

Community Engagement Subcommittee

June update to the Environmental Justice Task Force

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Deliverables

1. Barriers to community engagement
2. Community Engagement Plan Guidance
3. Key recommendations

Key Recommendations

1

Each agency develops a community engagement plan, which must include the elements outlined in our Community Engagement Plan guidance.

Key Recommendations

2

Agencies use a consistent process to evaluate their services and programs for community engagement. These evaluations weigh the goals, potential for impact, and relevance to the community of the service/program, and the makeup of the impacted community.

Public Involvement Evaluation Tool

Site Information

Best Practices and Assumptions

- We assess at a higher level of public participation in the absence of technical information and experience in the community.
- If it goes "bad," what will we wish we had done at first.
- We will reassess at key decision points.
- This evaluation tool includes the defined cleanup site and the affected area.
- We are assuming that all of our sites are difficult to communicate with.

Scoring System - Adapted from IAP2 Evaluating Public Involvement

1-2 Very Low to Low – recommendation: at least inform.

3 Low to Moderate – recommendation: at least consult (public involvement).

4 Moderate to High – recommendation: probably involve.

5 High to Maximum – recommendation: maximum involve, or

IAP2 Spectrum of Public Participation

IAP2's Spectrum of Public Participation was designed to assist with the selection of the level of participation that defines the public's role in any public participation process. The Spectrum is used internationally, and it is found in public participation plans around the world.

INCREASING IMPACT ON THE DECISION

	INFORM	CONSULT	INVOLVE	COLLABORATE	EMPOWER
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION GOAL	To provide the public with balanced and objective information to assist them in understanding the problem, alternatives, opportunities and/or solutions.	To obtain public feedback on analysis, alternatives and/or decisions.	To work directly with the public throughout the process to ensure that public concerns and aspirations are consistently understood and considered.	To partner with the public in each aspect of the decision including the development of alternatives and the identification of the preferred solution.	To place final decision making in the hands of the public.
PUBLIC PARTICIPATION LEVEL	We will keep you	We will	We will	We will	We will

iap2 International Association for Public Participation

Key Recommendations

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Evaluations determine:

- a. The agency's level of engagement for the project.
- b. The potential for outcomes the public can see from their engagement in the process.

Key Recommendations

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Agencies then communicate both determinations in their outreach process.

Goals:

- *Clear agency commitment*
- *Public can make informed decisions about level of engagement*
- *Appropriate expectations*

Key Recommendations

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When agency decisions have potential to impact a specific community, agencies work with representatives of that community to identify outreach and communication methods.

Key Recommendations

4

Agencies use equity-focused hiring practices and inclusion-focused professional development to build and support an internal staff that represents the cultural and racial makeup of the population they serve.

Key Recommendations

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Agencies consistently integrate tribal engagement into their outreach work when a program or service has potential to impact Indigenous peoples, Tribal members, or their resources, using tailored approaches based on the needs of the Tribal and or Indigenous community.

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Recommendations

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When agencies ask for representation from a specific geographical or cultural community, the agencies actively support such representation in recognition of the costs of engagement borne by community members. Examples of support include financial compensation, transportation, and food and childcare at meetings.

Key Recommendations

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Agencies integrate compliance with existing laws and policies that guide community engagement into the budgets of their services and programs. For example:

- Title VI of the Civil Rights Act
- Executive Order 05-03
- Executive Order 13166

Questions?
