago,

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and I work in the Office of Groundwater
and Drinking Water here at EPA.

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I'm the Justice40 Coordinator
for the office and I also support some

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of the bill implementation
work within the office.

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And again, a big thank you to my colleagues
from the Office of Environmental Justice

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for providing this forum,

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which I think is very informational,

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it helps with sharing information and also
get feedback on some of the critical things

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that the agency is considering.

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And I find it extremely useful
and I hope you all do as well.

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So thank you and also thank you for
the opportunity to speak with you today,

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and to provide again an overview
of one of the grant programs

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that will benefit environmental
justice communities directly,

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which is the Drinking Water System Infrastructure
Resiliency and Sustainability Grants,

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and also referred to

as the resiliency grant.

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So the goal in speaking
today about this grant program,

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I'm hoping that you'll be able to
gather the necessary information

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and be ready to hit
the ground running

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when the request for application
is published later this summer.

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Next slide.

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So the Safe Drinking Water Act,

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as amended through the 2018 America's
Water Infrastructure Act, known as (AWIA),

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authorizes EPA to establish the Drinking
Water System Infrastructure Resiliency

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and Sustainability Program.

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It is a competitive grant program,

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and the Office of Water anticipates making
15 million dollars

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in combined fiscal year
funding available this year.

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So that's a significant amount of money
that we really hope will make impact

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into environmental
justice communities

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and the purpose of the grant is to increase
drinking water resiliency to natural hazards

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and it's also geared towards small underserved,
and disadvantaged public water systems.

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And later in the presentation, we
will discuss the type of activities

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that are covered by the grant,

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but those includes like earthquake,
tornados, floods, hurricanes, wildfire, drought

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and freezing or hydrologic changes,

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and that threatens the functioning
of a community water system.

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So there's a lot of opportunities
out there for this grant.

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So who is eligible
to apply for this grant.

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The eligible entities are defined
by the statute on the SDWA 1459 (l),

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as amended through AWIA,

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and note that you must meet the
definition in both one and two on the slide

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to be considered eligible agency for the grant,
which means it must be a public water system,

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which is a water system located
in an area governed by Indian tribe

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or a state on behalf of
an underserved community,

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and a combination
of one of the next two.

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You must serve a community

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and ensuring critical clean and safe
drinking water is provided to this community,

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and improving in the resiliency
of drinking water infrastructure.

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So those are the criteria,
the eligibility criteria,

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there's nowhere around it, is
defined by the statute,

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so that's what

we're gonna go by.

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So what are the activities that
are covered under this grant?

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So the entities, again, eligible for funding,
the programs eligible for funding,

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includes a program for planning design and
construction of implementation, operation,

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or maintenance of a program or project that
increases drinking water system resiliency

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to natural hazard and that must occur
through either the conservation of the water,

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enhancement of water use efficiency,
the modification of a relocation

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of existing drinking water
system infrastructure made

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that is at risk of being significantly
impaired by natural hazard,

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including a risk of drinking
water flow from flooding

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and the design or construction of the
desalination facility to serve existing community.

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I'm actually on the
next slide, I'm sorry.

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And the next slide is the
enhancement of water supply--

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Enhancement of water supply through the
use of waste water management

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and source water protection,

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and the enhancement of energy efficiency or
the use and generation of renewable energy

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and the convenience of the
treatment of drinking water

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or the development of implementation
measures to increase the resiliency

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of the eligible entity to natural hazard.

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So those are the different type of activities
that are covered under the program.

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So let's go back a little
bit, I think on the previous slide--

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I just wanted to make a comment, a
clarifying comment on the eligible entity.

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Would you please
go back there, Victoria?

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Two slides back--

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One more.

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Okay, so again, when I
mention the eligible entity here,

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again, you must serve a community
that is undeserved or that has

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under affordability criteria
established by the state,

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determination by the state to
be a disadvantaged community

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or with a population of
less than ten thousand.

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I think there was a glitch there
earlier when I was covering that slide,

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so just that was the clarification on that.

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Let's go back to where we were
now, thank you, one more, okay.

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So again, just to re-emphasize this
grant program is covered under Justice40

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and funding priority is for projects that
increase drinking water system resilience

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so natural hazard in
undeserved communities.

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So that's the key there and under this
grant we are committed to meet

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and exceed the Justice40 goal

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of delivering 40% of all the
overall benefit of federal funding

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to support a clean affordable
and safe drinking water

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and drinking water infrastructure to
disadvantaged communities,

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so we are committed to do so.

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And we are also committed
through this plan to ensuring

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that investments reach the
communities that need them the most

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to ensure in that critical clean and safe
drinking water is provided to this community,

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and also improving in the resiliency of
drinking water infrastructure

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so that's our objective and our
commitment through this grant.

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So the grant is current-- the RFA
is currently on the development.

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Again, we anticipate that it will
be published soon this summer

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and the announcement
will be made on grants.gov

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and deadline for submission is
anticipated to be fall of 2022.

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So I hope you all will have enough time to prepare
the materials for submission for this grant.

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So on this slide, we just wanted
to make sure you are aware

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that EPA has a lot of
tools available out there

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that will develop to
enhance drinking water resiliency.

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And these slides will be shared with
you for you to access these links,

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but just briefly the route
to resiliency interactive tool.

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It uses brief videos and an easy to navigate
interface to guide users through the process

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of building their own unique
roadmap to resiliency reports.

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So it's a very useful tool that I
highly encourage you to take a look at.

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The next one is the vulnerability
self assessment tool

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or the VSAT, it offers a
streamlined assessment of risk

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and resilience for drinking
water and wastewater utilities,

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and it also assists in assessing the
potential impacts from both man-made

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and natural disasters in accordance
with the AWIA requirements

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and provide actions to
enhance security and resiliency.

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So again, you can use the slides--
the links available on the slide

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to access information on those two and
the last one that we have as an example

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is the climate resilience
evaluation and awareness tool,

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which is also called the CREAT tool risk
assessment application for water utilities.

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It is also an online tool that
assists water sectors utility

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in assessing climate related
risk to utility assets and operation.

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There are five modules for CREAT
and the user consider climate impacts

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and identify the application option
to increase resilience.

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So those again tools can be accessed
using those links when the materials

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will be shared with you.

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This is the last slide, the
wrap-up of the presentation,

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and I just wanted to thank
you all for the time and attention.

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We will keep you informed on the formal
announcement of the grant

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via press release

and grants.gov.

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We will also work with the

Office of Environmental Justice

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to ensure that there's a listserv that

goes out when the press release is out.

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And we also anticipate that there will

be an information session on the grant

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shortly after the release and

you'll be notified on that as well.

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Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Joe --

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Joe Tiago: Contact for the
grant is Yvonne Gonzalez.

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So if you have any questions
feel free to reach out to Yvonne.

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Victoria Robinson: All right,
thank you very much, Joe.

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And before you go, we are going
to see if there are any questions--

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check with Christina to see
if there's any questions posed

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about this particular grant program, about
your presentation that we can read out loud,

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but before we do just wanted to
remind everybody that the slide deck

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that you're seeing right now has
already been posted to our website,

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and where you were sent to
originally link to our registration.

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So the slide deck is
actually already online

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and you'll see these-- the link spelled
out just like they were in the slides.

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So Christina, do we have any

questions that posed in the Q&A pod

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that would be directed to
this particular grant program.

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Thanks, Victoria.

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Christina Motilall: So it's
not necessarily questions,

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00:27:25,352 --> 00:27:28,166

but we do have two
comments in from Lynn.

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And I just wanted to read them aloud and
the team can respond as they see fit,

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but I think they're important

comments for everyone to hear.

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The first is, "I'm concerned about corporate self-regulation self-monitoring agreements

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by governmental agencies that often result in negligence or corruption.

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Example, few students are allowed to grade themselves for obvious reasons.

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And in the same vein government contracting that edges towards privatization

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of government agencies promises low-cost services at the expense of quality to the consumer

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00:28:01,279 --> 00:28:08,399

and often accelerates in times of economic stress euphemistically called budget constraints."

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So there's a lot there, but I wanted to just get those comments out for the team.

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00:28:18,880 --> 00:28:20,487

Joe Tiago: Yeah,
thank you, Christina.

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00:28:20,511 --> 00:28:25,919

I just wanted to say thanks to Lynn for raising those comments

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00:28:25,919 --> 00:28:32,640

and we will attack them
and consider as appropriate.

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00:28:34,559 --> 00:28:36,080

Christina Motilall: Great thank you so much.

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00:28:36,080 --> 00:28:38,169

Victoria Robinson: Any other
questions or comments Christina,

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00:28:38,193 --> 00:28:42,630

before we then turn it
back over to Matthew?

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00:28:42,654 --> 00:28:45,592

Christina Motilall: I there is
one in right now,

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from Charles, they ask "will the definition of
underserved include public school districts,

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many of which are older
buildings?"

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Matthew Tejada: So I don't think,
and Joe can jump in and correct me.

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Typically for a lot of these grant programs,
school districts are not the geography being used,

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but you would look at whatever geography is
being used like a census tract or whatever

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and relate that to the
area covered by a school district.

