

Appendix D – Response to Comments

On July 3, 2007, B. Sachau submitted comments to EPA on the ICR for the Questionnaire for Nominees for the Annual National Clean Water Act Recognition Awards. EPA ICR No. 1287.09, OMB Control No. 2040-0101. Following is a *verbatim* reproduction of the comment and EPA's response.

Comment:

General Comment:public comment on federal register of 7/3/07 vol 72 #127 pg 36449
epa frl 8334-6 docket 2003-0064 national clean water act award fun and games omb
2040-0101 attention gajindar singh

i think this is a waste of tax dollars. it seems that when one contacts the epa they are not concentrating or focusing on what really is their job - to make sure we have clean/air/water. i think this banquet stuff is a real time waster. i know i contacted epa in ny several weeks ago regarding lead deposition from a shooting range on the passaic river in florham park nj and have had absolutely no response from t his agency several weeks later to indicate that they are at all interested in this complaint about lead depositoin going into the river. i guess they are too busy planning awards ceremonies.

i just think this award and "ceremony" thing takes away from the work that is vital. lead lasts for ten thousand years in the environment once deposited.

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Response:

EPA acknowledges the comment. However, Section 501 (e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), as amended authorizes a program to recognize municipalities and industries that demonstrate outstanding technological achievements, innovative processes, devices or other outstanding methods in their waste treatment and pollution abatement programs. The program is intended educate the public about the contributions that publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities make to clean water and to recognize communities that go far beyond the minimum needed to meet Clean Water Act requirements.