

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



July 29, 2009

GAP Online Overview

- *About the System*
 - Development began in 2004 in response to an IG report concerning Tribal and EPA accountability under GAP.
 - Intended to standardize workplan and reporting formats to comply with grant regulations and guidance.
 - For FY10 applications (December 2008), use of GAP Online for workplan negotiation was mandatory in Region 9. Quarterly Reporting in GAP Online will be mandatory beginning fall 2009.
 - For those lacking stable internet access, an offline version of the tool can be utilized with prior approval by the Tribal Programs Office.

Common GAP Online Issues

- *The system is SLOW*
 - This issue was addressed on 7/14/09, and we can now report a tenfold increase in system response time!
- *I need more training*
 - One-on-one training being offered in breakout sessions, sign up on the wall poster. Trainings will be held during every RTOC, and webinars are upcoming in October.

GAP Online

- R9 Staff are cataloging and seeking response to all issues raised by Tribes in using the GO interface.
- To report issues:
 - Contact your Project Officer,
 - Record your issues on the wall poster or
 - Sign up to attend a GAP Online one-on-one training during the breakout sessions.
- Contact: Laura Mayo, (415) 972-3561 or mayo.laura@epa.gov

Tribal Air Funding

- Thirty one FY10 tribal Clean Air Act grants will begin October 1, 2010.
- FY10 grants include a small additional amount of funds from EPA HQ for clean energy and climate change activities.
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Particulate Matter Designations

- Designation process for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) has not been finalized.
- New administration is reviewing the designations.
- Additional areas within Region 9 may be designated as non-attainment.
 - Tribes in those areas will be consulted.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan,
mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov.

Other Air Quality Designations

- Ozone (O₃) standard.
 - Standard was strengthened in 2008.
 - EPA has received recommendations on attainment and non-attainment areas from states and tribes.
 - Designations process is ongoing.
- Lead (Pb) standard.
 - Standard was strengthened in 2008.
 - Increased Pb monitoring begins January 2010.
 - Recommendations from states and tribes on attainment and non-attainment areas will be due October 2009.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov.

Other Air Quality Designations (cont.)

- Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) standard.
 - June 29, 2009 EPA proposed:
 - a one-hour NO₂ standard at a level between 80 – 100 parts per billion (ppb),
 - retain the current annual average NO₂ standard of 53 ppb,
 - add NO₂ monitoring within 50 meters of major roads in cities with at least 350,000 residents, and
 - continue monitoring “area-wide” NO₂ concentrations in cities with at least 1 million residents.
 - Public comments will be accepted until mid September.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

Tribal New Source Review

- Final Tribal New Source Review (NSR) rule expected February 2010.
- Region 9 is working to estimate minor sources of air pollution on tribal lands this summer.
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Upcoming ITEP Training

Jul 1-Sep 25	Air Monitoring Data Management	ONLINE
Aug 31-Sep 4	NPAP and PEP Audits	Flastaff, AZ
Sep 30-Dec 16	Tribal Data Toolbox	ONLINE

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Tribal Nations Conference

- President Obama recently announced that the White House plans to hold a Tribal Nations Conference later this fall.
- AIEO has decided to merge the Tribal Leaders Summit that it had planned for late September with this event.
- No dates have been released at this time. AIEO is coordinating with the White House on agenda items.
- Contact: Jean Gamache, (415) 972-3554 or gamache.jean@epa.gov

Green Casinos Workshop

- Host Tribe: Shingle Springs Rancheria
- When: September 2, 2009
- Where: Redhawk Casino, Placerville, CA
- Register online:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training/casino-reg.html>
- Contact: Tina Davis, (415) 972-3784 or davis.tina@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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