

Opportunity to Submit Project Ideas for Consideration as Supplemental Environmental Projects

EPA is collecting project ideas for inclusion in a "SEP Library" for use by Agency enforcement staff in future enforcement cases, in which a Supplemental Environmental Project (SEP) is being considered as part of settlement discussions. SEPs are projects that are undertaken voluntarily by defendants/respondents in settlement of an enforcement action. SEPs are projects that provide public health or environmental benefits beyond those provided by actions required for the defendant/respondent to return to compliance.

We intend to include in our SEP Library project ideas that may be considered for potential use in future settlements. In an individual enforcement action, EPA staff may use the SEP Library as a resource, but there will be no requirement to do so. Project ideas may be added to the SEP Library without prior EPA review. Because the determination as to what type of SEP would be appropriate depends upon the particular enforcement action, submission of a project idea to EPA does not guarantee that the project will be included as a SEP in an enforcement settlement.

When evaluating a proposed project for inclusion as a SEP in a settlement document, the Agency considers many factors. The most important factors are the public health or environmental benefits expected from the project, and the relationship of the project to the underlying violation in the enforcement action. Other factors include such things as the pollutant of concern, geographic location of the proposed project, impact on sensitive human populations, impact on sensitive ecosystems, type of project, estimated cost, and length of time estimated for project to be implemented or completed. In addition, EPA must ensure that SEPs do not augment EPA's appropriations.

If you would like to submit a project idea for the SEP Library, please submit a detailed description of the proposed project idea to:

SEP Library

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