## **Water Conference Guidelines**

Water Conference -- Tuesday, April 5, 2005 2:15 p.m. to 5:10 p.m. Room 216 of the Senate Hart Building

This month, the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee made a broad call for proposals to address water challenges. The April 5<sup>th</sup> Water Conference will be the forum to engage in open exchange on the submitted ideas. Over 130 submittals were received.

Chairman Domenici's and Ranking Member Bingaman's staff worked together to select a set of proposals for each topic to represent a variety of points of view and recommendations.

The set of selected submittals for each topic are posted below.

A representative for each of the selected submittals has been invited to participate in the Conference. Each topic will be treated as a separate session to discuss the selected submittals.

Participants for each session are directed to study the other selected proposals for that question and be prepared to assess the merits of each. Representatives from federal agencies may also participate on panels to provide technical support and background information if needed.

Time will be very limited for each session and will be strictly enforced by the Conference moderator. Participants will have only **TWO MINUTES** each to make an introduction and state their main point(s) for the session question. The remaining time will be used to debate proposals and field questions.

- Over 20 individuals will be participating in the Conference.
- Time limitations will be strictly enforced to ensure full participation and effective dialogue.
- Participants need to be considerate of all other participants' time by not exceeding time limitations.
- Participants are directed to focus their comments on the topic session for which they were selected.
- Failure to abide by these simple guidelines will harm the overall goal of the Conference to foster an open exchange of ideas and will not be permitted.