



# SEP Informational Session



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## Meeting Agenda

Time	Description	Who
3:00	Sign-in	
3:05	Welcome	Liz
3:15	Introductions	All
3:20	SEP Overview Presentation	Rachel
3:35	Answers to questions submitted prior to meeting	Rachel & Liz
3:45	New questions	All
4:15	Next Steps	Liz
4:30	Adjourn	



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## Meeting Goals

- Share information about this Community SEP Process.
- Answer your questions regarding the Request for SEP Applications; and
- Provide a networking opportunity as the application encourages partnership and collaboration among organizations.



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## Ground Rules

- Set phones to silent.
- Start and end session on time.
- Only one person talks at a time.
- Raise your hand to speak and identify yourself and your affiliation. Speak loudly so folks on the phone can hear.
- Limit side conversations.
- Stay focused. Question issues and ideas, not people.
- Questions beyond the scope of this meeting will be recorded in the parking lot and addressed outside of this meeting.
- Help us improve! Please fill out an evaluation sheet before you leave.



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## **Webinar Participants**

- Please mute your phone.
- Do not put the conference call on-hold.
- If you are having trouble hearing, tell us!
- Enter all questions in the chat box and we will alternate answering new questions at the end of the meeting in the room and then from the phone. Please include your name and affiliation when typing your question.



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## **Introductions**

Please state your name and organization.

We'll start with folks in the room and then go to folks on the phone.



# Supplemental Environmental Projects Overview



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# What is a SEP?

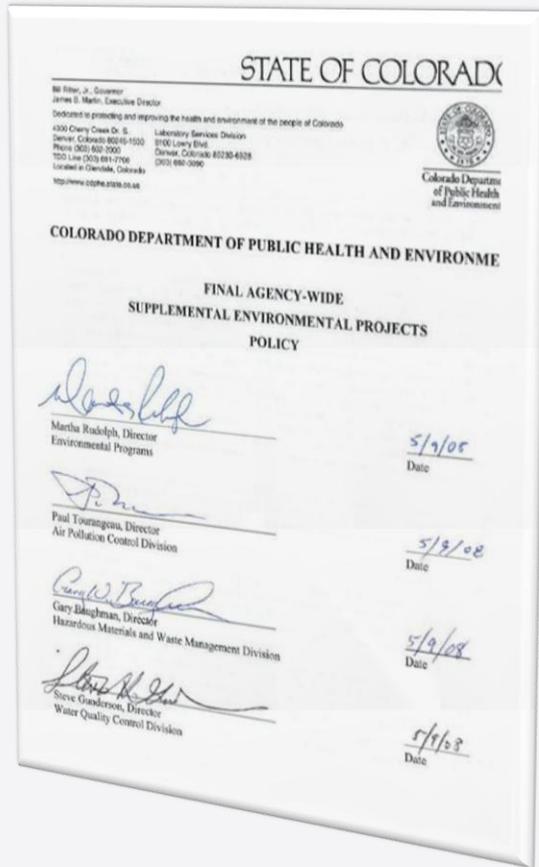


## Four main criteria:

- Project implemented voluntarily as a result of an enforcement action
- Project that produces environmental or public health benefit
- Beyond what is required for compliance
- Compliance with the Department's SEP Policy.



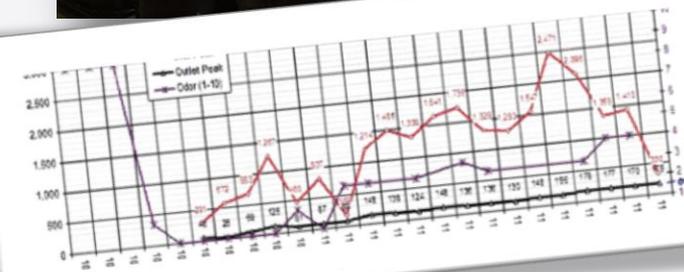
# CDPHE SEP Policy



- Offers a more lenient approach to SEPs than the EPA as the policy does not have a media nexus requirement to the violation.
- Includes a preference for a geographic nexus to violation.
- Stresses the need to quantify benefits and emphasizes reporting requirements.
- Does not allow the Department to accept or manage SEP funds.



