Public Outreach Subcommittee Report Statewide Committee Meeting November 19, 2004

The Public Outreach Subcommittee met on November 15, 2004 at the Centre County Solid Waste Authority in Bellefonte, PA. Participants included:

Phyllis Chant, Potomac Betty Conner, Lower Susquehanna Ron Evanko, Lower Susquehanna Todd Giddings, Upper Susquehanna Susan Obleski, SRBC Deb Simko, Ohio Mike Stokes, Delaware Hank Webster, Upper Susquehanna Alice Kline, DEP Lori Mohr, DEP

Three main topics were discussed for Statewide Committee consideration:

- 1. End of Year Summary/Press Release
 - 2004 accomplishments
 - 2005 goals
 - Inspirational message about why the State Water Plan is important and why public participation is critical

2. Request for a commitment from Statewide and Regional committee members to provide a link on their organization's website(s) to the Act 220 site and include Act 220 articles in their organization's newsletter(s)

- 3. Phase 2 Outreach in 2005
 - a. Create text for the regional priority lists (i.e., fact sheets)
 - b. Hold regional forums
 - Public meeting, but largely by invitation (use regional stakeholder lists)
 - Assessment of our work have we picked the right issues; are we on the mark?
 - c. Hold public meetings/hearings
 - "Solicit input (from the general public) on water resources management and water resources planning within the region"
 - Use regional "priorities" as baseline for discussion