

EPA Report – Summer 2013

Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting
July 25, 2013





**Communities and Ecosystems
Division**
Tribal Program Office

GAP Guidebook

- On May 15, the Agency released a new [GAP Guidance document](#).
- This new Guidance establishes an overall framework for tribes and EPA to follow in building tribal environmental protection program capacities with GAP resources and supersedes previous Agency GAP guidance.
- The new GAP Guidance will affect grant work plans negotiated in the Fiscal Year 2014 funding cycle for activities in Fiscal Year 2015 and beyond.

Career Moves – Senior Mgmt. Team

- Enrique Manzanilla – CED → Superfund
- Jane Diamond – Superfund → Water
- Jeff Scott – Waste + CED

National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) Training,

- On August 8, 2013, the Pala Tribe will host a free National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) Training on Accounting Fundamentals. Check the [website](#) for other NPETE trainings!



Air Division

Clean Air Act Funding

- Region 9 has reviewed proposals submitted for FY 14 funding and notified tribes of their funding status.
- This year we received 37 tribal proposals, requesting almost \$4.8 million, and the amount we have available to award for FY13 is \$2.9 million, reduced from \$3.2 million last year.
- Due to this funding shortfall, we will be able to fund only 31 of the proposals with CAA funds.

Tribal New Source Review (NSR) Registration for Minor Sources

- 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. A Region 9 intern will be contacting tribes regarding 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.

Upcoming Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Training

- **Sept 9-13:** Air Quality Computations Flagstaff, AZ
- **Oct 16-18:** Dispersion Modeling (second course in series (NEW)) Las Vegas, NV
- **Oct 22-25:** Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits (sequel to NSR course (NEW)) Denver, CO
- **Oct 28-Nov 1:** Air Pollution Technology Las Vegas, NV
- **Nov 19-22:** Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools (NEW) Las Vegas, NV
- **Dec 3-6:** Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits (sequel to NSR course (NEW)) TBD



Waste Management Division

TRIBAL SOLID WASTE STAFF UPDATE

- Shannon Davis has joined the EPA Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste Team as the new contact for tribes located in Arizona.
- Shannon has a long history of work related to solid waste and sustainable materials management, and before joining EPA in 2006, she was the Director of Waste Programs at the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.
- Shannon's contact information is: Email, davis.shannon@epa.gov; Phone, 415-972-3440.

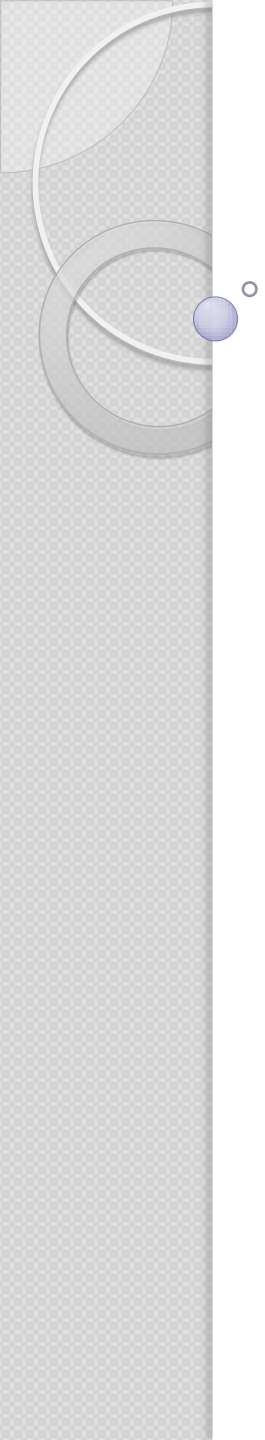
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

ARIZONA

- **What:** US EPA Region 9 and the Ak-Chin Indian Community will be hosting training on how to write an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan.
- **When:** August 14-15, 2013.
- **Where:** Harrah's Ak-Chin Casino and Resort, Maricopa, Arizona
- **Who:** For more information contact Shannon Davis davis.shannon@epa.gov or 415-972-3440.

CALIFORNIA

- **What:** US EPA Region 9 and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians will be hosting training on how to write an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan
- **When:** During the week of September 2, 2013. Exact dates to be scheduled soon
- **Where:** Hopland, California
- **Who:** For more information contact Michelle Baker at: baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206



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.



Management & Technical Services Division

US EPA's National Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) Grant Solicitation

- As programmatic resources become tighter than ever, we want to draw your attention to a recent [announcement](#) that the draft Exchange Network grant solicitation notice is available for review and comment at <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/grants/>.
- EPA will accept comments on the Draft Notice until 5:00pm EDT, July 23, 2013. Written comments should be emailed to Salena Reynolds at reynolds.salena@epa.gov.
- In addition, EPA will hold a stakeholder conference call to review the draft notice and answer questions from the Exchange Network community on **Tuesday, July 23, 2013, from 1:00-2:00 PM EDT**. To participate on the call, please dial: **1.866.299.3188**, and enter conference code: **202 566 0466 #**
- For questions, please contact [Vance Fong](#) (415-972-3798) or [Connie Choy](#) (415-972-3644).



Thank You!

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