



To: CSO Members
From: National Office
Date: August 13, 2001
Subject: AMSA CSO SURVEY

Action Please By:
September 7, 2001

AMSA is conducting a national survey of its CSO members to report on the progress made and challenges facing communities under the *CSO Control Policy*. This information will be presented in a report that AMSA will release in early September in coordination with EPA's own *CSO Report to Congress*. To date, about 60 percent of AMSA's 81 CSO members have participated in the survey. In order to make this survey truly representative of AMSA's national coverage on this issue, we are hoping to get a greater amount of input on the survey. Please note that you may not have received the original survey due to our incomplete records on CSO members. We now have an updated list and are reaching out to all members who have not yet completed the survey.

The enclosed *AMSA CSO Survey Form* was developed by the National Office, with input from members of an ad-hoc CSO Working Group. ***Please review and complete the enclosed survey form, and return it to AMSA by Friday, September 7.*** To save time, you can focus on the following questions: 1, 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 20, 23, and 24. It is not necessary at this time to complete the remaining questions.

Please note that all information will be presented in aggregate form. No agencies will be identified in AMSA's report by name.

Please use the following instructions as a guide to completing the enclosed form:

1. ***Where to send forms:*** Complete the survey form and return to AMSA c/o Greg Schaner by ***Friday, August 17.*** Completed forms can be faxed to 202/833-4657 or emailed to gschaner@amsa-cleanwater.org.
2. ***Questions:*** Feel free to call Greg Schaner at 202/296-9836 or Jennifer Burke at 202/533-1801.

Thank you again for your assistance.

ENCLOSURE

AMSA CSO Survey Form

<u>Contact Information</u>		
Name:		
Agency:		
Phone/Fax/email:		
<u>Program Status</u>		
<p>1. Have you fully implemented the Nine Minimum Controls that were part of EPA's <i>National CSO Control Policy</i>, or the equivalent minimum measures required in your state? If you answered "no", please check those measures that have been completed (see below).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> G Proper operation and regular maintenance programs G Maximum use of the collection system for storage G Modify pretreatment requirements to minimize CSO impacts G Maximization of flow to POTW for treatment G Prohibition of CSOs during dry weather G Control of solid and floatable materials in CSOs G Pollution prevention G Public notification of CSO occurrences and CSO impacts G CSO Monitoring to characterize CSO impacts/controls 	G Yes	G No
<p>2. If you have not implemented all nine minimum controls, what are the primary reasons? To the extent possible, please highlight cost, affordability, legal, or administrative issues.</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		
<p>3. Have you developed a Long Term Control Plan (LTCP)?</p>	G Yes	G No
<p>4. Has your LTCP been approved?</p>	G Yes	G No
<p>5. If you answered "no" to # 4, please provide some background on the primary reasons why the LTCP has not yet been approved?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>		

6. Is your LTCP based on EPA's "presumption approach" or "demonstration approach"?
 Presumption approach
 Demonstration approach
 Neither

7. To what extent have you implemented your LTCP? _____ %

8. What are the primary reasons for not fully implementing your LTCP? To the extent possible, please highlight cost, affordability, legal, or administrative issues.



Cost / Affordability Issues

9. What are the estimated capital and O & M costs for your LTCP when fully implemented? What is the estimated capital and O & M costs of your implemented nine minimum controls (NMCs)?

LTCP Capital: _____ NMC Capital: _____

LTCP O & M: _____ NMC O & M: _____

10. What is your estimate of the amount invested to date on implementing the LTCP? What is your estimate of the amount invested to date on your implemented nine minimum controls (NMCs)?

LTCP Capital: _____ NMC Capital: _____

NMC O & M: _____ NMC Capital: _____

11. Over what time period will your investment in the LTCP occur? _____

12. What percentage of your capital improvement plan budget (CIP) is dedicated to your LTCP? _____ %

13. What is the ratio of your community's current annual median household income to your current average annual sewer service rates (if known)? (**Note:** EPA considers 2% as the cutoff for affordability.)

Worksheet for current rates/income:

a. Average annual sewer rates = _____

b. Annual medium income = _____

c. "a" ÷ "b" = _____

14. What is the ratio of your community's annual median household income to your projected future average annual sewer service rates after full implementation of your LTCP (if known)?

Worksheet for rates/income following LTCP implementation:

a. Average annual sewer rates = _____

b. Annual medium income = _____

c. "a" ÷ "b" = _____

15. If you are funding your LTCP through alternative mechanisms (i.e., other than sewer rates), please describe:

Compliance with State Water Quality Standards

16. When your LTCP has been fully implemented, will water quality standards be attained?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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17. If you answered "no" to # 16, will remaining exceedances be attributed to CSOs?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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18. If you answered "no" to # 17, will remaining exceedances be attributed to other sources?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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19. If you answered "yes" to # 18, please specify which sources will cause continued exceedances and their relative contribution if known.

20. If you answered "no" to # 17, is your state reviewing and/or revising the applicable water quality standards to account for wet weather conditions?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
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21. If you answered "yes" to # 20, please provide brief description of the revised standard or the options being explored?

22. If continuing water quality standards exceedances are expected after implementation of your CSO LTCP, what other programs are under way that will address those problems?

Performance Measurement / Monitoring

23. Have you reduced CSOs in your system since 1994?

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Yes

G No

24. If you answered "yes" to # 23, please specify:

Percentage reduction in frequency: _____

Percentage reduction in volume: _____

25. If you answered "yes" to #23, please specify which control measures resulted in the greatest reduction?

26. What accomplishments did your CSO control program make prior to 1994?
