

ACTION ITEMS
 REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
 October 14, 2014

	REQUESTED BY	TASK	WHO	WHEN	STATUS
General					
1	Southern California	Gap Guidance: USEPA is attempting to decrease or eliminate Solid Waste Funding for cleanup and implementation, which is clearly in CFR to provide assistance to Tribes.			
2		Gap restrictions upon training of Tribal Water Operators: It is understandable we cannot conduct implementation but during turnover in staff and certification acquirement this should be an allowable training for GAP. This also brings to question why Upper level staff with credentials is unable to conduct overseeing management of water system and conduct training? More training opportunities need to be available for all environmental programs. RCAC is very limited on support activities and is not available throughout the year. The Los Coyotes Band would like to request assistance with having courses available to PWSS staff.			
3		GAP Travel and outreach: funding appears to be limited when creating proposals for travel to conferences, meetings, on reservation activities, and RTOC. \$3000 is not sufficient for Conference, 4 RTOC meetings and other local meetings.			
4		GAP 4 year closeouts and Individual Program end of year			

		<p>closeouts</p> <p>I was actually responsible for coming into 4 year closeout taking over Tribal EPA Director Position at end of 1st quarter during FY13/14. The extended activities which were not included in the workplan created some extra work in which I was forced to conduct and resolve issues with past grants. I would like to suggest that USEPA GAP Program Officers and Managers should work with Tribes to allow for these activities which can extend into the 2nd and 3rd quarter depending upon communication and responses from USEPA. These activities need to be planned for in advance when writing grants so that Tribal Program Staff will have time available to conduct activities without creating burden or delays with commitments during FY. This activity will also support the decreasing of commitments during 4 year cycle allowing Tribes to have adequate time for ongoing discussions with USEPA.</p>			
5		<p>GAP Outreach: Tribes will be recommended or required to develop Community Environmental Education Outreach Plan in the near future. Once Tribes develop a plan will this now be considered Implementation which will eliminate or decrease Outreach Funding.</p>			
6		<p>Capacity Indicators:</p> <p>Tribal Capacity indicators should be</p>			

		representable upon actual tasks, staff duties and responsibilities, and capabilities to manage and complete commitments in programs.			
7	Arizona Tribes	EPA failed to plan for and provide adequate time or tools for the transition, resulting in inconsistent application of guidance provisions and several voids in tribal efforts to protect human health and the environmental.			
8		Implementation of the new guidance has significantly increased the administrative burden on tribes without adequate funding to cover the additional associated costs.			
9		The new guidance is being implemented without the promised flexibility, unduly limiting many critical tribal capacity-building activities.			
10		EPA's new focus severely limits or prohibits funding for open dump cleanup and other important waste implementation activities in violation of express statutory language and to the detriment of human health and the environment in Indian country.			
11	Raised by Sarah Ryan	Follow up to #2 on July list: Find out projected dates for federal standards(cynobacteria)	Gail Louis-EPA	10/31/14 2 weeks to Sarah 11/15/14 1 month RTOC	
12	Raised by Nina Hapner	Identify different EPA & other flow charts that will be helpful for RTOC & esp. new members. E.g. brief history process flowcharts	Laura E.-EPA	1 month 11/15	

13		Fracking issues: a. Provide Marla Stanton (Wells Band) with contact info. b. Follow up on "using pesticides in fracking process" c. Session at January RTOC in Reno	Laura E.-EPA Pam Cooper-EPA Pesticides Workgroup	1 week 10/24 1 month 11/15	
14	Requested by USFWS	Provide any comments on the eagle scoping proposed rule. Send to: Eliza_savage@fws.gov Heather_beeler@fws.gov	All tribes	12/15/14	
15		Tuba City-More discussion w/EPA About tribal ARARs and the tribe (Hopi) being a concurring agency through the RI/FS process.	Nancy Lindsay	10/31/14	
16		Grants.gov-who gets the grants when they are submitted through grants.gov? A. The grants office in R9	Sara Russell		DONE
17		GAP- info sheet on joint evaluation	Laura	11/15/14 (1 month)	
18		Tribal Caucus Review 1/2014 Retreat and bask in our accomplishments	Corn/Nina	January RTOC	
19	Raised by Gayle-Hopi	Grants.gov only one person @ my tribe is authorized to input apps, which is a concern. What can EPA do to allow more than one person access?	Priyanka	2 weeks	