

EPA Air Updates February 2011

Gila River Indian Community (GRIC) Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP) Approval

- On January 19, 2011, EPA finalized approval of GRIC's TIP. This TIP is the most comprehensive tribal air quality plan in the country.
- The plan provides a framework for protecting air quality on the Reservation, including ordinances, a permit program, civil and criminal enforcement, air monitoring, and an emissions inventory.
- **More information:** <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/actions/gila-river.html>.

Pinal County, AZ Designation/Redesignation

- In late January, EPA designated an area in western central Pinal County as nonattainment for the 2006 24-hour PM_{2.5} standard. Designations for GRIC and Ak-Chin have been deferred pending consultation. Tohono O'odham, San Carlos Apache, Salt River Pima – Maricopa, and Fort McDowell were designated unclassifiable/attainment.
- EPA has proposed to redesignate a portion of Pinal County as non-attainment for PM₁₀. Consultation with potentially affected tribes is ongoing.
- EPA is currently evaluating comment received on its PM₁₀ redesignation proposal and plans to take final action by summer 2011.
- **More information:** Ginger Vagenas, vagenas.ginger@epa.gov

Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) for Power Plants on Navajo Nation

- EPA promulgates FIPs in tribal jurisdictional areas as necessary to protect air quality. BART provisions of the Regional Haze Rule require reductions in the emissions of air pollutants that impact visibility. There are two Regional Haze BART-eligible sources on the Navajo Nation: Navajo Generating Station (NGS) and Four Corners Power Plant (FCPP).
- August 2009 - EPA issued the Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) to seek public input on two factors for NGS and FCPP - cost effectiveness and visibility benefits.
- FCPP rulemaking proposed October 6, 2010.
- EPA will be publishing a Supplemental Proposal in the Federal Register by mid-February, which will provide our analysis of an alternative-to-BART proposed by Arizona Public Service, provide information on public hearings, and extend the public comment period beyond March 18, 2011.
- Proposed rulemaking on NGS anticipated summer 2011.
- **More information:** <http://www.epa.gov/region9/air/navajo/index.html#proposed>; Anita Lee, lee.anita@epa.gov.

Tribal New Source Review (NSR) Rules

- EPA is preparing to finalize Tribal NSR Rules in Spring 2011. These rules were proposed in 2006 and will apply to minor sources of air pollution on tribal lands.
- Once the rules are finalized, EPA will be doing outreach and education through trainings and webinars.
- Region 9 will be conducting a training session at an upcoming RTOC.
- **More information:** Anita Lee, lee.anita@epa.gov.

Tribal Clean Air Act Funding for FY 12

- Proposals were due January 2011 and are being reviewed.
- Tribes notified of their funding status—summer 2011.
- **More information:** Sara Bartholomew, bartholomew.sara@epa.gov.

Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Request for Proposals (RFP)

- CARE is a community-based program that works with county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities to help the public understand and reduce toxic risks from numerous sources.
- RFP for FY12 CARE funding announced January 20, 2011, \$2 million available nationally.
- Applications due March 22, 2011.
- EPA will conduct three Webcasts to answer questions from prospective applicants about the application process on February 8 and 23, and March 2 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- **More information:** <http://www.epa.gov/care/>

Upcoming Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) Trainings

- February 7-11, 2011: Air Quality Computations
- March 1-4, 2011: Treatment as State (TAS) and Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP)
- **More information:** http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/training_aq.asp