

EPA Report for May 1, 2014

Career Moves at US EPA – Retirements

In April of 2014, Region 9 bid farewell to more than 48 career employees. Among them, we were sad to lose several of our long-standing colleagues in tribal work, including: Denise Zvanovec (Management & Technical Services Division), Teddy Ryerson (Office of the Regional Administrator), Michael Ardito (Superfund Division), and Roger Yates (Drinking Water Program).

Communities and Ecosystems & Waste Division

Funding Opportunity: Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes

The competitive announcement for the FY 2014 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes has been posted. This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from federally-recognized tribes or intertribal consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian country.

Where: The announcement is listed on the OSWER Grants & Funding page at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-orcr-14-04.pdf>. Also, the synopsis of the announcement has been posted on grants.gov. You can view the announcement at: <http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppld=253840>.

The closing date for this competitive announcement is May 30, 2014. Contact Denise Roy at (703)308-8458, or roy.denise@epa.gov for more information.

Water Division

CWA 319, Nonpoint Source Program, Competitive Selections

On April 2, 2014, EPA HQ announced the FY2014 Clean Water Act Section 319 Tribal competitive grant award selections. Of the 44 Tribal proposals competing nationwide for about \$2.39 Million, 25 proposals were selected for awards. Of the 20 Region 9 Tribal proposals submitted, 15 proposals were selected for funding totaling \$1,399,904.

Superfund Division

Need Help With Targeted Brownfields Assessments?

The EPA Brownfields Office offers technical assistance on Targeted Brownfields Assessments year round. An EPA contractor can assist you (no funding and no match, non-competitive) with Phase I and Phase II environmental assessments, land reuse planning, evaluate clean-up options and provide cost estimates based on future use. Contact Glen Kistner for more details, at 415-972-3004 or Kistner.glen@epa.gov.

Air Division

Tribal Air Funding

EPA Region 9 received 41 proposals for approximately \$2.9 million of tribal CAA funding. We expect to fund about 30 projects. We anticipate that tribes will be notified of their funding status by late May. Please contact Roy Ford, ford.roy@epa.gov or 415-972-3997 with questions.

PM2.5 Designations

In December 2013, required state recommendations, and optional tribal recommendations were due to EPA as to what areas should be designated as attaining or not attaining the 2012 revised annual fine particulate matter (PM2.5) standard of 12 micrograms per cubic meter ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$). EPA plans to designate areas by

December 12, 2014, after providing a public comment period and notifying affected states and tribes and offering to consult. Region 9 tribes who may be in nonattainment for the new standard will be receiving letters that provide more information about the process in June.

In the meantime, additional information can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/pdfs/DevelopingaDesignationRecommendationforIndianCountry.pdf>. Please contact Maeve Clancy at clancy.maeve@epa.gov or 415-947-4105, or John Kelly at kelly.johnj@epa.gov or 415-947-4151 with questions.

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Request for Proposals from Tribes

This year, the National Clean Diesel Campaign will issue a stand-alone Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal Competition Request for Proposals for a total of up to \$1 million. The RFP will be posted by the end of May 2014. There will be a webinar/teleconference after the RFP opens.

For information on previous DERA Tribal Competition grants, please visit www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgtribal.htm or contact Rosalva Tapia at 202-343-9534 or tapia.rosalva@epa.gov.

Tribal New Source Review

The Tribal New Source Review (NSR) rules take full effect in 2014. Tribal NSR creates pre-construction air permitting programs for new minor sources and modifications in Indian country, and for new major sources and modifications in Indian country in nonattainment areas. All existing true minor sources were required to register by March 1, 2013. New and modified major sources are now subject to the rule and required to obtain pre-construction permits. All modifications at existing true minor sources, including those already registered, must obtain a minor permit prior to the modifications.

All new true minor sources constructed between now and September 2, 2014 have 90 days after construction to register. All new minor sources beginning construction on or after September 2, 2014 must obtain pre-construction permits. General Permits for five source categories have been public noticed and are in the process of being finalized. Many of the registered source types may qualify for general permits.

If you have questions about facilities on your reservation that may need to register or obtain permits, please contact Geoffery Glass, Air Permits Office, glass.geoffrey@epa.gov, 415-972-3498.

Upcoming ITEP Classes:

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| -Apr 22-25 POSTPONED —Air Pollution and Ecosystems | Flagstaff, AZ |
| -Apr 22-25 POSTPONED —Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools | Las Vegas, NV |
| -May-June—Tribal Climate Change Series of Four Webinars | Online |
| -June 2-6—Air Pollution Technology | Flagstaff, AZ |
| -Jun 10-12—Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities | Flagstaff, AZ |