

TO: STAPPA/ALAPCO/EPA TRAINING COMMITTEE  
DATE: June 11, 2001

In anticipation of tomorrow's monthly STAPPA/ALAPCO/EPA Training Committee conference call, the following information reflects the final recommendations made on training grant proposals from the FY 2001 appropriations.

#### Summary of Process

Congress included report language in its FY 2001 EPA Budget appropriations bill that called on the agency to obtain the "concurrence" of state and local air agencies when spending Section 105 grant funds for national programs, including training for state and local air agencies. In follow-up, the STAPPA and ALAPCO Program Funding Committee (i.e., STAPPA and ALAPCO Boards of Directors and Committee Chairs) asked affected Committees (e.g., Training Committee) to ensure that EPA seeks and obtains the concurrence of STAPPA and ALAPCO where the agency proposes to use Section 105 grant funds for national air quality activities. By early 2001, EPA and STAPPA/ALAPCO agreed that \$1.8 million in FY 2001 Section 105 grant funds would be held off the top, compared to nearly \$4 million in the previous year. The STAPPA/ALAPCO Training Committee set up a process to fulfill its responsibility of providing concurrence in the allocation of the funds. The process called for training providers (e.g., regional consortia, training centers, training providers) to submit their FY 2002 [please note: the FY 2001 allocation generally will fund 2002 training activities] training proposals to EPA and the agency would make an initial recommendation to the Committee regarding how the agency would allocate the \$1.8 million in Section 105 funds among training providers. Then, the Committee would discuss and assess the recommendations and reach final agreement on the allocation of the "off the top" funds.

Prior to the May 2001 Training Committee conference call, EPA provided the Committee with its recommendations for allocating the \$1.8 million Section 105 grants in light of the training providers' proposals. The Committee discussed EPA's recommendations. EPA recommended that all proposals be approved, except for LADCO, which had received \$36,000 in FY 2000 and submitted a proposal seeking \$90,000 in FY 2001 Section 105 funds. EPA recommended that LADCO receive \$43,200 (an increase of \$7,200). During the May call, LADCO encouraged the Committee to consider adding an additional \$10,000 to EPA's recommendation (\$43,200 plus \$10,000) for a total FY 2001 allocation of \$53,200. The Committee agreed to increase LADCO's allocation by adding the unallocated balance (i.e., \$4,740) from the \$1.8 million and by the STAPPA/ALAPCO Training Committee Chairs identifying an equitable approach to propose for finding the additional \$5,260 needed to fund LADCO in FY 2001 at \$53,200. After soliciting input from other regional consortia and training providers, the Committee Chairs agreed that CARB's allocation (as recommended by EPA -- \$290,000) should be reduced by \$5,260, which would be reallocated to LADCO. Thus, the following amounts reflect the final allocation of Section 105 training grants from FY 2001 grant funds.

LADCO	\$ 53,200
WESTAR	\$ 255,000
MARAMA	\$ 135,000
NESCAUM	\$ 248,850
CenSARA	\$ 70,000
SESARM/METRO 4	\$ 64,500
CARB	\$ 284,740
EOHSI (Rutgers)	\$ 250,000
U. of Tennessee	\$ 100,000
U. of South Florida	\$ 11,000
U. of Texas-Arlington	\$ 155,000
Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo	\$ 42,500
U. of Cincinnati	\$ 46,890
U. of Illinois-Chicago	\$ 51,820
Rutgers University (ATC)	\$ 31,500
TOTAL	\$ 1,800,000

We will discuss this briefly on the conference call (as needed). For further information, contact Dave Wallenberg of STAPPA/ALAPCO.

EPA has notified us that the final grant packages are being processed at this time.