



**New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary Program
Management Committee Meeting Minutes of August 15, 2002
Location: Hudson River Foundation Offices**

(Final)

The Management Committee meeting was convened at 10:00 at the USEPA Offices. Bob Nyman chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the July 15, 2002 Management Committee meetings were distributed and comments were requested in two weeks.

Participation by HEP members at several upcoming conferences and meetings was reviewed, including: the Association of National Estuary Programs meeting in Ocean City, MD; the National Forum on Contaminants in Fish and Advisory Programs in Burlington, VT; the Invasive Species Conference in Boston, MA; and the National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration in Baltimore, MD.

An overview was given on a HEP volunteer monitoring work shop that is being planned for April 2003. EPA HQ is providing some support and funding. Laura Bartovics is the lead for HEP on planning the work shop.

Bob Nyman then discussed the status of the draft Targets and Goals document. Dave Rosenblatt suggested adding an additional column that would show the affect of the work plan action on the baseline target. It was suggested that the goals be highlighted in the document or that there be a separate document for them so that the Policy Committee could focus on them without being distracted by work plan actions.

Indicators were discussed and an example that was given of dissolved oxygen in 1972 and 2000. Additional examples were also discussed. It was agreed that some of the draft indicators would be presented to the Policy Committee.

There was then discussion about the proposed Governors/EPA Administrator signing ceremony. The Management Committee agreed that it was important to do, but that we may not be ready yet. Genie Flatow suggested putting it off until the Spring. The MC agreed.

Regarding the Policy Committee agenda, the draft agenda was approved, with the possible addition of a discussion on program structure.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00.