# Types of SEPs

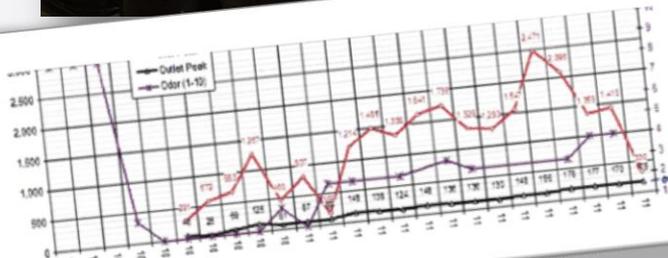
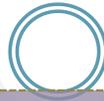


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# Eligible Categories of SEPs



**1) Pollution Prevention** – any project that substantially reduces or prevents the generation or creation of pollutants through:

- ✦ Source Reduction
- ✦ Alternative/Renewable Energy
- ✦ Waste Minimization (closed-loop processes or other efficiency measures)
- ✦ In-process Recycling
- ✦ Conservation/Energy Efficiency





# Eligible Categories of SEPs



## 2) Environmental Restoration and Protection

- ✦ Development of conservation and/or protection programs
- ✦ Conservation easements and buffer zones
- ✦ Wetlands and stream restoration





# Eligible Categories of SEPs



## 3) Environmental Education and Training



- ✦ Must include an “action component” providing measurable environmental outcomes.
- ✦ Foster positive environmental behavior changes.
- ✦ Raise awareness and advance critical thinking and decision-making skills.

