



COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION

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Communities and Ecosystems Division

Working to empower communities and protect ecosystems through partnerships, regulation, and technical assistance.

Our Programs, Our Focus

Tribal
Programs

U.S./Mexico
Border

Pacific Islands

Pesticides

Toxics and
Children's
Health

Environmental
Justice

Environmental
Review

Environmental
Stewardship

- Protect and empower underserved and disproportionately burdened communities
- Enforce federal regulations to prevent exposure to toxics and pesticides
- Promote sustainable development and environmental stewardship

Unique Opportunities and Challenges

Opportunities



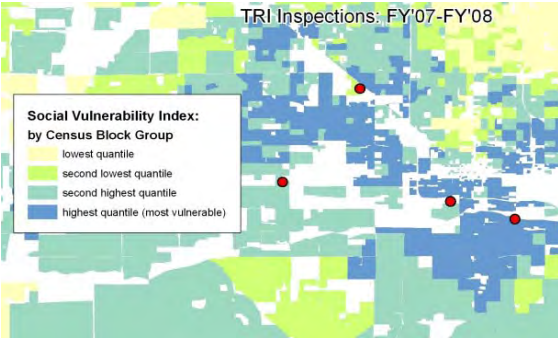
Challenges

147 tribes, half of all Indian land in U.S.



Remote and disparate communities

Economic growth and activity



Growth in activities that generate pollution

Unique and attractive climate and geography



Over 50% of nationally listed endangered species

US / Mexico Border Office

Development of Border 2020 Plan



- Campo Kumeyaay Nation hosts meeting on Border plan November 15, 2011
- Deadline for comments: December 9, 2011

Pesticides Office

2011 Accomplishments



Tribal Pesticide Inspector Workshop

- Gila River , Salt River, ITCA and Region 9
- Gila River QAPP



Tribal Pesticide Enforcement

- Inspectors from Navajo Nation
- Violations (2) result in fines of \$6,860

Children's Health

Arizona Native American Asthma Coalition



Environmental Justice Office

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2011 Accomplishments

- ❑ The Yurok Tribe used their EJ Small Grant to build capacity on climate change science and assessment to better understand how to protect their community
- ❑ The Scotts Valley Tribe used their EJ Small Grant to implement a Weatherization Energy Program to reduced energy consumption in tribal housing and commercial buildings by 15%.

Environmental Review Office

National Environmental Policy Act

- Inform tribes of impact of federal projects
- Focused on renewable energy projects in 2011
- Environmental review and early involvement on Tribal projects (BIA NEPA documents)
- Maintain website with links to projects:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/climatechange/tribes/federal-land.html#other>

Tribal Program Office Accomplishments

- Provided **\$16,639,034** for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program funding to Region 9 tribes in 2011
- **41** dumps closed in 2011
- **20** new Environmental Directors and staff trained
- **4** Gap Online trainings
- **51** visits to Indian Country by the Regional Administrator
- **1** Federal Agency and Tribal leader meeting in Nevada

Open Dump Clean-Up



Before



After

GAP Workshop for New Tribal Environmental Directors and Technicians



RA visits to Indian Country



Tribal / Federal Agencies Partnership



- **Hosted by Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada**
 - 13 Tribes
 - Federal Partners
 - Indian Health Service
 - Bureau of Indian Affairs
 - US Department of Energy
 - US Department of Agriculture
 - US Bureau of Reclamation
 - Housing and Urban Development
 - Rural Development

Tribal / EPA Partnerships



Environmental Results Through Tribal/EPA Partnerships



2010 Tribal Accomplishment
report available online

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/success/10/pdf/2010-accomplishments-report.pdf>



Fiscal Year 2010 Accomplishments
Region 9/The Pacific Southwest

EPA 909-R-10-004

Looking Forward

1. Guidebook for Building Tribal Environmental Capacity

Deadline for comments: November 30, 2011

<http://www.epa.gov/tp/pdf/2011-0801-guidebook-working-draft.pdf>

2. Consultation Implementation

Tribes can track EPA's consultation activities at:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC>

3. Toxic Release Inventory for Facilities in Indian Country

Deadline for comments: November 24, 2011

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-30/pdf/2011-24821.pdf>

Question and Answer Panel

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Thank you

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