

EPA Report for July 23-25, 2013

Communities and Ecosystems Division

Tribal Program Office

GAP Guidebook

On May 15, the Agency released a new [GAP Guidance document](#). The guidance incorporates input from the consultation and coordination process that ended February 22, 2013. 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 Management Team Edition

Enrique Manzanilla, who has served for the past 15 years at the helm of the Communities and Ecosystems Division, has joined the Superfund Division effective June 1. Along with our colleagues in CED, the Tribal Program Office and the Regional Tribal Operations Committee will miss Enrique's commitment, perseverance, insight, and excitement. We wish Enrique all the best at the helm of the Region's biggest Division, and know that his skills are a great match for the work to be done there. Enrique has backfilled behind Jane Diamond, who left the Superfund Division to lead the Region's Water Division.

Jeff Scott, currently Director of the Waste Management Division, will step in as the Division Director of a new Division that will combine both the Communities and Ecosystems Division and the Waste Division. Jeff should be a familiar face to many, as he served as our Division Director while Enrique was on a yearlong sabbatical in 2007/2008. Jeff's commitment to the issues closest to our hearts and minds, as well as his energy and advocacy will benefit the work we are engaged in together.

National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) Training, August 8, Pala Tribe

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!

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.

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

Management & Technical Services Division

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

Since 2002, the US EPA's National Environmental Information Exchange Network (EN) has provided states, tribes, and territories in Region 9 over \$150 million dollars for building a network to exchange data and information with the US EPA and with other state, tribal, and territory partners nationwide. The upcoming FY2014 solicitation for EN grant applications will have a new emphasis on building tools to share and use data/information in ways that further our collective environmental missions.

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).