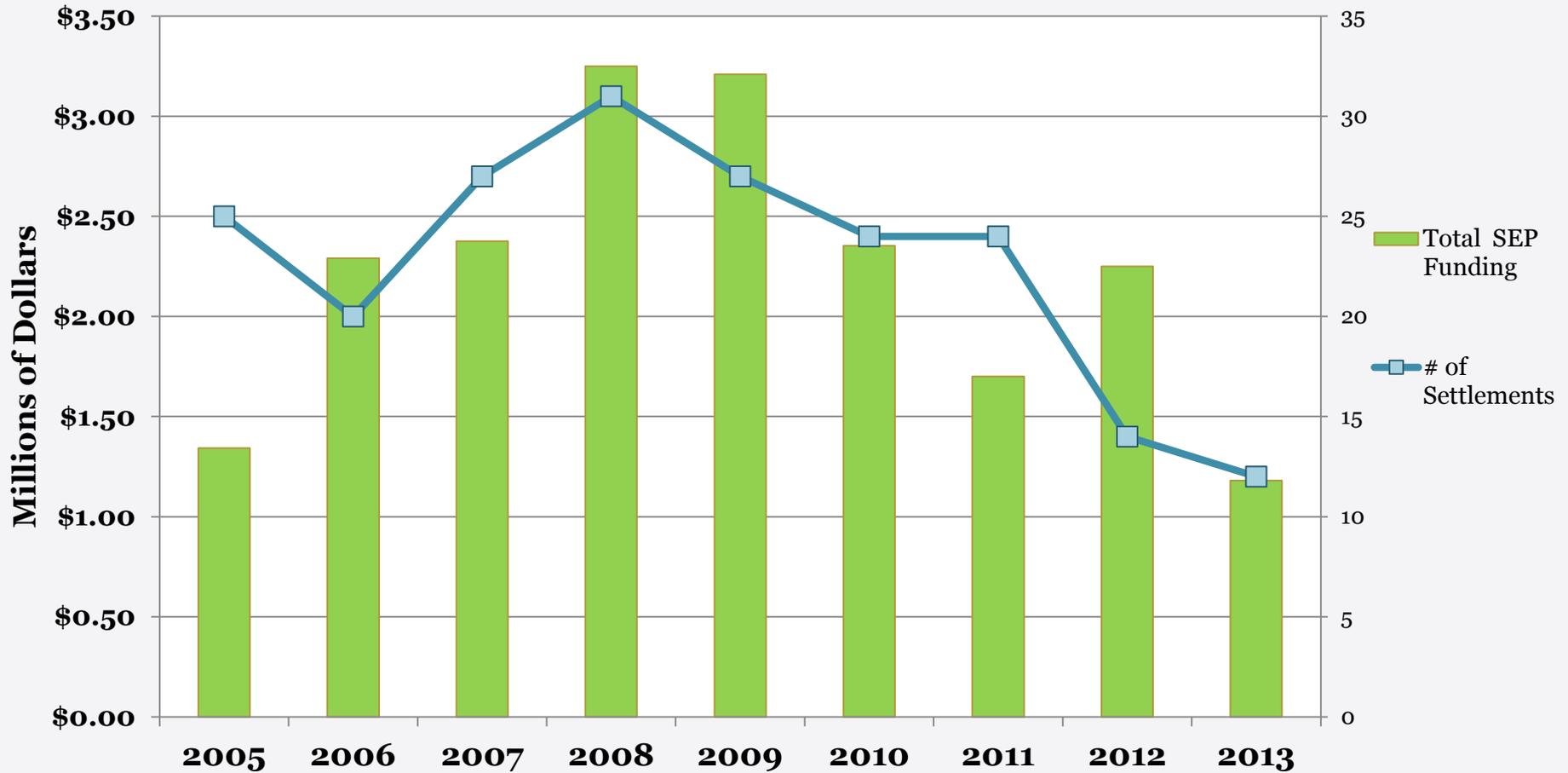




# SEP Statistics



## CDPHE Total SEPs by Year





# 2012 SEP Pilot Stats



- A pilot was implemented in partnership with Suncor Energy and provided the template for the process we are using.
- In all, 40 applicants responded to the solicitation requesting over \$7.3 million in funding.
- 8 applications were approved for funding for a total of \$1.2 million.



# 2012 Approved Projects



Organization	Title	Amount
Adams County	Energy Efficiency Upgrade at Adams County Head Start Administration Building and Adjoining Food Pantry	\$21,000
City and County of Denver	Northeast Denver Sustainable Business Partnership	\$230,000
Denver Public Schools	Northeast Denver, Denver Public Schools Bundled Energy, Water and Waste Reduction Project	\$175,460
Environmental Learning for Kids	ELK Youth Naturally	\$100,000
Groundwork Denver	Commerce City Energy Efficiency Upgrades	\$315,448
Regional Air Quality Council	Adams 14 School District Clean School Buses	\$273,425
Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership	RIHEL Advanced Leadership Training Program – Tier 1 Participation	\$30,000
Sand Creek Regional Greenway Partnership	Paved Trail for the Sand Creek Regional Greenway	\$99,500





# How is this Process Different?



## Similar to the 2012 SEP Pilot

- greater amount of time for the SEP selection;
- publically solicits for detailed project applications;
- convenes an informational session;
- develops a formal evaluation process with a review committee that includes representation from CDPHE, Noble Energy, and Weld County.



# General RFA Overview



- Requests must be greater than \$250,000 and not exceed \$500,000.
- The body of the application is limited to **8** pages, including cover sheet with an additional **8** pages allowed for the appendix.
- Applications due at **2:00 pm** on **July 29**.
- Single electronic document
- Send early! Do not send files over 10 MB.



# Website Updates



The SEP website will be updated to include a copy of this presentation and a list of questions and answers reviewed at this meeting.

SEP Website:

<http://www.colorado.gov/cdphe/SEP>

Click on “Community SEP Process”



# Answers to Submitted Questions



A copy of all questions and answers will be made available after the meeting via e-mail and also posted on the SEP website.





# New Questions





# Next Steps



- We will post all questions and answers by Monday, July 20.
- Applications due at **2:00 pm on Wednesday, July 29.**
- You will receive notification of your application status by September 15.



## Next Steps



# Thank you!

Please complete an evaluation form and leave us your feedback on this session as well as the overall process.

If you are joining us via webinar, an evaluation form will be e-mailed to you.