

E-LISTS AND LISTSERVERS

E-LISTS, OR LISTSERVERS, ARE electronic mail distribution lists. They can be two-way or outgoing only. With the two-way lists, subscribers can post messages to the list at any time and the messages will be automatically distributed to all subscribers. Outgoing lists are like electronic news periodicals. The own-

ers and operators of outgoing lists are the only ones who can post messages to all subscribers.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) offers several very useful outgoing lists. The following lists are distributed from the *Federal Register* on the day of publication.

Listserver Name

Description

EPA-Meetings

All meeting notices

EPA-Impacts

All environmental impact statements published in the Federal Register

EPA-Species

All endangered species documents published in the Federal Register

EPA-Pest

All Office of Pesticide Program documents

EPA-Waste

All hazardous and solid waste documents

EPA-Water

All Office of Water documents

*To subscribe to any of the above lists, address a message to:
listserver@unixmail.rtpnc.epa.gov*

*Your message should contain only the following one line:
subscribe <listserve-name> <Your first name> <Your last name>*

For more information and additional listserve names, descriptions, and commands send a note to the above listserver address with "Help listserver" as the message.

Be aware that each listserve may distribute between zero and ten messages per day. Some documents are long and will be split into several messages. To avoid being overrun by messages, you

will need to learn to quickly delete many messages. I delete 90-95% of the messages within a few seconds. One very annoying problem with these lists, however, is that the subject lines given in each message are usually worthless. But otherwise the lists are very useful and provide Federal Register information very quickly.