

**AFS—News and Issues**  
**NACAA 2008**



# Acronyms used in this presentation...

- AFS: Air Facility System
- CDX: Central Data Exchange
- HOD: Host on Demand
- ICIS: Integrated Compliance Information System
- MDR: Minimum Data Requirement
- NESCAUM: The Clean Air Association of New England States
- OECA: Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance
- OEI: Office of Environmental Information
- RCRA: Resource Conservation Recovery Act
- TV: Title V
- UI: Universal Interface

# AFS Business Case...

- An AFS Business Case has recently been completed:
  - Required by OMB for information technology modernization.
  - Enables management to decide if project has value.
  - Enables management to assess/compare merits of alternative proposals.

# Business Case Findings...

- State/Local agencies need a modernized, secure, web-accessible and user-friendly information system to support air program analyses and to support new agency-wide initiatives
- AFS definitely needs to be modernized to meet the needs of Air Compliance and Enforcement communities

# Business Case Findings continued...

- Interviewees report a definite system weakness of data dealing with some of the Minimum Data Requirements (MDRs):
  - Compliance Status
  - Source Classification
  - Reporting of Violations
  - Air Program Subparts
- Several modernization options show promise and will be investigated further:
  - Joining the Air National Emissions Inventory (NEI) System
  - Replicating RCRA Info
  - Integration with ICIS

# Next Steps...

- Closeness of Fit Analysis with ICIS:  
Expected early FY09
- Formal Alternatives Analysis: Projected  
FY09 and beyond

# AFS News...



*We've had  
great participation!*

- Quarterly National AFS Calls:
  - Quarterly calls with users to review data reporting issues and share information
  - Next call is June 25, 2008
  - Almost 100 participants during March call
- Ongoing Air Toxics data quality initiative:
  - Glass Manufacturers
  - Boat Manufacturers
  - Petroleum Refineries
  - Auto & Light Duty Trucks
  - Fabric, Printing, Coating and Dyeing

# AFS News continued...

- AFS Training:
  - Web training will be incorporated during FY09
  - Training at EPA HQ July 15-17, 2008
  - Additional training scheduled as warranted
- Host on Demand (HOD) Version 10 added on June 4, 2008



# AFS News continued...

- Universal Interface (UI):
  - EPA supports this “middleware” between your system and AFS to facilitate reporting
  - Update and enhancements for the software for XML data exchange projected FY09
  - NESCAUM has been awarded another grant to work with UI users to:
    - Push/Pull data from State/Local Partners
    - Enhance communication between UI Users
    - Conduct Training
  - Best Practices of State/Local agency systems to be showcased via upcoming webinars

# AFS News continued...

**WANTED**  
*Grant Projects!*

*Proposals  
Due July 8*

- **OECA Grants:**

- OECA STAG grants are now available! The Project Solicitation Announcement is now out and can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/publications/state/stag/fy08-stagsolicitation.pdf>

# AFS News continued...

- OECA Grants:
  - This grant opportunity supports the following:
    - Use of the UI
    - Cleanup of data for transmission to AFS
    - Feasibility studies of electronic transfer of data (e.g., TV Certifications, Quarterly Reports, required information)
    - Training
    - Automatic Generation of Compliance Status


# AFS News continued...

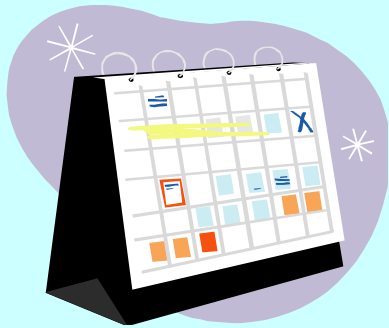
- AFS and CDX:
  - No existing interface between AFS and CDX portal at this time
  - An AFS schema exists, but software necessary to read and apply data not available
  - State/Local agencies are encouraged to apply for grants (OECA/OEI) to clean up historic data and prepare for schema compilation

# AFS News continued...

- AFS ICR:
  - The renewal for the AFS ICR is currently in its 2<sup>nd</sup> public comment period. Comments are due by July 2, 2008.
  - The ICR has NO CHANGES for data entry!
  - To view the ICR go to:  
[www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov)  
Search on:  
Docket EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0380

# AFS News continued...

- FY09 National AFS Workshop
  - Planned for March 16-20, 2009
  - Orlando, FL 
  - Emphasis on training, training, and more training!
  - Registration fee will be requested to help with expenses



**Mark your calendar!**

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<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/systems/air/afssystem.html>