

EPA Report for May 7-9, 2013

Communities and Ecosystems Division

Tribal Program Office

Staff Update

Eloy Balderas will be joining the Tribal Program Office in May 2013. He comes to the team from the Region's Richmond Lab, where he has worked as an Analyst in the Air Toxics Laboratory since 2010. He received his bachelor's degree from Stanford University in Chemical Engineering. Please join us in welcoming Eloy to our team!

RTOC Election

The election for the October 2013 to September 2015 RTOC Term has now concluded. Please join us in congratulating the new RTOC Tribal Caucus! You can find the full list of names on our RTOC webpage:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/tribal/rtoc/pdfs/RtocReps-AltsRoster.pdf>

FY2014-2018 US EPA Strategic Plan – Tribal Consultation and Coordination

Early in 2013, EPA will initiate consultation and coordination on the FY2014-2018 Strategic Plan by sending notification letters to all federally recognized Tribes outlining opportunities for engagement. The formal comment period on the plan will begin in the summer of 2013.

New Ways to Submit GAP Grant Applications Electronically!!

EPA is finding new ways to "Walk the Talk," and now final GAP application materials may be submitted electronically through:

- 1. Electronic submission using Grants.gov:**

If you wish to apply for your assistance agreement electronically via Grants.gov, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov> and click on the "Get Registered" on the left side of the page. Note that the registration process may take 3-5 business days to complete.

- 2. Electronic submission via email to the Region 9 Electronic Mailbox:**

The application kit with instructions for completing all of the necessary forms may be downloaded at the following web site: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/applying.html>. Scan the completed materials, attach a copy of the final work plan submitted in GAP Online, and email them to GrantsRegion9@epa.gov.

Note: If preferred, materials may still be submitted via hard copy and mailed to the Grants Management Office.

Waste Management Division

TRIBAL SOLID WASTE STAFF CHANGES

What: Nova Blazej and Nancy Sockabasin will be moving on to new positions within EPA Region 9. Nancy has been selected to join the Water Division as a Tribal Program Specialist in the Water Tribal Office and Nova will be moving on to Superfund Division as a Brownfields Project Manager.

When: They will start in their new positions on May 13, 2013.

Who: Michelle Baker will remain on the Tribal Solid Waste Team, and you can contact her at: 415-972-3206 or baker.michelle@epa.gov. During this time of transition, you should also feel free to contact your GAP Project Officer with questions about solid waste activities associated with your GAP workplan. Additionally, Tom Huettman has been assigned as the Waste Management Division's Associate Director to work with tribes. You can contact Tom at: 415-972-3751 or huetteman.tom@epa.gov.

SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

What: US EPA Region 9 and the Paiute-Shoshone Tribe of the Fallon Reservation and Colony will be hosting a workshop on how to write an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.

When: June 18 – 19, 2013 in Fallon, Nevada.

Who: For more information contact Michelle Baker at: baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206. Additional workshops will be held in Arizona and Northern California later in 2013. Look for more details soon.

GREEN CASINO TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

What: Green Casino Webinars - Each presentation will feature tribal casino facility managers or environmental staff who will discuss their experiences, results, successes and lessons learned in implementing their projects.

When: The series is *free and open to anyone* and is scheduled for the 4th Tuesday in each month at 2ET/1CT/noonMT/11PT/10AK.

To register and participate in a session click on the title of the session you are interested in. You will be automatically sent to a GoTo Webinar registration page. It only takes a minute to register.

[May 28 – Ventilation and Smoke Reduced/Free Facilities](#)

Improving casino indoor air quality

[June 25 – Amenities \(golf courses, pool, spa facilities etc\)](#)

Greening opportunities in golf course design and maintenance, pool facilities, and other amenities

[July 23 – Products and Green Building](#)

How can you incorporate green building concepts and greener products into your casino operations?

Water Division

Clean Water Act Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Workshop for Indian Tribes – May 20-23, 2013

EPA Region 9 and Blue Lake Rancheria will be hosting a Clean Water Act Section 319 - Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program workshop for Tribes on May 20 - 22, 2013 in Blue Lake, CA. The workshop will cover how to implement an effective Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program using water quality data to guide the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) and thinking outside the reservation boundaries using the watershed approach.