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So it's just a matter of which geographic
scale you're using and then matching

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that to whatever
facility or set of facilities

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and the service area of those to kind of
do that intersection of underserved or not.

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That makes sense Joe,
did I say something wrong?

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00:29:45,612 --> 00:29:46,670

I think I said that right.

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00:29:46,694 --> 00:29:51,202

Joe Tiago: No, I think
you are correct, Matt,

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00:29:51,226 --> 00:29:58,454

and in the case of this grant, the
definition is straight out of the statute,

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00:29:58,478 --> 00:30:06,080

so I don't think there's even
any wiggle room to consider there.

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Matthew Tejada: And I
wanted to speak to that as well,

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00:30:09,516 --> 00:30:16,720

because we had a few questions or
comments come in about those definitions

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or states and how-- what is EPA doing
to try to increase the success rate.

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I'm trying to put this in ways
that don't get any of us in trouble,

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increase the success rate of these
resources being used for projects

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in the communities that
have the greatest need,

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that have the greatest
disparity of coverage.

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So as Joe said, this is one of the parts
of EPA that is most heavily prescribed

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in statute, our drinking water and
clean water programs

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are some of the most
minutely directed in actual law

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which really-- that obviously
does not give us as much wiggle room

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or flexibility in terms of
providing clear direction,

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but a couple of things that

we have done or are looking at

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00:31:19,919 --> 00:31:23,120

to try to work

within that frame.

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So EPA has-- I don't know if

it's specific to this program,

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but EPA has put out very specific

kind of direction and guidance to states

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in terms of our intent

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and our goals for how our water

infrastructure resources should be spent

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across the United States.

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So we're trying to chart a very
clear path for our external partners

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and acknowledging that a lot of
the actual control of making progress down

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that path is really in the hands
of state and other partners.

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But then on the back side of that one of
the things that we have committed to at EPA

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and we're in the process of working
through, some incredibly boring,

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00:32:11,779 --> 00:32:17,519

but challenging bureaucratic difficulties

and how to make these things a reality,

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00:32:17,519 --> 00:32:24,827

but to provide much greater transparency in
terms of what are the different definitions

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00:32:24,851 --> 00:32:33,019

of different types of communities, disadvantaged
or underserved across the United States,

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00:32:33,043 --> 00:32:37,829

and greater levels of transparency in terms
of where did these grants actually go,

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where did the projects actually
take place on the ground,

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which systems serving, which
communities were improved

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as a result of these programs or
grants or actual changing out pipes

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00:32:54,834 --> 00:32:57,679

and other forms of infrastructure.

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00:32:57,679 --> 00:33:04,720

So we're really looking at--

at least a couple of the different endpoints

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trying to provide the very clear
guidance up front

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and then also trying to create the transparency
for where do these things happen on the ground

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00:33:13,982 --> 00:33:19,600

and not to speak to any particular
state or other level of government

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00:33:20,880 --> 00:33:28,559

in the politics on the whatever-- we're not
going to get into that in a big call like this

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but I'm very hopeful just personally

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00:33:31,549 --> 00:33:34,895

and I think one of the things
that we've seen time over time

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is when we can really inject
some transparency into these things.

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You start to see behavior change.

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00:33:42,720 --> 00:33:48,880

You start to see a positive evolution
across the board federally, state, local,

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00:33:48,880 --> 00:33:53,326

in terms of that transparency

really providing some enlightenment

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and insight across the board in terms
of how can we make better decisions.

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so that we know where the areas
of greatest public health need are

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and how effective are we at directing
our resources or directing our efforts

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to go to those places that need
and deserve us to show up the most.

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And so that is a big part of what we are
working towards around all of our efforts at EPA.

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But I think our Drinking Water Infrastructure
Programs are kind of one of the biggest

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00:34:25,692 --> 00:34:31,520

if not the biggest case in point
for the need for us to do this.

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00:34:32,800 --> 00:34:34,910

Christina Motilall: Great thank you, Matt.

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00:34:34,934 --> 00:34:41,388

We did have two questions in the chat around
states, and I know you covered a lot of it,

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00:34:41,412 --> 00:34:43,701

but I do just want to read them
both out loud very quickly just

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00:34:43,725 --> 00:34:46,994

to make sure we captured everything.

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00:34:47,018 --> 00:34:49,704

The first question in is from Naomi

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and they asked "What if your state is
not interested in addressing the drinking

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water problems rampant
throughout the state,

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especially, rural areas and
environmental justice communities?"

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And I'm going to pair that with a question
in from the Spring Creek Association

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and they asked "Has every state
designated what is an EJ community?"

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00:35:08,788 --> 00:35:17,839

What happens if a state does not have the

desire to pass through funds to meet Justice40?"

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Matthew Tejada: Yeah

so to that latter question,

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and again Joe, if I say something

wrong here, let me know.

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00:35:26,108 --> 00:35:32,764

I believe by the statute it is the

responsibility of each state to identify

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or to define or designate what are

their disadvantaged communities.

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So yes that is one of those things

that is very clearly put to in law

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00:35:45,359 --> 00:35:47,668

of who has the right to do that,

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00:35:47,692 --> 00:35:53,948

and that means, as you would expect,
we have at least 51 different flavors,

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more or less, of
definitions and designations,

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00:35:57,357 --> 00:36:03,275

and I would agree though one of the
things that I think we're all struggling with

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00:36:03,299 --> 00:36:08,268

is again just a lack of some
straightforward transparency

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in terms of what are
those different things, right?

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00:36:11,128 --> 00:36:13,972

And which states have
done it different ways,

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and what does that actually
look like then on a map.

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So that is a big part of the
transparency that we are talking about

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and working towards at EPA is to
make those things much more transparent,

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not only so that states, hopefully have
better insight into the results of their actions

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so that we have better visibility
looking across the United States

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and seeing the differences,

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but also from an equity

and justice perspective,

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so that there's transparency for

the public and for communities

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to better be able to see how

government is approaching this program

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and making decisions and how do those translate

to actual actions happening on the ground.

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So those are exactly the sort of

issues we're wrestling with and wanting

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and planning on making progress on in
this administration bringing that level

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of transparency to this.

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Christina Motilall: Thank you,
Matt, that's much appreciated.

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I know we need to
continue on with the call.

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I have nothing else to
read aloud at the moment.

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Victoria do we want-- I
don't see any hands raised.

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Victoria Robinson: No,
yeah we're gonna go ahead.

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I think move on to the
next topic of the discussion,

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and but that does not mean
that if we move on to the next topic

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that we're not interested
in your questions

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you may have about this grant
program, resiliency grant program,

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so feel free to please post any comments
or questions you have in the Q&A pod.

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Joe and his team will remain in the call,

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and they'll be able to help answer some
of the questions directly into the Q&A pod

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or when we open up the dialogue in
general in a little after three o'clock,

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then we'll be able to answer some
of the questions you may have,

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if you want to ask it out loud.

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So please continue on the line and
you can hear and pose your questions.

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So we're going to go ahead and
move to our next-- our colleagues

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in our Office of Environmental Justice

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to discuss our Regional Equity and
Capacity Hubs Program called REACH.

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So that's either going to be--
there you are.

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Chitra Kumar: Hey, y'all

Larissa, are you still there?

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Larissa Mark : I am trying to put my video
on which is not quite working, but I am here.

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Chitra Kumar: Well, while
you get your video on,

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I'll just say thank you for the
opportunity to share this concept,

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and I'm here to support Larissa so as
soon as she's on and able to take over,

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we'll walk through some slides and then hope
to get some of your feedback on this concept,

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which is not something
that's brand new,

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it's something that's sort of the
culmination of a lot of input

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that we've been hearing over many years
about what kind of technical assistance

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that communities are seeking from EPA
in order to do all of the great things

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including apply for grants that we
have available through the federal government.

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so take it away Larissa.

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Larissa Mark: Yes, thank you.

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Yes, as mentioned, my
name is Larissa Mark,

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and I am the BIL Coordinator, which stands
for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Bill.

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We are really excited to
discuss the REACH program.

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Next slide, please.

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What we are hoping with the next
slide-- with this slide, excuse me,

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and with the REACH Program is to really
launch this technical assistant program

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that will not only address regional issues
but can address local issues as well.

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So the technical assistance program, the goal of it, is to really serve underutilized

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and underserved communities.

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And for example, we're talking about communities with environmental justice concerns

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and what we're hoping to do is to provide multiple hubs within regions

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that can provide support for a wide range of issues

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whether it's environmental equity, capacity, funding or training concerns.

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We are really looking to start a pilot
program, which I'll discuss in a few minutes.

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But ultimately we're hoping to have
multiple hubs throughout the nation,

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and of course, within the different tribes

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and territories to really address local
and regional issues that may happen,

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and may be going on currently.

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So why REACH?

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What we're hoping for is what we see
right now, we have many stakeholders

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and over the years as Chitra has
mentioned, they have talked about

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and presented to EPA a variety of issues,

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most importantly there's a
need and a gap in federal support,

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particularly
funding support.

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And so what we're hoping through BIL the
Bipartisan Infrastructure Law,

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and the historic Infrastructure
Investment and Job Act

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is to provide both funding and
investments infrastructure.

