OUTCOME NOTES

Feedback Session 5: Air Permitting Innovations: What should the future direction for innovations in air permitting be, and who will play a role in implementing these innovations?

Please focus the discussion to provide a short list of "headlines" (primary issues, major problems, demonstrated successes to emulate, etc.) and recommendations for EPA action (program or tool development, facilitation of State action, etc.).

SESSION "HEADLINES":

- Session participants indicated a strong support for current EPA activities related to air permitting innovations, including the Flexible Permitting Rule and the Air Permit Innovations Roadmap, which addresses electronic permitting, general permitting, Lean and permitting process improvements, and communications.

- EPA, permitting authorities, and industry see a need for continued efforts to share information on air permit innovations and to provide targeted training to air permit staff and industry.

- Many permitting authorities encounter similar issues with specific permitting procedures (e.g., ensuring application completeness), and there is a need for guidance and best practices for addressing these issues.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION (Declarative Statements):

- Permitting authority staff who are interested in innovating need concise fact sheets on innovations options, benefits, and implementation statistics in order to sell ideas to senior leadership.

- There is a need for training opportunities for permitting authority staff and industry representatives that provide detailed information on current implementation of air permitting innovations, such as flexible permitting. The preference is for Regional face-to-face workshops.

- There is a need for specific information on best practices for addressing common air permitting process concerns, including public involvement, connections with compliance monitoring, and ensuring application completeness.

- Overall, there is a need for a centralized, definitive source of current air permit innovations information.

*ASTERISK (*) THE MOST IMPORTANT - MOST COMPELLING