

## EPA Report for July 31, 2014

### Water Division

#### **Wetlands Program Development Grants**

Beginning in Fiscal Year (FY) 2015, Region 9 will be conducting a biennial Wetlands Program Development Grant (WPDG) solicitation for multiple year funding. This means the grant solicitation will go out ONCE every TWO years instead of once a year as it has been in the past. The FY15 WPDG solicitation will cover FY15 and FY16 and the next WPDG solicitation will take place in FY17, covering FY17 and FY18. Please take note of this change and plan for *next year's* RFP accordingly. Region 9 would like to offer an opportunity for you to learn more about the two year grant cycle, WPDGs and Wetland Program Plans, and will be offering a webinar in the coming months. An FAQ will be posted as well later this year. If you have any questions, please contact Leana Rosetti at (415) 972-3070.

### 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](mailto:Kistner.glenn@epa.gov).

### Air Division

#### **Tribal Air Funding**

Region 9 has reviewed proposals submitted for FY 14 funding and notified tribes of their funding status. This year we received 41 proposals requesting nearly \$5 million, and the amount we had to award was \$3.2 million. Due to this funding shortfall, we will be able to fund only 31 of the proposals with CAA funds.

#### **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 received letters that provided more information about the process and offered consultation in late May 2014.

We plan to formally announce our intended designations for all areas of the country by August 14, 2014. At that time we will send another letter to affected tribes with our proposed designation and offer an additional opportunity for consultation.

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/pmdesignations/2012standards/index.htm> or <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/pdfs/DevelopingaDesignationRecommendationforIndianCountry.pdf>. Please contact Maeve Clancy at [clancy.maeve@epa.gov](mailto:clancy.maeve@epa.gov) or 415-947-4105, or John Kelly at [kelly.ijohnj@epa.gov](mailto:kelly.ijohnj@epa.gov) or 415-947-4151 with questions.

#### **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Request for Proposals from Tribes**

This year, the National Clean Diesel Campaign has issued a stand-alone Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal Competition Request for Proposals for a total of up to \$1 million. Proposals are due August 12, 2014.

For more information on the RFP and to see example proposals, please visit [www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgtribal.htm](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/prgtribal.htm) or contact Rosalva Tapia at 202-343-9534 or [tapia.rosalva@epa.gov](mailto: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](mailto:glass.geoffrey@epa.gov), 415-972-3498.

### **Upcoming ITEP Classes:**

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| -Sept 9-12     | Introduction to Tribal Air Quality—Flagstaff, AZ                         |
| -Sept 30-Oct 3 | Air Pollution and Ecosystems—Flagstaff, AZ                               |
| -Nov 4-7       | Tribal Participation in the State Implementation Plan Process—Dallas, TX |
| -Nov 18-21     | Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Diagnostic Tools—Las Vegas, NV                  |