

Clean Water Act Workgroup Report Region 9 Tribal Operations Committee

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Update to EPA's Strategic Measure WQ-SP14b.N11

Strategic Measure WQ-SP14b.N11 allows Tribal water programs to demonstrate success by protecting and maintaining waters of high quality on Indian lands. The majority of Tribes support this measure, including Region 9's Tribal Operations Committee and other National Tribal environmental organizations. SP-14b is a voluntary Tribal measure that Tribes expect EPA to adopt and implement within its 2015 National Strategic plan document. Since July of 2012, Tribes have been asked to provide their comments to finalize the definition of the pilot measure and respond to questions asked in the consultation document. As of September 30, 2012 EPA has informed Tribes that their comments have been received and would be considered in defining this measure. Also, Tribes were informed that the final definition of this measure would be completed and distributed to Tribes by mid-December 2012.

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