

**Coastal Health Strategy Team**  
**Conference Call Notes from Thursday, May 19, 2005**  
**2:00 pm CT**

1. Recap of topics discussed on prior conference call (Monday, May 16):
  - Discussion of costs for Recommended Action A (Direct and Indirect Sources of Pollution).
  - Focus on costs for recommendations beyond CSO remediation.
  - Determine whether and how cost estimates would change depending on the blending issue.
  - Suggestion to provide separate estimates for a “soft” approach versus a “hard” approach.
  
2. Continued discussion of the amount and direction of funding requested for Recommended Action A:
  - Qualification of dollar figures seen by team members:
    - \$13.75 billion: Is this Region 5 only, or does this include all Great Lakes States? Is this for CSOs only or does it go beyond (i.e., is it all-inclusive)? No resolution.
    - \$8.6 billion: This figure applies to CSOs alone for facilities in the watershed of the Great Lakes.
    - \$6.5 billion: This figure applied to AOCs over 5 years; it was originally stated at \$10.35 billion over 5 years.
  - Comments regarding phrasing of the recommendation:
    - Emphasize the 9 minimum controls.
    - SSOs are illegal, so there is no question about whether they must be prevented.
    - Will stating a big dollar figure excuse municipalities from implementing changes by validating their claims that they can’t afford upgrades/improvements?
    - Should the recommendation request funding through grants or through loans?
    - Will the recommendation ignore (i.e., serve in addition to) SRF or build on SRF?
    - The recommendation should state the more aggressive request, i.e., grant funding, and let SRF be the fallback.
    - If the recommendation calls for a grant, does it imply that the Great Lakes States are going to pass on the SRF? The team concluded that this was not implied.
  
3. Confirmation of timeline for drafters to deliver Recommended Action write-ups by COB 5/19.