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**SUBJECT: PUBLIC COMMENT - DRAFT WAP, SEP, AND EECBG RECOVERY ACT  
REPORTING PROGRAM GUIDANCE – PROPOSED MONTHLY REPORTING  
REQUIREMENTS**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments to the referenced proposed changes. The County of Alameda is strongly opposed to the increased reporting requirements (new monthly reports in addition to the current quarterly reporting schedule). We feel that the current quarterly reporting requirements are sufficient to capture the status of grant activities and that there is limited incremental progress to report on a monthly basis. Additionally, we have found through our extensive project management experience that the administrative burden of monthly reporting uses valuable time that could be focused on delivering energy efficiency projects and creating green jobs in our community.

The County of Alameda believes that your efforts could be better spent on streamlining the existing reporting process, so the one report can be used by all agencies that need the information. This would reduce the burden on resource-constrained local governments. We believe that most local governments are intent on being as transparent, diligent, and forthright with the use of WAP, SEP, and EECBG funds as federal requirements dictate.

We ask that you consider the weight of our comments, along with those from other jurisdictions that have been posted to your Information Resources website, and abandon the proposal for additional monthly reporting.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature of Aki K. Nakao is shown above his name.

Aki K. Nakao  
Director, General Services Agency