

POSSIBLE SUMMARY POINTS, IN SANDERS' LOGICAL/PRIORITY ORDER

1. The web-based, draft ROE is an improved and enhanced version of earlier products. While the SAB has many suggestions for improvement, some of which we strongly urge be considered immediately, we also support a timely release to the public and agency as a whole.
2. Now that the product is web-based, the SAB notes that adaptations/revisions can be made routine, and can occur frequently. It will no longer be necessary for revisions to occur only every several years. The SAB recommends that the agency develop a mechanism to ensure regular (quarterly, semi-annual??) assessments and revisions.
3. The SAB supports the use of sustainability as an overlying framework for ROE. However, the SAB recommends that the EPA modify the home page and structure for ROE, so that the sixth, "sustainability" tab is renamed to reflect resource consumption and reuse, and instead build/integrate sustainability into each of the tabs in a holistic fashion. Use this theme to clarify/focus the 24 questions that underlie the indicators.
4. The SAB encourages EPA to continue to address the audience for ROE and to determine who should be the primary audience, and who are secondary. Once done, content needs to be more closely tailored. Because there is expressed interest in ensuring that ROE is a resource for educators and for the general public, the SAB recommends that EPA develop a mechanism to assess how these two groups respond to the current version of ROE (what they like, where they have issues with navigability, what is missing, etc.) and consider modifications to the product that will improve its utility to these populations. In addition, the SAB strongly urges EPA to make every effort to ensure that the product is widely available to all potential user groups, understanding that robust internet access is not yet universal.
5. The SAB is encouraged to see the incorporation of statistical information and some analysis tools within ROE. The SAB recommends that the agency continue to strengthen this aspect, and consider where relatively modest levels of effort to increase statistical information could be of significant benefit to the overall utility of ROE.
6. The SAB has recommendations for areas that the agency should consider for the development of new indicators. However, the SAB also recognizes that opportunities exist for a greater attention to relationships/associations and comparisons between/among the current group of indicators. Accordingly, the SAB recommends that the agency give priority to examining its current indicators and developing such comparisons, where appropriate.