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EPA for example, received
approximately 60 billion dollars

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and we will begin the
process of establishing

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and reinventing a lot of grant programs
in order to really support,

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regional and local infrastructure

programs that we're seeing

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and we are currently developing.

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What we're hoping is that the administration
priority will continue to advance equity

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and justice across
infrastructure spending,

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right now, we are working
with multiple federal agencies

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to really pool our efforts to make
these hubs, these REACH hubs,

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one stop shopping or one stop shop

for technical assistance programs.

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So we have three main goals of REACH.

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The first one is to meaningfully engage and collaborate with different stakeholders,

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whether it's community driven or regional stakeholders.

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We're really hoping to focus on community driven goals and needs.

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We're also hoping and we're also working on establishing interagency collaboration

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and coordination.

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So we're hoping to pool and we're
working on pooling interagency resources

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so that these hubs can be a
focal point for a variety of uses

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within and for these
communities and regional areas.

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And finally we're hoping to have
community-centric collaborations.

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We're hoping that we are working
on providing technical assistance--

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technical assistance opportunities to
both local communities and regions.

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So we have as I
mentioned three goals.

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So under our first goal meaningfully engaged
and being community driven goals and needs.

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We're looking to deploy place-based and
regional infrastructure resource opportunities.

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So these hubs will be able to really
proactively once they're established,

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proactively reach out to communities to
local organizations to the regions,

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and then really work with these areas
to find out the services that are needed

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and how they can best provide
those services to those areas.

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We're also looking to provide
targeted need-based assistance

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and we're looking to provide not only
advanced technical assistance,

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but we're also looking to provide ground level

or a very entry-level assistance as well,

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so dependent upon the needs of the local
communities or the organizations,

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we're really looking to balance and provide the
appropriate assistance for these communities.

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We're also looking to
provide a host of online tools

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and resource technology opportunities to help
facilitate the dissemination of information.

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And finally we're looking to deploy
these community engagement activities

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to make sure that the communities
in need are being reached

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and to make sure that they are
provided the resources that they need,

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whether they're training, for
example, tools and resources,

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or economics
development for support.

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Excuse me, next slide, please.

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Our second goal: Interagency
collaboration and coordination.

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What we're looking to do again is to centralize
partnerships with other federal agencies,

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and what we're hoping to within
those partnerships to establish

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is to pool interagency technical
assistance funding and resources.

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So if you have a hub in your
area, you can go to that hub site,

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and you'll be able to find the different
opportunities that are available

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over that will span several
agencies, for example.

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And we're also looking to provide federal
place-based and regional commitments.

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So we're really working
to make sure that we have

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interagency technical assistance
opportunities housed in one location

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and inter-agency funding
opportunities housed in one location.

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And finally, our final goal with
community-centric collaboration.

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We're really hoping to make sure
and we are working to make sure

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that we are working hand-in-hand
with the communities and the regions.

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So we are going to provide and we are hoping
to provide one-on-one counseling services

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with these communities, for example,
these services will be free of charge.

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We are going to work with developing
and providing "how to" assistance

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on competitive writing grants.

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We're also looking to provide financial resource management assistance for these communities

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and these regions.

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Community engagement, making sure that the communities are engaged.

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They have the opportunity to provide and let us know, let the region, the hubs know

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what their needs are so that the federal agencies can partner with them

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in order to make sure that those needs are established and those needs are addressed.

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We're also looking to make sure we track and analyze the results and this will be important

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because if we're conducting outreach and we are conducting community engagement activities,

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we want to make sure that the communities, the needs of the communities

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are being appropriately addressed.

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So we will ensure that we are tracking and analyzing the results,

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so that if we need to tweak some of our outreach strategies we can do so in real time

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to better address the community needs.

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We're also looking to make sure that we
conduct environmental justice analysis

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for these communities and obviously
you guys should be aware of EJSCREEN,

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hopefully, you're aware of EJSCREEN
and CEJST so that you guys can look at

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and provide in real time an analysis of
the communities that you are addressing,

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and you can find the communities that you
need to address using EJSCREEN and using CEJST.

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We're also looking to provide coordination
and facilitation services for meetings,

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so that we can connect local
stakeholders with federal partners

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to make sure, again, the needs of the
communities are being addressed.

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And finally we will provide trans--
we'll ensure that the hub provide

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translation and interpretation, interpreting
services for meaningful engagement

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with our limited English
speaking participants.

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So we have a pilot project
that we are working on currently

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and we'll get ready to launch
and it's our short-term outlook.

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So we're looking to provide-- this pilot,
it will be launched in the fall of 2022

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and EPA really plans on providing a
variety of funding of a variety of hubs

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but right now we're going
to start with a pilot project.

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Each hub would be responsible
for providing technical assistance

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to communities and organizations both in a
community level and on a regional basis.

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We'll also provide shortly a
timeline for the release of the RFA,

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a request for applications to
establish these hubs.

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That should come out this summer
and we're looking to really look at

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and to identify eligible
entities to serve as hubs.

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We're looking at public and private
universities, non-price-- excuse me,

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nonprofits and we are really hoping that
these entities can be the hubs

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and really facilitate these
communication and the connection

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between federal partners
and our local communities.

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And finally, we are trying to identify
who can reach out and who can submit.

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The final bullet just identifies who

can actually receive services from hub

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and all stakeholders and applicants
that are interested in EPA grant programs

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including communities, community stakeholders,
nonprofits grassroot organizations,

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local government entities
and state government entities

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are able to receive
grants from REACH hubs.

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So the example hub that

we are looking to establish

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will address EPA's Region 1 and 2.

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The purpose of this will to use
and allocate EPA and bill resources

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to provide technical assistance to
communities, community organizations

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and other levels of government
located in EPA Regions 1 and 2.

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And again as I mentioned before, we will
eventually expand this to have multiple hubs

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but this is part of our

phase one pilot program.

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And the goal of this will really-- is to
provide capacity building resources

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to eligible applicant communities.

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We're looking to make sure
that these underserved communities

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and those facing EJ challenges
are able to get the funding,

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are able to connect with the
federal partners and establish programs

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to address the issues

within their communities.

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We're also looking to provide technical
and financial assistance opportunities

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to both federal partners and communities.

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And we're looking to provide these, again,
ground floor level assistance to ensure

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that the lower capacity communities, those
communities that are really struggling

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and may not have the opportunities
normally made available to them,

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have an opportunity to get the training, to

get counseling, to get meeting coordination

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and these tools and resources so
that they are able to effectively address

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the concerns within their community.

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So as we develop our hub program
and as we begin launching these RFAS,

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we have six questions that
we would like to ask you all.

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The first one is, what are your general
concerns or your general impressions

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of the objectives of the REACH concept?

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Do you think that they are
encompassing of everything that you all

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as community organizations, state
entities and communities--

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do they address the needs
within your community?

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Second, generally, what types of technical
assistance services would you like to see

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provided by these hubs?

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And finally, number three, what do you
generally view as the most effective means

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of communicating with and engaging underserved
and environmental justice communities?

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Chitra?

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I don't know if--

Chitra Kumar: Yeah.

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Larissa Mark: Do you have a
question, Chitra or comment?

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Chitra Kumar: Sorry, when you're
wrapped up, there are a number of questions

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that have come in that I wanted
to sort of globally address live

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because I think people are
already generating some questions.

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Larissa Mark: Sure, great, okay.

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Well we have one more slide of the sixth of--
we have the final three discussion questions

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that we would like to
just present generally.

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00:51:57,231 --> 00:52:00,327

You can definitely send
any comments that you have,

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00:52:00,351 --> 00:52:03,018

again, as Victoria mentioned,
the slide deck is available,

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00:52:03,042 --> 00:52:06,941

so you can address whichever
part of the six questions that you feel

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00:52:06,965 --> 00:52:11,690

you would like to participate in and
send them to OEJGrants@EPA.gov.

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00:52:11,714 --> 00:52:17,280

Number four is generally speaking--
oh sorry, if you can go to the final slide.

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Generally speaking, what are your
thoughts of the greatest barriers

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00:52:20,131 --> 00:52:26,270

and challenges facing applicants,
especially those who are new to EPA programs

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00:52:26,294 --> 00:52:33,168

and those from, excuse me, underserved and or
communities with environmental justice concerns?

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00:52:33,192 --> 00:52:36,480

What are those barriers to
obtaining EPA funding?

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00:52:36,480 --> 00:52:40,548

Number five, what are your ideas on
ways EPA can invest and build trust

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00:52:40,572 --> 00:52:45,119

and confidence between underserved
communities and those facing EJ concerns

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00:52:45,119 --> 00:52:50,000

or challenges and EPA in addressing
environmental and EJ issues?

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And finally, what are your ideas on the

actions EPA could take to rectify inequities

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00:52:56,240 --> 00:53:02,478

and inequalities in access to EPA grants,
involvement in EPA program decision making

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00:53:02,502 --> 00:53:06,828

and engagement in EPA on environmental
and environmental justice issues

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00:53:06,852 --> 00:53:11,127

through things such as targeted
outreach, training and technical assistance?

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00:53:11,151 --> 00:53:13,440

And again, we look
forward to your feedback

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00:53:13,440 --> 00:53:17,134

and if you have any suggestions
that you would like to provide us,

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00:53:17,158 --> 00:53:23,119

please send your comments
to OEJGrants@EPA.gov, thank you.

