



**Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment
and the
California Integrated Waste Management Board**



**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
To The
Cumulative Impacts and Precautionary Approaches Work Group**

Background

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA) Environmental Justice Action Plan¹ identifies the Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) and the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) as the leads for developing Cal/EPA's guidance on cumulative impacts (CI) and precautionary approaches (PA), respectively. Specifically, OEHHA is tasked to focus on analytical methods for assessing CI, and make recommendations on how CI analysis may be implemented in the current regulatory and policy structure. The CIWMB is tasked to identify reasonable cost-effective PA to prevent or minimize adverse environmental impacts and develop proposals in relation to policy, regulatory, and statutory changes.

The working definitions for CI and PA as adopted by the Cal/EPA Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (IWG) are as follows:

“Cumulative impacts means exposures, public health, or environmental effects from the combined emissions and discharges in a geographic area, including environmental pollution from all sources, whether single or multi-media, routinely, accidentally, or otherwise released. Impacts will take into account sensitive populations and socio-economic factors, where applicable and to the extent data are available.”

“Precautionary approach means taking anticipatory action to protect public health or the environment if a reasonable threat of serious harm exists based upon the best available science and other relevant information, even if absolute and undisputed scientific evidence is not available to assess the exact nature and extent of risk.”

CIPA Work Group

OEHHA and the CIWMB are forming a CI and PA Work Group (CIPA Work Group) to bring in the needed stakeholder input in the development of the Cal/EPA's CI and PA guidance documents. CI and PA have areas that overlap conceptually. Thus, OEHHA and the CIWMB will combine their workgroup activities by forming one CIPA Work Group.

OEHHA and the CIWMB are developing a contract with an academic expert to facilitate the CIPA Work Group process and seek input from all CIPA Work Group participants and other sources. The goal of creating one CIPA Work Group is to ensure that both CI and PA are addressed in a coordinated manner.

¹ The Cal/EPA Environmental Justice Action Plan and The Cal/EPA Intra-Agency Environmental Justice Strategy may be viewed on-line at <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/>

OEHHA and the CIWMB seek to convene a CIPA Work Group with approximately 15-20 members representing: academia, regulatory agencies, environmental organizations, community groups, industry and agriculture. Members of the Cal/EPA Environmental Justice Advisory Committee (CEJAC) are encouraged to apply to participate in the CIPA Work Group. Desirable expertise of applicants include: exposure assessment, risk assessment and management, environmental justice, epidemiology, public health, and/or environmental laws, regulations and programs.

OEHHA and the CIWMB, with the assistance of academic contractor(s), will develop agendas, assemble relevant information, and coordinate integration of presentations and materials by different experts as needed for CIPA Work Group meetings.

Role of the CIPA Work Group

The CIPA Work Group is expected to do the following:

- Review inventories of relevant CI and PA studies, methodologies and guidance.
- Advise regarding the development and evaluation of a proposed concepts framework document for CI assessment and PA.
- Advise regarding the development and integration of tools for the evaluation of CI.
- Advise regarding the evaluation of suitable opportunities for incorporation of CI into environmental decision-making.
- Advise regarding where additional PA may be incorporated into Cal/EPA's Boards, Departments, and Office (BDO) environmental programs.
- Advise regarding reasonable, cost-effective approaches that could be used to prevent or minimize adverse environmental impacts.
- Advise regarding future implementation options, including proposals for policy, regulatory, and statutory changes for CI and PA.

CIPA Work Group Meetings

Four to six public CIPA Work Group meetings will be held in Sacramento between Fall 2007 and Fall 2008. CIPA Work Group members from non-profit organizations will be reimbursed for their travel to CIPA Work Group meetings and or activities. Meetings will be noticed at least 10 days prior to the scheduled meeting date.

Interaction with CEJAC

The academic contractor(s), OEHHA, and the CIWMB staff will update the CEJAC periodically, on the progress of the CIPA Work Group activities and seek CEJAC's input on the issues under discussion.

Application Process

The applications should include each of the following:

- A cover letter stating your expertise and experience working on environmental and/or environmental justice issues and reasons for your interest in serving on this CIPA Work Group.
- A curriculum vitae or résumé.
- A completed Application Form (printed on page 5).

Applicants should be prepared to submit letters of support (minimum of two) at a later time as a part of the application process.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received by fax or be postmarked no later than ~~October 1, 2007~~ October 15, 2007 [The deadline for applications has been extended. If you do not receive confirmation of receipt of your application within three days of submission, please contact OEHHA or John Faust at the telephone number below.]

Please mail or fax your completed application package to either of the following:

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Questions may be directed to John Faust at (510) 622-3185.

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APPLICATION FORM

Please legibly print or type

Section 1 – Contact Information	
First name:	Last name:
Title:	
Organization:	
Mailing Address:	City: Zip code:
Residential Address:	City: Zip code:
Day Phone: ()	Alternate Day Phone: ()
E-mail Address:	Fax:
Section 2 - Representation	
Please check the box representing your affiliation:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Academia	<input type="checkbox"/> Community/Environmental Justice organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Business/Industry	<input type="checkbox"/> Regulatory agency
Section 3 – Expertise	
Please check the box representing your expertise:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental justice	<input type="checkbox"/> Exposure assessment
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental law	<input type="checkbox"/> Public health
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental programs	<input type="checkbox"/> Risk assessment or management
<input type="checkbox"/> Environmental regulation	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (explain):
<input type="checkbox"/> Epidemiology	_____