

Bringing state and small local government officials together proactively to address environmental concerns

WORKING TOGETHER

WHY WAIT?

ACT NOW TO TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

STATES & COMMUNITIES

TAKE ACTION

Your EPA Regional Small Community Contact

- Would you like to be more confident that you are aware of all of your environmental requirements?
- Would you like to have the regulator working *with* you?
- Would you like to have a realistic and workable plan to get into full environmental compliance and stay there?
- Did you know that having an environmental management system for your governmental operations can improve your bond rating and reduce your insurance premiums?

THE SMALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE POLICY

CAN HELP

www.epa.gov/compliance/incentives/smallcommunities/index.html

SMALL LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



INCREASE COMPLIANCE CONFIDENCE

TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR ENVIRONMENTAL FUTURE

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE POLICY

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POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES & BENEFITS

- Comprehensive Environmental Evaluation & Implementation Plan
- Flexible Compliance Options
- Improved Bond Rating
- Reduced Insurance Premiums
- Environmental Problems Corrected Before They Start
- Designed for Communities of up to 3,300* Residents
 - *up to 10,000 residents if a state assessment determines the local government is unlikely to achieve compliance without assistance

STATE EMPOWERMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL
MANAGEMENT
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Small governments can significantly reduce or even eliminate noncompliance penalties.



A POLICY THAT WORKS FOR YOU

Small local governments begin by working with their state to assess their compliance with environmental regulations. Small governments must commit to correcting any violations that are found.

If the local government cannot correct its violations in 180 days, it must either enter into an enforceable agreement with a schedule for correcting the violations or commit to developing and implementing an environmental management system. EPA may then defer to the state's decision to decrease or waive normal noncompliance penalties.



EPA's Policy applies only to non-criminal violations, and violations that do not create imminent or substantial danger to public health.

PROTECT YOUR WORLD

EPA retains all enforcement authorities, including the discretion to initiate enforcement actions addressing violations that may present endangerment to public health or the environment.