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00:53:23,119 --> 00:53:26,880

And it's just right you wanted to
respond to some questions in the chat--

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00:53:26,880 --> 00:53:29,520

Victoria Robinson: Before
Chitra does, I'd like to go ahead

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00:53:29,520 --> 00:53:32,031

and since we're going to
start to engage in a dialogue,

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00:53:32,055 --> 00:53:34,847

I want to do a couple of
real quick housekeeping things,

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00:53:34,871 --> 00:53:40,707

so people know how to engage in
that and it'll make it much more seamless.

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00:53:40,731 --> 00:53:43,855

So first of all, I want to thank
everybody, thank you Larissa,

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00:53:43,879 --> 00:53:46,240

thank you Chitra for your presentation.

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00:53:46,240 --> 00:53:49,667

During this engagement session and
dialogue there are different ways

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00:53:49,691 --> 00:53:51,771

you can provide your comments.

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00:53:51,795 --> 00:53:54,911

So again, you can write your
comments or questions in the Q&A pod

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00:53:54,935 --> 00:53:59,359

and several of you have
already done so, so keep it up.

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00:53:59,359 --> 00:54:02,568

If you want to ask a question out loud
and we've got several individuals

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00:54:02,592 --> 00:54:08,007

who have already raised their hand
to ask a question or to provide input.

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So if you're using a phone, press
*9 to virtually raise your hand

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00:54:12,000 --> 00:54:14,827

so that we know you
would like to ask a question.

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00:54:14,851 --> 00:54:16,079

And once--

Matthew Tejada: Star or pound?

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00:54:16,079 --> 00:54:20,880

Victoria Robinson: It says star and it was my
mistake when I corrected myself the first time.

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00:54:20,880 --> 00:54:26,115

It's a *9 to raise your hand and then to
limit your questions or comments to one minute

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00:54:26,139 --> 00:54:30,227

so that we get as many people
have an opportunity to ask questions.

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00:54:30,251 --> 00:54:33,648

So I'm going to go ahead and
leave it on this slide here

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00:54:33,672 --> 00:54:38,640

unless Chitra and Larissa you want
me to move it back to the six questions

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let me know and we'll coordinate
with after you answer questions,

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00:54:43,904 --> 00:54:49,547

we'll ask Christina to indicate which
ones that she would like to read out loud

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00:54:49,571 --> 00:54:54,240

and then I can then answer-- prompt people
those who have raised their hands to speak.

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00:54:54,240 --> 00:54:56,000

So Chitra?

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00:54:56,000 --> 00:54:57,119

Chitra Kumar: Sure, thanks.

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00:54:57,119 --> 00:55:01,520

So I just wanted to emphasize
a couple of points with REACH

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and hopefully they will answer some of
the questions that have come up here.

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One is this is a draft concept, it's
very much in formulation, so for example,

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there was a slide that we shared that
had the types of technical assistance

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that we're envisioning, we could provide I
think, a lot of emphasis on this is a draft,

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so we really welcome
your input on that.

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00:55:28,391 --> 00:55:29,910

This is open to anyone.

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I think one of the questions was about
how we're defining technical assistance,

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so that's why I'm going into
this level of detail.

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With EJ communities in mind, how
would this be different than for utilities?

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00:55:41,652 --> 00:55:43,547

or regulators on technical assistance

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So we're very much talking about like basic
sort of how do you-- how do you even understand

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00:55:50,240 --> 00:55:53,440

the federal grant process?

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How do you write a good federal
grant that's going to be able to score well?

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What types of data do you need to collect?
What type of analysis do you need to do?

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A lot of hand-holding which
you may not necessarily get

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with some of these other types of technical
assistance that you'll see out there

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00:56:13,689 --> 00:56:21,307

that are focused on a particular
program or a particular investment priority,

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this is much more
general for EJ communities

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and we got some new wider authorities
to be able to support that kind of work.

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And I just wanted to clarify that while
part of the reason that we're doing it now

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is prompted by the fact that we have
60 billion dollars around that amount

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for Bipartisan Infrastructure
Law or IIJA funding,

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the money that we're putting towards, this
is actually from our own base appropriation

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and that is we're given this extra
flexibility to be able to provide

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this type of technical assistance for
EJ communities through that funding.

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And then the last bit is, this pilot
phase is the idea that we're going to have--

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we only have a certain amount of funding
that we can put towards this right now,

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we'd love to have more where we can have
many, many more hubs across the country.

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And so the example that Larissa
shared about Region 1 and Region 2

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that's a "for example", not to say
that's the first one we're gonna do,

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it's just we're gonna--
we only have so much,

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so we're gonna have to
group EPA regions together

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and that's what we're considering
right now based on geography.

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And so for example, you would have a set--
another one for Regions 3 and 4,

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00:57:47,105 --> 00:57:51,228

another one for 5 and 6, etc. and so on.

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00:57:51,252 --> 00:57:54,144

So that's another thing we'd
love to hear your comments on,

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there's different ways we
could slice and dice it

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00:57:57,680 --> 00:58:01,571

but because EJ issues
tend to be very place based,

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we were focusing it
on geographies at this time.

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And I think if more funding became
available including through pooling funding

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from other agencies.

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That would be another way that we could
consider or consider scaling up

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and having more and more of these hubs.

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One of the questions we had here was
around how would we make sure

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from Jerome Shabazz about how
do we make sure that REACH vendors

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are being required to locate in or near the
community that requires the technical assistance.

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We are going to have in the criteria that
we will consider a wide variety of vendors

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and we will encourage people to have
teams so that they can be as proximate

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to the community as possible and
we'd love to hear your thoughts about that,

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we'd love to hear your thoughts
about how to make that happen

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and we'll have to work with
our lawyers to make it so.

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So we appreciate that as a real need and
that's a really important aspect of this work,

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to try to make sure the money and the expertise
is sourced from community as much as possible.

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00:59:21,200 --> 00:59:25,340

So another question we have is does ground
floor assistance look like assistance agreements

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00:59:25,364 --> 00:59:27,713

like EPA does with tribal nations?

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00:59:27,737 --> 00:59:34,240

EPA providing daily or otherwise intensive
education oversight and help with programming.

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00:59:34,240 --> 00:59:42,720

I think there will be a range of assistance
types and it could include hands-on--

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00:59:42,720 --> 00:59:45,769

some hand-holding
at the community level,

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00:59:45,793 --> 00:59:51,245

I'm not sure that I know what an assistance
agreement looks like with the tribal program,

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00:59:51,269 --> 00:59:54,668

so I can't say for sure
but we can look into that.

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00:59:54,692 --> 00:59:58,880

And again I would say,
if that's something you'd like to see,

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00:59:58,880 --> 01:00:02,799

please share that as a comment.

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01:00:04,240 --> 01:00:09,839

So I'm just going to pause here and
see if there are others that I absolutely--

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01:00:09,839 --> 01:00:12,480

there's a bunch of ones coming in,

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01:00:12,480 --> 01:00:17,127

so I wanna acknowledge that there's
a lot of questions around this

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01:00:17,151 --> 01:00:22,960

and we're still in the phase
of gathering input and ideas.

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01:00:24,640 --> 01:00:27,028

I don't need to answer every
one of these questions live.

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What I will say is there's a lot
of agencies that are also looking

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01:00:31,552 --> 01:00:33,728

to do technical assistance like this.

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There's been some references to for example,
the rural partners network from USDA,

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01:00:40,000 --> 01:00:48,799

I'm seeing the Urban Waters Federal
Partnership program being referenced,

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01:00:48,823 --> 01:00:52,768

thank you Abu, Ali for that.

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01:00:52,792 --> 01:00:58,008

And there's a lot that we could
build upon, so this is not a new idea.

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01:00:58,032 --> 01:01:03,632

We have definitely built on really
great ideas from others on this

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01:01:03,656 --> 01:01:06,319

and that's what we're

hoping to do.

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01:01:08,400 --> 01:01:10,400

Let me--

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01:01:10,400 --> 01:01:13,953

Victoria Robinson: Chitra, we have four

people online who have their hands raised

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01:01:13,977 --> 01:01:17,440

to be able to ask a question

and before I do that--

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01:01:17,440 --> 01:01:21,599

Matthew was there something you wanted

to add or Christina was there a question

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01:01:21,599 --> 01:01:23,195

you wanted to read out loud?

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01:01:23,219 --> 01:01:24,794

Matthew Tejada: Well,
let's go back to Christina,

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01:01:24,818 --> 01:01:28,497

there are a few of these that are kind of
following up on some of the things we said

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01:01:28,521 --> 01:01:33,398

but I don't want to get in the middle of
Christina facilitating this section.

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01:01:33,422 --> 01:01:37,839

So Christina, did you have
something you wanted to do?

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01:01:37,839 --> 01:01:41,040

Christina Motilall: Yeah there are some
really wonderful questions that are in here

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01:01:41,040 --> 01:01:43,839

that I wanted to make sure we got to--

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01:01:43,839 --> 01:01:46,683

There's a question in
from Artie and they asked,

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01:01:46,707 --> 01:01:51,108

"How will the regional hubs ensure that
the counseling services are free of charge?