Registration and workshop information is available online at www.tetrattech-ffx.com/tribal/region9/. If you have any questions, please contact Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov.

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.glenn@epa.gov.

Tribal Emergency Preparedness and Planning

Mike Ardito recently became EPA Region 9's new liaison for tribal emergency preparedness. He also continues to serve as EPA's emergency preparedness coordinator for the four states in the Pacific Southwest. Mike can be reached at 415-972-3081 or at Ardito.Michael@epa.gov.

Air Division

Clean Air Act Funding

Region 9 has reviewed proposals submitted for FY 14 funding. Tribes will be notified of their funding status once Region 9 receives a final tribal air funding allocation from HQ. R9 tribal air funds for FY 14 will likely be reduced by sequestration and rescission.

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribalcaa.html>

Particulate Matter Standards Designations

In December 2012, EPA strengthened the annual fine particle (PM_{2.5}) national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) to 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter (µg/m³), from 15.0 µg/m³. On March 16, 2013, EPA finalized a guidance memo for making initial "nonattainment" and "attainment" area designation and boundary recommendations for the new PM_{2.5} NAAQS. The Clean Air Act requires the Governor of each state to provide EPA with initial area designation recommendations within one year of promulgation of a new or revised NAAQS, or by December 13, 2013. Tribes are not required to submit recommendations, but may do so if they choose, by the same deadline.

EPA will host a webinar on Thursday, May 9, 2013 from 1-3 pm ET for state, local, and tribal air agencies to summarize the guidance, preview EPA's designations database and mapping tool, and answer clarifying questions. Details for this webinar and the 2012 primary annual PM_{2.5} NAAQS designations process are available at <http://www.epa.gov/pmdesignations>. If you have any questions, please contact John Kelly at kelly.johnj@epa.gov.

Tribal New Source Review (NSR) Registration for Minor Sources

The Tribal NSR rules create 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; however, there is currently no penalty for existing sources that register after the deadline. Region 9 will be conducting outreach to sources that may be subject to the NSR rules over the summer. 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.

Also, please note the current and upcoming dates for rule implementation:

- All new true minor sources constructed before September 4, 2014, have 90 days after construction to register.
- All new minor sources built after September 4, 2014 must obtain pre-construction permits.
- All modifications at existing true minor sources, including those already registered, must obtain a minor permit prior to the modifications.
- New and modified major sources are now subject to the rule and required to obtain pre-construction permits.

Emergency Generators and Permitting

R9 has recently been receiving many questions regarding emergency generators and whether they need permits. Emergency generators are often found at casinos, hotels, police and fire stations, and industrial sites. As long as they are used only during true emergencies, they do not usually need a permit. However, certain kinds of non-emergency operations, including peak shaving and enrollment in some demand response programs may result in more complex permitting or stronger regulatory requirements, including, possibly, expensive add-on controls. Contact Region 9 before agreeing to non-emergency operations. If you have questions, contact Lisa Beckham, Air Permits Office, beckham.lisa@epa.gov or 415-972-3811.

Navajo Generating Station

EPA proposed best available retrofit technology (BART) determination for Navajo Generating Station. The proposal was published in the Federal Register on February 5, 2013. Based on requests from stakeholders, including the Navajo Nation, EPA extended the 90-day public comment period an additional 90 days. The public comment period will now close on August 5. EPA intends to hold several public hearings throughout Arizona, including Indian country in late July. <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/navajo/index.html#station>

Reid Gardner Generating Station

On March 26, 2013, EPA proposed to extend the compliance date for Reid Gardner Generating Station (RGGS). Units 1 – 3 at RGGS currently must meet emission limits for NOx required under the BART requirement of the Regional Haze Rule by January 1, 2015. The proposal would extend that deadline 18 months, until June 30, 2016. EPA is holding a public hearing on April 29, 2013, at the administration building of the Moapa Band of Paiute Indians. The comment period closes on May 30, 2013. Contact Anita Lee, Air Planning Office, at lee.anita@epa.gov or 415-972-3958, with questions.

Upcoming Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Training

- May 29-31 Air Pollution Modeling—Flagstaff, AZ
- June 4-7 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality—Flagstaff, AZ
- Tribal NSR Permits TBD
- Dataloggers TBD