



## A National Dialogue on Policies to Meet 21<sup>st</sup> Century Environment Needs

### Can Business, Communities, and Government Cooperate for an Ecologically Sustainable America?

**Date and Time:** May 6, 2008 from 1 to 5pm

**Location:** University of Texas Thompson Conference Center Auditorium

The Multi-State Working Group (MSWG) believes business, communities and government can work together to solve environmental problems that current government programs or rules cannot solve alone. This Austin, Texas public meeting is one of 36 to be held around the United States to seek input from everyone concerned about future environmental policy and governance.

The meeting is part of the **Path to Washington**, an effort by the Multi-State Working Group on Environmental Performance to convene persons concerned about achieving an ecologically and economically sustainable America. The Path to Washington's final products are proposals for national, state and local practices and policies that lead to measurable ecological improvement, sustainable for businesses and communities. These proposals will be presented to the next Congress and President.

#### **Questions for the MSWG Report to the Nation include:**

What are Texas' ecological restoration and protection needs?

Who is tackling those needs now, and what are the results?

Could incentives or other policy changes help better meet these needs?

If Washington does not act, what can be done now in communities and states?

What are your ideas?

#### **Scheduled Speakers**

Jeff Smoller – MSWG

Mike Gromacki – Vice President Engineering and Loss Control, Cook Composites and Polymers

Bob Wallace – Chairman, Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program

Jim Walker – Executive Director, Central Texas Sustainability Indicators

Ralph Marquez – Commissioner (retired), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

Carlton Stanley – Regional Director (retired), Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Region 14

Kent S. Butler – Associate Dean, School of Architecture, University of Texas at Austin



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