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01:01:51,132 --> 01:01:54,548

Will you be providing resources
to engage in these services

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01:01:54,572 --> 01:01:58,607

or will you be going into communities
to provide these services at times

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01:01:58,631 --> 01:02:03,440

and spaces convenient
for community members?"

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01:02:04,799 --> 01:02:06,529

Chitra Kumar: Thank you.

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01:02:06,553 --> 01:02:10,240

The answer I guess we have--
we still have to figure that out.

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01:02:10,240 --> 01:02:15,202

Those are really great questions
and they're sort of helping us to refine

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01:02:15,226 --> 01:02:18,327

how we think about this
and what we're able to provide.

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01:02:18,351 --> 01:02:22,640

I think there's a limit
on probably what--

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01:02:22,640 --> 01:02:28,396

the lawyers are going to tell us what we can
and can't do in terms of supporting community--

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01:02:28,420 --> 01:02:34,148

helping pay communities to be able
to engage if that's where that was going

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01:02:34,880 --> 01:02:40,988

but your point is well taken to trying to do this
in ways that our most convenient to communities

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01:02:41,012 --> 01:02:43,008

is really, really important.

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01:02:43,032 --> 01:02:46,319

Matt, you want to
add on to any of that?

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01:02:46,319 --> 01:02:48,640

Matthew Tejada: No, that's good.

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01:02:48,640 --> 01:02:52,318

Christina Motilall: Great, I'm gonna go
ahead and read one more quick one out loud

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01:02:52,342 --> 01:02:55,163

and then Victoria I think
we should go to the folks

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01:02:55,187 --> 01:02:56,599

who have patiently
raised their hands

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01:02:56,623 --> 01:02:59,021

and I'll keep some of these
back pocket for later

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01:02:59,045 --> 01:03:02,799

that we can
continue to read aloud.

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01:03:02,799 --> 01:03:06,640

The one I'd like to read now is from
Spring Creek Association and they ask,

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01:03:06,640 --> 01:03:12,960

"Are these virtual hubs or will they be
in regional federal offices?"

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01:03:15,760 --> 01:03:18,708

Matthew Tejada: So I think our
idea here is that these are not--

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01:03:18,732 --> 01:03:25,440

we're not setting up additional
infrastructure within our EPA,

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whether that's physically or virtually.

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01:03:27,359 --> 01:03:33,788

And to Chitra's earlier response, we
don't know exactly how many options

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01:03:33,812 --> 01:03:37,148

we're going to have once we get
this thing crafted and competed

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01:03:37,172 --> 01:03:43,147

and see who applies for it, but
we are looking for service providers

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01:03:43,171 --> 01:03:47,520

that are as proximate
within the communities,

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01:03:47,520 --> 01:03:49,852

I don't know approximately within
doesn't make sense, right?

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01:03:49,876 --> 01:03:55,760

But we're looking for service providers that
are authentic and credible and have history

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01:03:55,760 --> 01:04:04,799

and have the ability to provide this technical
assistance to communities that need it most.

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01:04:04,799 --> 01:04:06,828

This is the first time
we're doing it though.

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01:04:06,852 --> 01:04:10,550

This is part of why-- and frankly, we're probably
even going to change the name of this sucker,

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01:04:10,574 --> 01:04:14,388

we had a meeting yesterday and we're like
"well, we might not call these REACH"

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01:04:14,412 --> 01:04:18,240

but we-- this is this

is still very unbaked

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01:04:19,200 --> 01:04:24,400

but it is building on a lot of what

has been out there for some time,

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01:04:24,400 --> 01:04:26,880

none of this is a new idea.

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01:04:26,880 --> 01:04:31,352

Particularly last year, there was

a lot of some of the EJ leaders

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and other academics were writing up

this idea for a hub and spoke approach--

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we didn't get the funding

through the Build Back Better

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01:04:38,516 --> 01:04:40,880

because Build Back

Better didn't happen,

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01:04:40,880 --> 01:04:45,520

we didn't get the funding for us just to

kind of craft this however we wanted.

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01:04:45,520 --> 01:04:49,680

So we're trying to figure out a way

with the funding we did get

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and looking at a lot of other programs

at EPA and at other federal agencies

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01:04:55,359 --> 01:05:00,698

that have received massive investments

and that part of a lot of those investments

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01:05:00,722 --> 01:05:04,799

is a call out for providing

technical assistance,

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01:05:04,799 --> 01:05:13,423

how to get to this intense basic providing
capacity building technical assistance

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01:05:13,447 --> 01:05:15,548

on the ground for the
communities that need it most

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01:05:15,572 --> 01:05:19,839

and that goes to another
follow-up question from Sylvia.

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01:05:19,839 --> 01:05:24,388

She's raising the--
well, is it just for communities?

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01:05:24,412 --> 01:05:28,627

What about the sort of
hand-holding, the basic assistance

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01:05:28,651 --> 01:05:36,559

that a lot of community organizations need,
small community-based grassroots organizations?

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01:05:36,559 --> 01:05:42,000

In a lot of ways, the local
utility needs the same thing.

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01:05:42,000 --> 01:05:45,668

In a lot of ways the
Brownfields person,

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01:05:45,692 --> 01:05:52,319

if the city is lucky enough to have a
person on Brownfields, needs the same thing

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01:05:52,319 --> 01:05:55,445

and that is exactly what we're working
through right now is--

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01:05:55,469 --> 01:05:58,750

"okay, we have EJ dollars
that suddenly look like

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01:05:58,774 --> 01:06:02,880

some of the most flexible
dollars in the federal government",

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01:06:02,880 --> 01:06:07,227

but they're small compared to what
some of our water colleagues have,

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01:06:07,251 --> 01:06:09,760

to what some of our
waste colleagues have,

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to what folks at Department
of Transportation or at USDA.

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01:06:15,920 --> 01:06:21,200

So we're trying to figure out how to
bring as many of these strings together,

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01:06:21,200 --> 01:06:26,640

how we can use our EJ
dollars to the best advantage

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focusing on community-based
organizations but also recognizing,

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in a lot of parts of the country, there
is no community-based organization,

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01:06:35,680 --> 01:06:40,494

there's still a community there but
the people that need help the most

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01:06:40,518 --> 01:06:44,480

and the only people there that
can receive help might be a utility,

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might be a local small municipality,
might be the tribal government.

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So we're trying to be as focused as we
can while also being flexible to try

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01:06:55,680 --> 01:07:00,880

to make the assistance we design
match the needs on the ground

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01:07:00,880 --> 01:07:03,609

and also trying to do that
in a way that coordinates

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01:07:03,633 --> 01:07:08,666

so that we're not using EJ dollars to
provide the sort of technical assistance

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01:07:08,690 --> 01:07:12,028

that Joe and his shop might
be able to provide.

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01:07:12,052 --> 01:07:16,310

We should use our EJ dollars to
connect folks to build the capacity

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01:07:16,334 --> 01:07:20,908

and connect folks with the sort of

more specific technical assistance

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01:07:20,932 --> 01:07:23,588

that a program like Joe's can provide.

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01:07:23,612 --> 01:07:30,721

That's this really kind of complex
web we're trying to build inside of this,

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01:07:30,745 --> 01:07:33,248

and again, that's one of
the reasons why even though

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01:07:33,272 --> 01:07:38,000

we're still in the very earliest
stages of trying to figure this out,

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01:07:38,000 --> 01:07:41,862

and there's a whole--
there's reams of bureaucracy

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01:07:41,886 --> 01:07:43,868

that we're not going

to share with you all,

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01:07:43,892 --> 01:07:50,480

it's just our job to figure out the
bureaucracy and legal niceties.

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01:07:51,680 --> 01:07:54,467

We do want to make sure
though however we figure that out

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01:07:54,491 --> 01:07:58,051

and however we pull these
things together that they answer

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01:07:58,075 --> 01:08:03,928

the exact sorts of questions and concerns that
many of y'all are putting in these questions

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01:08:03,952 --> 01:08:06,328

and isn't the only time
we're going to do this,

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01:08:06,352 --> 01:08:09,647

we're going to find other
opportunities to engage like I said before,

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01:08:09,671 --> 01:08:11,867

this is one of the things
that we want to bring

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01:08:11,891 --> 01:08:16,640

to the National Environmental Justice
Advisory Council meeting later in June.

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01:08:16,640 --> 01:08:21,120

So this is going to be something that
we are hammering away on for a minute

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01:08:21,120 --> 01:08:25,726

because we need a lot of the feedback
and engagement but we also have a real need

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01:08:25,750 --> 01:08:28,880

to get this thing on paper and to
get it out there so we can try to start

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01:08:28,880 --> 01:08:32,799

sending these things

up as quickly as possible.

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01:08:35,759 --> 01:08:37,359

Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Matt.

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Go ahead Chitra, go ahead.

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01:08:38,958 --> 01:08:42,000

Chitra Kumar: Oh I wanted to
take on one more question live

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01:08:44,319 --> 01:08:46,468

but you also said there
are folks with their hands up.

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01:08:46,492 --> 01:08:48,782

Victoria Robinson: Yeah, we have
four people who have the hands up.

