

Local Government Advisory Committee Fact Sheet

What is EPA's Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC)?

The Local Government Advisory Committee is an officially chartered committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA). Its purpose is to provide advice and recommendations that assist the EPA in developing a stronger partnership with Local Governments through building state and local capacity to deliver environmental services and programs. The committee provides recommendations to the EPA on a broad range of topics, including: regulatory innovation and reform, environmental protection tools, pollution prevention, new technologies, performance measurement, and appropriate roles of the various governmental levels in efficient and coordinated environmental management.

Key Accomplishments:

- **Sustainable Water Infrastructure DVD and Case Studies-** A tool for local governments promoting capitol investments in water and sewer infrastructure.
- **Guide for Local Government Officials-** A reference pocket guide for local government officials that provided listings for federal government resources.
- **Great Lakes Program-**A discussion that provided key recommendations to improve coordination and engage local governments in the Great Lakes initiative.
- **EPA's Recycling Toolkit and Calculator-**A set of recommendations provided to the EPA's Office of Solid Waste to improve outreach to encourage recycling programs in small communities.
- **Legacy Diesel Fleet Recommendations-** A set of comments submitted on EPA's recommendations to address diesel emissions.
- **EPA Strategic Plan for 2006-2011-**A set of comments that provided recommendations on Agency's Strategic Plan.

LGAC Members

The Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) requires that advisory committee membership be balanced in terms of the points of view represented and the functions performed by the committee. The LGAC is unique in having members that are locally elected officials such as mayors, county executives, commissioners, and others that represent key interests of local governments.



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- Water
- Solid Waste
- Indicators
- Regulatory
- Watersheds and Coastlines
- Military issues

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What are “Small Communities” and how are they important to EPA?

EPA generally defines small communities as a town that serves 2,500 residents or less. There are estimated to be over 26,000 small town governments in this country that deal with drinking water systems, incinerators, storm water systems, and landfills. Some of these communities own underground storage tanks, chemical and pesticide storage sites and gravel pits. Small communities also own electric utility plants including coal power, nuclear, natural gas and steam generating plants. These communities effectively handle environmental issues such as solid waste, medical waste, and hazardous waste. EPA and these small communities share the common mission of protecting human health and the environment.

The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) Chairperson: Steve Jenkins

The Small Community Advisory Subcommittee (SCAS) is a subcommittee of the Local Government Advisory Committee (LGAC) and was established by the EPA in 1996 to advise the Administrator on environmental issues of concern to residents of smaller communities. The SCAS is an independently appointed subcommittee of the LGAC and was created as a response to the tailored and specific needs of small communities.



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