EPA MOROCCO PROGRAM STUDY TOUR PROPOSAL

Objective: To develop a study tour(s) in the U.S. for Morocco partners that will facilitate the exchange of best practices to enhance capacity for the improvement of Integrated Solid Waste Management. This study tour will follow up on collaboration around solid waste management, both at the central government (SEDD) and local government levels (El Kelaa and Rabat).

Participants: TBD SEDD officials, El Kelaa and Rabat officials, NGOs, community participants, local Morocco university staff, EPA officials

Activities:

Washington, DC – Two Days and Two nights

- Stakeholders from Morocco will travel to EPA headquarters in Washington, DC. They will meet with and receive presentations on EPA Solid Waste Management activities from headquarters officials from various offices with expertise in this area.

- EPA will also facilitate a meeting for the visiting stakeholders with DC government officials working on Solid Waste Management. The stakeholders will receive a presentation from city officials and visit a local landfill to gain first-hand knowledge of Solid Waste Management techniques used by local officials.

Seattle, Washington – Three Days and Two nights

- Stakeholders from Morocco will depart Washington, DC and travel to Seattle Washington. They will meet with and receive presentations from Region 10 EPA officials (particularly RCRA program) on Solid Waste Management activities in the region.

- Stakeholders from Morocco will meet with City of Seattle officials to receive information on and participate in site visits on "Zero Waste" program initiatives.

- Stakeholders from Morocco will visit an active landfill in the area and receive information on OSHA principles related to handling solid waste materials.

- Stakeholders from Morocco will meet with representatives from the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation to learn about this initiative and explore possible areas for collaboration.

- Participants will complete any necessary evaluations and provide any necessary feedback to EPA officials before departure.

- Participants will depart for Morocco on the third day.