

**New Issues for July 2011
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

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	REQUESTED BY (Date)	TASK	WHO (Tribe/EPA)	WHEN (update or completion)	STATUS
General					
1	Mike DeSpain Northern CA	Discussion of 2011 Tribal Guidebook (Lack of consultation) according to EO 13175 reaffirmed by the current administration.	Luke Jones Timothy Grant		On July 27, AIEO and tribes discussed some of the issues for over three hours. Among the top issue, tribal environmental directors and elected officials expressed concerns that the consultation policy was not followed (see attached notes) The guide book was released on August 1 to tribes for a 120 day comment period. The RTOC will be forming a guide book work group.
2	Southern CA	Requesting a list of tribes that the Regional Administrator has visited	Willard Chin		The RA has visited 35 tribes. Arizona (8) Fort McDowell, Gila River, Hopi, Hualapai, Navajo Nation, Salt River, San Carlos Apache; Tohono O'Odham Nevada (12) Duck Valley, Duckwater, Elko, Goshute, Ely, Pyramid Lake, Reno-Sparks, South Fork, Walker River, Wells, Yerington, Yomba California (15) Cabazon, Hopland, Hoopa, Jamul, Karuk, Pala, Pechanga, Morongo, Quartz Valley, Resighini, Sycuan, Tule River, Viejas, Washoe, Yurok
3		From Item #7 the April action item, provide update from Nevada Tribal Leaders Meeting.	Veronica Swaan		On July 20, RA Blumenfeld met with 47 representatives of 13 tribes and 8 agencies in a Tribal Leader's meeting convened with the Inter Tribal Council of Nevada. Tribes and agency representatives discussed environmental, public health, housing, and energy needs and issues in Indian Country, as well as broader programmatic and policy issues that affect implementation of successful programs in Indian Country. A list of potential areas for future focus was compiled during the meeting, and federal agencies are now tasked with examining that list and returning to ITCN a list of possible cross-agency action items for a 6-month timeframe. That action item list should be received at ITCN within four months. The notes to the meeting were sent to the Nevada Tribal leaders on August 26 (see attachment).

4		From April action item #8 on Climate Change: requesting that Enrique Manzanilla follow-up since this is not just an air issue; rather it is a cross media issue.	Enrique Manzanilla Willard Chin		<p>This request refers to the April action item #8 from RTOC: What is EPA's role with the climate change group on developing a Department of Interior strategy (USGS, USFWS, BLM, etc)?</p> <p>How is EPA participating in the federal efforts? Tribes want to see more outreach on sustainability to Tribes on this.</p> <p>EPA's response for action item #8 in April :</p> <p>EPA is an active member of the Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force, which consists of over 20 federal agencies and offices. The Task Force released a Progress Report in October 2010 which includes tribes - http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ceq/Interagency-Climate-Change-Adaptation-Progress-Report.pdf. The Task Force issued instructions in March 2011 on how agencies, including EPA, will be integrating climate change adaptation into their planning, operations, policies, and programs. The contact was Stephanie Valentine from Air Division.</p> <p>On the July 26 Tribal Caucus, the question about CED's involvement was raised since the above response was only from the Air Program.</p> <p>On July 28, Enrique clarified that all EPA divisional offices will have a role in addressing climate change including the Communities and Ecosystem Division. While the main responsibilities are in the Air Division, all programs are coordinating their efforts with Air to identify appropriate program activities. For example, Water Division has been providing technical and financial assistance to water and wastewater facilities to help them become more water and energy efficient.</p>
5		How many tribes responded to the CWA 106 survey sent to R9 Tribes?	Kristin Gullatt		<p>As of July 28, 19 assessments were received. Corn will resend the assessment by August 1.</p> <p>The assessments are due on August 31.</p>
6	Tribal Caucus	Tribes have requested for climate change conference call	Corn Antone		<p>Corn has already been in discussion with EPA on rescheduling a conference call for Region 9 tribes on climate change.</p>
7		Send draft guidelines on brownfield consultation	Svetlana Zenkin		<p>Headquarters' Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR) did not release the grant guidelines for public comment.</p> <p>The grant guidelines are available at</p>

		requirements for comments			http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm , and the deadline to apply is November 28, 2011.
8		Tribes will comment on draft guidelines on Brownsfield consultation requirements	All Tribes	30 day comment period after guidelines distributed	(see response for # 7)
9	David Tomsovic	EPA HQ request for consultation on draft 5-year strategic plan for the HQ Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention.	Tribes	9/21/11	2 national consultation calls on 9/13/11 and 9/14/11
10		Request to record webinar on Tribal NSR Develop a library of recorded webinars for access by tribes from all the media	Enrique Manzanilla Willard Chin		This request came up during the Tribal New Source Review discussion. A specific Air Webinar on 8/9/11 has been scheduled. HQ has hosted a number of webinars on the Tribal New Source Review. Podcasts of these webinars have been posted on their web page at: http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/tribalnsr.html In terms of developing a library, each program office in headquarters is responsible for scheduling webinars on new program guidance/requirements. Region 9 will work with the programs to list webinar information in the RTOC EPA Report, tribal newsletter, posting on RTOC website and email to tribes.