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01:08:48,806 --> 01:08:53,167

We will go ahead, so this in essence is still
answering live and we will go back and forth,

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01:08:53,191 --> 01:08:56,080

so once we go through these four
individuals who raise their hands

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then we'll go back to questions
that have been posed in the Q&A

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that Christina would
want to read out loud.

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01:09:01,891 --> 01:09:06,232

So the first person I'm going to
reach out to is Sharise.

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01:09:06,256 --> 01:09:11,439

If you can go ahead and unmute
your line and ask your question.

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01:09:11,439 --> 01:09:16,120

So Sharise, are you
able to unmute your line?

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01:09:20,000 --> 01:09:23,199

Are you there, Sharise?

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01:09:25,679 --> 01:09:29,520

Well, I'll tell you what, we're going--
well, oh there you are, go ahead Sharise.

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01:09:29,520 --> 01:09:33,783

Sharise Horn: Hello this is Sharise
Horn from Louisville MSD, my apologies,

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01:09:33,807 --> 01:09:37,415

I hit that button on accident but thank
you for this wonderful conversation,

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01:09:37,439 --> 01:09:44,044

it has been very enlightening thus far and
we really appreciate EPA's guidance on this.

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01:09:44,068 --> 01:09:46,000

Thank you.

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01:09:46,960 --> 01:09:50,158

Victoria Robinson: Thank
you very much, Sharise.

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All right next one is going
to be Pamela Bingham.

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If you can go ahead and
unmute yourself, that'd be great.

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Pamela Bingham: Hi, can you hear me?

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01:10:02,960 --> 01:10:05,187

Yes we can, go ahead Pamela.

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Pamela Bingham: Okay, so I'm

calling on behalf of my role

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01:10:08,212 --> 01:10:14,591

at the University of Maryland, Region 3 and
I'm a native of Jackson, Mississippi Region 4.

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I have two brief comments.

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The first is, in the pandemic I do a
lot of community technical assistance

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and I help a lot of community
organizations with grant writing.

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In the pandemic, most COVID assistance
required smartphones, computers,

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internet availability and internet capability,

although many seniors still cannot zoom.

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So if you don't build something
that allows for this capability,

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communities are still going to be disconnected,
libraries, community centers churches, etc.,

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and some schools are still closed
so you've got to actually think

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about some physical infrastructure where
will these technical assistance locations be

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and I'm also a big fan of mobile.

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Let's get some energy efficient

mobile buses out into places

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where maybe

we haven't been going.

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The second comment was, I used to
be a Brownfields manager in Jackson.

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Jackson is having water issues.

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I am in Mississippi

about every three months.

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In the actual city government,
to Matthew's point,

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they only had a public works person

and a solid waste management person

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and the solid waste management
person went away and became a contract.

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So local government officials don't-- and
some municipalities don't even have

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anything like an environmental official.

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What you did in Brownfields that I think
would be helpful is the loaned official.

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The person I had was from
the US Army Corps of Engineers

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and based on the water issues

in Jackson that made sense.

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I taught him community engagement and he
taught the city about some water issues.

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So as you're thinking about that,
I think that would be a good concept

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for some municipalities to actually
loan them someone for six months.

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Victoria Robinson: Thank you, Pamela.

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Any comments?

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01:12:16,640 --> 01:12:18,573

All right, great, thank you.

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The next person we are going to provide
an opportunity to speak is Wig Zamore

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01:12:26,232 --> 01:12:31,440

and I apologize if I've
mispronounced your name.

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01:12:35,840 --> 01:12:41,040

Wig Zamore: Yes hi, Wig Zamore, it's fine
however you want to pronounce it I'm happy.

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01:12:41,040 --> 01:12:48,827

So I did write a question and
I'm a community pro bono activist

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who started some environmental epidemiology into
near highway in near airport ultrafine particle

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and noise research.

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And we've been
successful in our research

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but it's not of a scale that
would affect policy and practice.

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So I have a question that does
not have to do with assistance

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with things that are already
decided or that lack agency empathy

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but fundamentally the question is,

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how can you help us do study design
and fund study design that is sufficient

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01:13:31,600 --> 01:13:38,088

to prove environmental health impacts of
difficult questions like ultrafine particles

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01:13:38,112 --> 01:13:42,159

and noise from
highways and airports?

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Matthew Tejada: That's a
great question Wig and hey--

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01:13:47,600 --> 01:13:52,050

we're looking at several things there
everything from in addition

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01:13:52,074 --> 01:13:54,927

and I think there's been a couple
other questions that kind of got to this

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and I haven't
been able to answer it.

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01:13:58,239 --> 01:14:03,317

So in addition to the money that we have in the
EJ program for this technical assistance work

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we have even more money for
grants and as always we will prioritize

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those grant dollars going to small
local community-based organizations.

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We've had a lot of success in the last
several years of really driving those dollars

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to the lower capacity
community based organizations

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that haven't received grants in the past

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but acknowledge that there is still a huge
barrier for many community organizations

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to receive those grants just
because they're federal grants.

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01:14:35,920 --> 01:14:42,239

So one of the things that we are committed
to figuring out how to do very quickly

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01:14:42,239 --> 01:14:46,880

while we engage and design the
future grant program

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and get a lot of feedback on that.

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We know one of the things people
want is for us to send out a grant

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and have that grantee do the sub
granting so that folks can more directly--

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this was part of
Dr. Sunshine's question as well--

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to try to reduce or remove to the greatest
extent we can a lot of those inherent

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bureaucratic barriers to low-capacity
organizations and partners actually accessing

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the resources they have.

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One of the things that we're considering
in that is to dedicate some of that funding

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to doing things like

health impact assessments

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because we have a real interested

EPA in supporting more communities

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that want to do impact assessments and want to

actually start making the connections proactively,

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what are the health impacts that they

see so it can feed into the air permit

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01:15:44,416 --> 01:15:51,120

or the road project or the funding decision

by the [UNINTELLIGIBLE] or the state.

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Those as being critical to that-- so

we're looking to do that proactively

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with our funding streams but also to try
to reduce the barriers as much as we can

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for folks to just be
able to access those.

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And I also mentioned, previously we're working
closely with a lot of other federal agencies

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to try to get these
things lined up.

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One of the things that there is an
opportunity to do is if we on the federal side,

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if we can get ourselves organized, in exactly
what we're doing and how we're going to do it,

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I think that will enable private
philanthropy where there's a lot of--

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01:16:32,652 --> 01:16:36,468

there's more interest than there's ever
been, I won't say there's a lot of interest,

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01:16:36,492 --> 01:16:40,508

I'd like to see a lot more but there's
more interest than there's ever been

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from private philanthropy
who keeps asking us

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01:16:43,154 --> 01:16:48,480

"Show us what you're doing so that we can do
the stuff that y'all can't do in government."

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01:16:48,480 --> 01:16:50,988

And I think what you're
pointing at is exactly the place

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where if we can be
more intentional and specific,

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01:16:54,320 --> 01:16:59,520

it will allow private philanthropy to
come in around that and start providing

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I think what you're looking for with.

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Wig Zamore: Yeah, that's helpful.

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Just one clarification from me.

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I mean just to be

clear, we've been successful

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in our ultrafine particle and
cardiovascular inflammation research

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working at 500 million times
the spatial temporal granularity

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of the regional PM 2.5
research centers like Harvard.

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So compared to PM 2.5 which they
tend to focus on or in years past ozone,

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our research is literally 500 million
times a spatial temporally dense.

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Our first doctorate sits
on CASAC but we need--

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so there's a gap not just in funding
but in the science competence we need

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relative to what your regional PM 2.5
centers have been able to do.

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Matthew Tejada: Yes, yes.

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01:17:53,360 --> 01:17:57,036

I agree and there's a couple-- there's
several things that we're working on

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from different angles again to try to intersect
on exactly that issue you're pointing at,

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including commitments by our Office of
Research and Development

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in EPA's Equity Action Plan which was
published a couple of months ago almost now.

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There's also some efforts not quite ready
for folks to start sharing publicly for EPA

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and one of our regions in
particular to use some EPA assets

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to actually start having a more
community-centered scientific research,

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not just plans but actual
resources, assets taking EPA assets

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and starting to point them
directly in this direction

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01:18:37,280 --> 01:18:45,120

because I think to the underlying
point if we actually get over ourselves

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01:18:45,120 --> 01:18:50,328

and bring the scientific endeavor
to the ground in the communities

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that are doing the work and
that are being most impacted,

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I think it will be revelatory not just
for government and how we regulate

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01:18:58,511 --> 01:19:04,107

but for our private academic and state academic
partners that do so much more of the research

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01:19:04,131 --> 01:19:09,415

and actually bringing their efforts into
contact with the realities on the ground.

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01:19:09,439 --> 01:19:09,915

Wig Zamore: Thank you.

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01:19:09,939 --> 01:19:11,360

Matthew Tejada: Thanks, Wig.

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01:19:12,800 --> 01:19:14,292

Victoria Robinson: Thank you very much.

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The last person who has their hand raised
and then we'll turn it over to you Christina,

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would be Sheila Polk Williams.

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And I am now going

to unmute her line.

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01:19:29,920 --> 01:19:35,320

Sheila, are you able
to unmute your line?

