

Issues
Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting
July 23-25, 2013
San Francisco, CA

	Requested By:	Task	Who	When	Status
1	Southern California Tribes	<p>For Air Division: in the Air Grant Recommendations dated June 14, 2013 it states "We did not set any funds aside to fund contracts for monitoring equipment audits and technical system audits (TSA) this year, as the Air division has chosen to disinvest in the TSA's, and the equipment contract has enough funds to cover 2014."</p> <p>What does this mean in funding amounts exactly and when would this begin?</p>			<p>Completed.</p> <p>The information regarding TSAs in this FY14 Region 9 Tribal Air Grant Recommendations email is inaccurate. EPA will continue to support TSAs for tribes who are doing air monitoring for regulatory purposes. However, no additional funding is needed at this time for these TSAs. Reducing the "set aside" for TSAs will mean a small offset to the overall reduction of Tribal Air funding for the FY14 grants, which begin October 1, 2013.</p>
2	Southern California Tribes	<p>For Air Division: The notice for Air Grant Funding only gave 8 days via email notice to file the SF424 and other documentation to those Tribes awarded CAA103 grants for FY13-14. This was</p>			<p>Completed.</p> <p>Due to Sequestration, the FY13 budget year was unusual, with a great deal of uncertainty and delay in final funding numbers. In addition, the Grants Management Office no longer has a staff</p>

		<p>an extremely difficult timeframe for Tribes to meet and get signatures from Tribal Council.</p> <p>Were any Tribes unable to meet the deadline?</p>			<p>person to log incoming grant applications, which has led to delays in Project Officers receiving grant applications. The tight deadline was necessary to ensure that tribal air grantees would receive funding on time. The Air Division apologizes for the short turnaround for applications. A few tribes needed extra time, and were given extensions.</p>
3	Southern California Tribes	<p>Consultation on Tribal Grants Streaming Policy – is this for all grants?</p> <p>Would like clarification.</p>			<p>Completed.</p> <p>A Tribal Grants Streamlining Policy has been drafted by EPA’s Office of Grants and Debarment and this Policy is currently subject to Tribal Consultation. Once finalized, this Policy will apply to all funding programs covered under 40 CFR Part 35, Subpart B. Initially, the policy will apply to all new grant awards (supplemental/incremental amendments) made on or after October 1, 2013.</p> <p>Government-to-Government consultation on this drafted Policy was initiated by the Office of Grants and Debarment on July 15, 2013, and the consultation period will extend through August 31, 2013. Details on the consultation opportunity can be viewed in the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System at www.epa.gov/tribal/consultation</p>