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Do the following categories adequately provide for the types of benefits that you would like to see in a community benefit agreement?

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The current air permitting process is robust and scientifically sound, so the need for cumulative impact analyses and subsequent community benefit agreements should be rare.

The MPCA is considering prioritizing the following categories (the same categories from the previous question) based on their ability to offset environmental and public health stressors in a community. Would you support this approach?

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I would not support this approach as the current air permitting process is robust and scientifically sound. We do not need to create a problem in search of a solution.

Who should represent communities in a community benefit agreement?

Rather than creating new groups or panels to provide community representation in the CBA process, the MPCA should consider existing processes already in place at the city/county level.

What methods should be required for holding public meetings? What information is most important to include in a public meeting notice?

Methods and information for public meetings should not be overly prescriptive so it can be tailored to the situation and community involved. A list of options could be developed for public meeting formats and design and specific public meeting plans can be developed from those options through discussions between the MPCA and the permittee.

What methods should be required for taking public comments and communicating back what was heard?

The MPCA should consider public noticing the CBA in conjunction with the air permit. The standard process for responding to individual comments or comment themes would apply.