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01:19:37,440 --> 01:19:39,679

And I'm hoping to
pronounce your name correct.

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01:19:39,679 --> 01:19:42,800

Sheila Polk Williams.

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01:19:46,480 --> 01:19:49,868

Okay if we can't-- we can
always come back to her.

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01:19:49,892 --> 01:19:59,644

Christina why don't you go ahead and read one
of the questions you have in the Q&A pod

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and then we'll come back to Sheila.

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Christina Motilall: Okay, sounds great.

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Thanks, Victoria.

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I know this is one that Chitra wanted to answer but unfortunately she did have to jump.

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Not sure if Larissa or anyone else on the team can take this one

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but we did get a question in asking,

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"so these will be EPA technical assistance working in/alongside the grantees organization

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or over an indefinite time

or over a project period?"

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Matthew Tejada: That's a great
question, I think that is a question

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that we want to hear from folks on.

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And again, we're at the beginning of
this, we're not starting from zero though.

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A lot of EJ leaders and organizations
have already been writing about this,

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speaking about this.

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One of the things that I was very happy to hear
from some of the EJ leaders and organizations

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that have been talking about this
technical assistance hub and spoke model

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is that it can't just be this bottomless well
for an organization to continually draw from,

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even to the extent--
and this isn't my idea,

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this was an idea that
an EJ leader shared with me,

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there should be an expectation that
if a community or community organization

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receives technical assistance support,

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if they're actually successful at
building up their community organization,

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they should start paying back into
that technical assistance hub.

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I don't know legally if that's possible but
I thought that the idea of that was excellent,

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that whatever support
we're able to bring to bear--

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to help communities
and their partners grow,

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to help them start to bring
resources into their community,

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to make change
happen on the ground,

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that once they reach that level,
they should then pay it forward.

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Essentially is kind of
how I thought about that.

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So whether this is on a
project base or some period basis,

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I think there's going to
have to be just pragmatically,

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there's going to have to
be some sort of a parameter there

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but I think that's exactly the sort of
thing that we're hoping like this question

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or other feedback, to get feedback
on over the next month or so

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and to try to get this thing out
there in the best way possible.

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Again, this is the first time we're
actually trying to make this idea a reality.

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There's no way we're
going to get it 100% right.

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01:22:41,360 --> 01:22:43,715

I'm hopeful we'll get

at least 80% right

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01:22:43,739 --> 01:22:48,239

and we're going to try really, really

hard to get it at least 90% and get an A

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01:22:48,239 --> 01:22:51,424

but I know there's no way

we're going to get it 100% right.

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There's a couple other questions--

I see Larissa answering one of them.

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01:22:54,963 --> 01:22:57,600

I'm just going to answer

them very quickly.

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Charles asks what is the

definition of a large non-profit.

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For our EJ grants, for instance, we're
very specific that we only fund

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with our EJ grants small
community-based local organizations.

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It can't be chapters, it can't be an
organization that operates in multiple states.

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01:23:17,600 --> 01:23:23,815

So we have criteria we've developed to try to
really get to small community-based organizations.

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It is a little bit of an art trying to write
legal language that allows you to do that

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but we do have experience on doing that.

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Our hope is that we're able to go out
with some sort of a competition this summer

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to actually solicit proposals for folks to
be these technical assistance providers.

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So we are trying to turn
this idea around pretty quickly

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and actually get it on paper and
get it out on the street this summer

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which would mean that hopefully,
by the end of the calendar year,

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we could actually award these
and start to have them on the ground.

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01:24:03,331 --> 01:24:08,388

I know that means that a full year
after the investment bill was first passed

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01:24:08,412 --> 01:24:12,560

we would be out there starting
these technical assistance centers.

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01:24:12,560 --> 01:24:20,159

The timing of how these things have
happened are not the most awesome

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01:24:20,159 --> 01:24:22,320

but we're trying to make up
ground as quickly as we can

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01:24:22,344 --> 01:24:26,006

now that we have some resources to
get those resources out on the ground

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01:24:26,030 --> 01:24:30,828

in the way that we very much hear from across
the board, EJ leaders and organizations

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01:24:30,852 --> 01:24:35,360

and communities asking
and demanding that we do.

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01:24:36,000 --> 01:24:38,719

So I think--

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01:24:38,719 --> 01:24:40,719

I think we're almost--

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01:24:40,719 --> 01:24:43,125

Victoria Robinson: I'm sorry I
was muted, I'm sorry Matthew--

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01:24:43,149 --> 01:24:45,824

Sheila Polk Williams has
actually unmuted herself now

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01:24:45,848 --> 01:24:48,067

so she can go ahead
and ask her question.

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01:24:48,091 --> 01:24:51,040

Matthew Tejada: Oh, go ahead, Sheila.

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01:24:53,679 --> 01:24:57,800

Victoria Robinson: Sheila,
are you able to speak?

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01:25:03,679 --> 01:25:06,960

You are unmuted, Sheila.

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01:25:10,239 --> 01:25:12,353

Okay, so Matthew said you saw--

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01:25:12,377 --> 01:25:16,960

while she does trying to deal
with her I guess her technical stuff,

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01:25:16,960 --> 01:25:20,107

was there another question you want
to answer that you saw in the Q&A pod?

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01:25:20,131 --> 01:25:23,308

Matthew Tejada: I did I did
want-- our good friend John Mueller

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01:25:23,332 --> 01:25:29,920

who comes to all of our engagements has put
a few things in regarding fluoridated water

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01:25:29,920 --> 01:25:35,040

and EPA's positions on-- or
position, I shouldn't say positions--

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01:25:35,040 --> 01:25:40,480

we would have one position on
the future of fluoridated water.

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01:25:40,480 --> 01:25:43,840

None of us have a good
answer for you, John.

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01:25:43,840 --> 01:25:48,159

I know you're gonna keep bringing

these up and I welcome that

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01:25:48,159 --> 01:25:53,360

especially, when we're talking about
water infrastructure funding.

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01:25:53,360 --> 01:25:57,930

I still don't have a good
answer for you from engaging

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01:25:57,954 --> 01:26:02,480

with some of my
colleagues in the Water Office

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01:26:03,840 --> 01:26:08,888

but I don't know one of these days we're to
have to have a focused conversation on this.

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01:26:08,912 --> 01:26:12,400

I'm not sure if this is something
that the NEJAC will want to take up.

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01:26:12,400 --> 01:26:17,428

I know we've got a number of NEJAC members on and I'm sure you will be

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01:26:17,452 --> 01:26:22,000

at the June 22nd public testimony period of the NEJAC,

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01:26:22,000 --> 01:26:27,100

so perhaps this is the sort of thing that maybe the NEJAC would look to take up

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01:26:27,124 --> 01:26:30,800

but that would be a decision of the NEJAC members.

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01:26:30,800 --> 01:26:37,280

Otherwise, I appreciate you continuing to show up and lift up this issue

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01:26:37,280 --> 01:26:44,719

and if I ever am able to get some sort of-- how do I even characterize this,

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01:26:46,159 --> 01:26:51,199

receptivity to the conversation from
some of our colleagues in the Water Office,

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01:26:51,199 --> 01:26:57,145

I'm sure we would probably use this forum or
something similar to this forum to do that.

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01:26:57,169 --> 01:27:00,788

So the NEJAC is the National
Environmental Justice Advisory Council,

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01:27:00,812 --> 01:27:05,127

it is our federal advisory committee
that advises the EPA administrator

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01:27:05,151 --> 01:27:06,948

on environmental justice issues.

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01:27:06,972 --> 01:27:09,422

And since I'm talking about
fluoride, Joe came back on.

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01:27:09,446 --> 01:27:10,948

Joe did you have
anything in addition to that

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01:27:10,972 --> 01:27:13,228

or were you just coming
back on for a minute?

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01:27:13,252 --> 01:27:14,651

Joe Tiago: Oh yeah thanks, Matt.

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01:27:14,675 --> 01:27:20,308

I just wanted to reassure John
that EPA is currently reviewing

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01:27:20,332 --> 01:27:25,088

the national primary drinking
water regulations for fluoride

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01:27:25,112 --> 01:27:30,560

under this six year review, so we will
be having more conversations on that.

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01:27:30,560 --> 01:27:35,280

And thanks for raising
all those concerns for us.

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01:27:35,840 --> 01:27:38,400

Matthew Tejada: Thanks, joe.

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01:27:38,400 --> 01:27:39,760

Victoria Robinson: Okay.

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01:27:39,760 --> 01:27:43,600

Christina do we have any other
questions that need to be--

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01:27:43,600 --> 01:27:47,040

that can be answered
out loud, read out loud?

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01:27:47,040 --> 01:27:52,000

Other than Sheila Polk Williams, I don't
have anybody else with their hands raised.

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01:27:52,000 --> 01:27:56,137

Christina Motilall: I also do not have any questions in the Q&A pod at the moment.

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01:27:56,161 --> 01:27:58,960

Victoria Robinson: Okay, wonderful, thank you.

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01:27:58,960 --> 01:28:05,788

Matthew anything we have before I move on to the closing remarks slide

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01:28:05,812 --> 01:28:08,868

or is there something else that we want to bring up?

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01:28:08,892 --> 01:28:10,880

Matthew Tejada: I don't think so.

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01:28:12,239 --> 01:28:15,228

If there are any other-- from folks that are on,

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01:28:15,252 --> 01:28:17,184

I think we have a
little smaller crowd today

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01:28:17,208 --> 01:28:20,000

than we've had for
many of the past months.

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01:28:20,000 --> 01:28:20,800

Victoria Robinson: Right.

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01:28:20,800 --> 01:28:22,400

Matthew Tejada: But this is--

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01:28:22,400 --> 01:28:27,714

we're not limited to just talking
about the topics we brought up,

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01:28:27,738 --> 01:28:32,639

we try every month to focus on
things that are kind of happening

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01:28:32,639 --> 01:28:35,199

that we think folks

will be interested in,

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01:28:35,199 --> 01:28:41,418

where some feedback and some engagement
or just awareness is really timely

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01:28:41,442 --> 01:28:46,639

but we're not constrained to those so
we welcome folks if there are other issues

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01:28:46,639 --> 01:28:50,719

that you'd like us to try to address
today, we're happy to do so.

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01:28:50,719 --> 01:28:55,280

If there are issues or things happening
that you would like for us to focus on

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01:28:55,280 --> 01:29:00,288

in future monthly engagement calls,
again, you can find any of us,

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01:29:00,312 --> 01:29:05,280

the secret code is just
lastname.firstname@EPA.gov.

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01:29:05,280 --> 01:29:09,167

Any of us that you've seen speaking, just
take our last name put a dot

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01:29:09,191 --> 01:29:13,360

then put our first name
and then @EPA.gov

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01:29:13,360 --> 01:29:19,280

and we very much want
for these to be useful for folks,

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01:29:19,280 --> 01:29:23,330

so we want to speak to the
issues that folks need us to,

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01:29:23,354 --> 01:29:25,920

so we want your feedback on that.

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01:29:25,920 --> 01:29:31,280

Otherwise, if there's nothing else--

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01:29:32,800 --> 01:29:35,862

Oh here we go, we're gonna-- Crystal
we're gonna get at the end,

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01:29:35,886 --> 01:29:41,600

we're gonna provide the information on
how to sign up for more information from us.

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01:29:41,600 --> 01:29:45,667

Yeah, so I think Victoria we're
ready to close out I guess.

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01:29:45,691 --> 01:29:49,600

Victoria Robinson: Okay,
wonderful, thank you.

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01:29:49,600 --> 01:29:53,868

All right so our next engagement call is
sched for a month now on June,

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Tuesday June 21st at
2 p.m our standard time.

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01:29:57,520 --> 01:30:04,800

Here's a link to get access to
the links to register for the calls

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01:30:04,800 --> 01:30:10,027

and so this is already-- our website, it has
already been updated to reflect the June 21st call.

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01:30:10,051 --> 01:30:13,920

If you want to subscribe to
our environmental justice listserv

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01:30:13,920 --> 01:30:18,567

which is where you'll be able to find
those information about upcoming calls,

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01:30:18,591 --> 01:30:22,320

about some other funding
opportunities, some events and webinars,

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01:30:22,320 --> 01:30:30,239

then you send a blank email
to join-EPA-EJ@lists.EPA.gov.

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01:30:30,239 --> 01:30:32,748

Now you don't have to worry about
writing it down right now.

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01:30:32,772 --> 01:30:35,728

Our slide deck has already
been posted onto the website,

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01:30:35,752 --> 01:30:40,560

this is the last slide in that slide
deck, so these links are already in there.

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01:30:40,560 --> 01:30:45,145

We also have a Twitter
account @EPAEnvJustice,

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01:30:45,169 --> 01:30:48,488

make sure you don't do
not spell out environmental,

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01:30:48,512 --> 01:30:53,601

somebody else has

a Twitter handle with that

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01:30:53,625 --> 01:30:58,653

and we also use that Twitter

handle to tweet about upcoming calls

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01:30:58,677 --> 01:31:04,320

and other kind of funding

opportunities and events and webinars.

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01:31:04,320 --> 01:31:09,219

And if you have any questions about what

you heard today or questions or suggestions

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01:31:09,243 --> 01:31:13,295

about how-- topics you may

would like to hear about in the future,

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01:31:13,319 --> 01:31:19,988

please send a follow-up question

or comment to our EPA email box

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01:31:20,012 --> 01:31:28,400

which is environmental-justice@EPA.gov and
we'll get back with you as quickly as possible.

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01:31:28,400 --> 01:31:30,560

And I think that pretty well covers it.

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01:31:30,560 --> 01:31:33,040

Do you--?

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01:31:33,040 --> 01:31:35,920

Okay.

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01:31:36,000 --> 01:31:38,027

Stephanie Coats you
raise a good question,

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01:31:38,051 --> 01:31:39,739

is there any way we
can create the Eventbrite

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01:31:39,763 --> 01:31:43,679

so we can register for multiple
EJ engagement calls at one time?

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01:31:43,679 --> 01:31:46,468

I understand and I think
that's something we are--

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01:31:46,492 --> 01:31:50,008

I have been kind of
exploring how we can do that

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01:31:50,032 --> 01:31:52,116

so that-- to each one because--

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01:31:52,140 --> 01:31:56,400

but the problem is each
engagement call has a unique link

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01:31:56,400 --> 01:31:59,228

and we're trying to figure out how we
can make sure we provide you

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01:31:59,252 --> 01:32:03,440

with the correct link

that changes every month

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but I think what we can do is explore

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01:32:06,000 --> 01:32:11,055

sending out a message from an Eventbrite to
all those who register for the previous month

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01:32:11,079 --> 01:32:17,809

like for today, those who registered and
the attendees, we can send out a message

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01:32:17,833 --> 01:32:21,200

to you guys "hey check it out,
here's our next call as a reminder."

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01:32:21,224 --> 01:32:23,188

So we're still trying to
figure that out because Zoom

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01:32:23,212 --> 01:32:29,337

and Eventbrite have their own little nuances
but I do take your comment very seriously

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01:32:29,361 --> 01:32:31,679

and we're trying to see
what we can do, thank you.

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01:32:31,679 --> 01:32:34,868

Christina Motilall: Also Victoria, I'm
just going to add to that very quickly,

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01:32:34,892 --> 01:32:39,263

you can follow our office on
Eventbrite and when you follow the office

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01:32:39,287 --> 01:32:42,467

you will get an email notification
when we add a new event,

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01:32:42,491 --> 01:32:46,554

so I'm going to drop that into
the chat-- the Q&A pod right now

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01:32:46,578 --> 01:32:52,159

and if you want to do that, that's also a way
that it can help remind you when we add events.

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01:32:52,159 --> 01:32:55,920

Matthew Tejada: And Crystal Bates is saying that
she might have a hack for a way to do this.

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01:32:55,920 --> 01:32:59,600

So Crystal would you email one of
us and share your wisdom?

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01:32:59,600 --> 01:33:03,256

Victoria Robinson: Yeah, yeah
robinson.victoria@EPA.gov,

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01:33:03,280 --> 01:33:07,008

it's kind of my Eventbrite
account [LAUGHS] for that.

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01:33:07,032 --> 01:33:11,040

So we'd love to hear from you.

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01:33:11,040 --> 01:33:15,247

We're trying to make it easier for
us as ease as well as for you guys,

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01:33:15,271 --> 01:33:17,828

that was certainly and oh I see
that you're driving,

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01:33:17,852 --> 01:33:19,428

okay we'll see your email.

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01:33:19,452 --> 01:33:20,712

Matthew Tejada: We'll email you.

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01:33:20,736 --> 01:33:24,320

Victoria Robinson: Yes, we'll email
you and with our information, thank you.

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01:33:24,320 --> 01:33:29,040

Okay I think that pretty well covers
it unless there's something else--

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01:33:29,040 --> 01:33:30,960

we'll keep people posted.

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01:33:30,960 --> 01:33:37,360

Matthew Tejada: Thank you to Julie and
Jackie as always, thank you all so much.

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01:33:37,360 --> 01:33:39,679

Victoria Robinson: Right, thank you, yes.

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01:33:39,679 --> 01:33:42,363

And I think and also for everybody
who worked behind the scenes

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01:33:42,387 --> 01:33:47,527

to help answer questions Christina
Motilall, Yvonne Gonzalez Brianna [UNINTELLIGIBLE]

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01:33:47,551 --> 01:33:49,920

and I'm
probably not pronouncing it correctly

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01:33:49,920 --> 01:33:55,783

who is from the Office of Groundwater
Drinking Water and Chitra and Larissa Mark

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01:33:55,807 --> 01:34:02,428

for their support on answering questions
related to the REACH program proposal,

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01:34:02,452 --> 01:34:05,970

thank you all and I hope you
all have a nice wonderful day.

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01:34:05,994 --> 01:34:11,199

I hope the weather is good for you like
it is for us here after intermittent rains

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01:34:11,199 --> 01:34:17,538

and see you guys if not before,
we'll see you in a month on June 21st.

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Thank you very much.

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01:34:21,040 --> 01:34:24,360

Matthew Tejada: Thanks everyone.