

New Issues for April 2011  
REGIONAL TRIBAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

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REQUESTED BY (DATE)	TASK	WHO (Tribe/EPA)	WHEN	STATUS
General				
1 <b>Arizona</b>	<p>Nuclear Materials, Radioactive Wastes and Other Hazardous Wastes on Indian Lands</p> <p><b>Transportation</b> The transportation of hazardous waste, including nuclear waste, through tribal lands continues to be a concern due to the threat to human health and the environment. Should a spill or incident occur on tribal lands, many of the first responders in Indian Country do not have adequate training to effectively respond to such an emergency. As a result, human health and environmental health on Tribal lands are compromised from the threat and dangers of the radioactive waste or radiation.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Tribes request EPA's support for proper and adequate training of tribal first responders. ITCA staff will facilitate research and coordination with other federal agencies that have various</p>	<p>Angie Proboszcz (415) 972-3077 proboszcz.angie@epa.gov</p> <p>Marsha Keister (208) 526-0754, marsha.keister@inl.gov</p>		<p>Training for radiological transportation incidents and also for response to incidents involving radioactive materials in general:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DOE through the Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program (TEPP) offers emergency response radiological transportation training for responders (<i>fire, law enforcement, hazmat teams, emergency management, public information officers, and other interested individuals</i>) who may respond to incidents involving DOE radioactive materials in transport. However, response to radioactive materials is the same whether those materials are owned by DOE or by a medical supplier or at a fixed facility (<i>though the facility response may involve differing protocols</i>).</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.em.doe.gov/Transportation/TEPP_Home.aspx">http://www.em.doe.gov/Transportation/TEPP_Home.aspx</a></p>

responsibilities relating to this topic. In addition, Tribes request proper notification of any transportation of hazardous or nuclear waste (and non-waste radioactive materials) being transported through their lands.

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- **Please have interested Tribes contact Marsha Keister at (208) 526-0754, or e-mail at - [marsha.keister@inl.gov](mailto:marsha.keister@inl.gov) - if they would like more information or if they would like to schedule a class.**
- The TEPP training is provided for no charge to Tribes (and States). Instructors, supplies and materials will be brought to a training facility supplied by the Tribe.
- DOE asks only that the Tribal sponsoring organization provide the training facility and register the students. It is very helpful if the facility has a projector and set up for training so the instructors can bring their laptops and hook into the system.
- There is no cost to the tribes as the instructors pay for their own travel.
- Interested Tribes may want to schedule this federal fiscal year as funding for FY2012 is very uncertain.
- Attached are list of the topics covered in a typical "Modular Emergency Response Radiological Transportation Training" (MERRTT) course and a little narrative about the course.
- An alternative to this course is also included in the FEMA Independent Study program and

				<p>is listed as IS-302: Modular Radiological Response Transportation Training. However, this course is a refresher version and assumes the student has some radiological background.</p> <p><a href="http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/IS302.asp">http://www.training.fema.gov/emiweb/IS/IS302.asp</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Additional FEMA courses include IS-301: Radiological Emergency Response <a href="http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is301.asp">http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/is301.asp</a> and S-301: Radiological Emergency Response Operations.</li> </ul>
2	Arizona	<p>Tribes being prepared for radioactive incidents (e.g., fallout, melt down, etc). Tribes have expressed great concern that they are ill-prepared for such catastrophic events.</p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> Tribes request EPA's support for resources, training and expertise in emergency planning and preparedness. Some of the training and expertise could be provided by EPA's Emergency Response Team, in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Again, ITCA staff can facilitate coordination with other federal agencies that have various responsibilities relating to this topic.</p>	<p>Angie Proboszcz (415) 972-3077 <a href="mailto:proboszcz.angie@epa.gov">proboszcz.angie@epa.gov</a></p> <p>Harry L. Allen 415-972-3063 <a href="mailto:allen.harryl@epa.gov">allen.harryl@epa.gov</a></p>	<p>EPA can provide various training on our roles and responsibilities - how we can help etc. EPA can also provide hazardous waste shipping training (but not radiation). We can give a presentation on our jurisdiction and role in a radiation event - based on the EPA "Rad Play Book".</p> <p>See attached list of training offered by various agencies</p>

		<p><b>Recommendation:</b> Request to have EPA provide a presentation to tribes on its role and responsibilities in relation to this important and timely topic. In addition, provide guidance in identifying other federal agencies that may assist with training, communication, preparedness, etc.</p>		
3	California	Pesticide survey and EPA response at July RTOC	<p>Marcy Katzin (415) 947-4215 <a href="mailto:Katzin.marcy@epa.gov">Katzin.marcy@epa.gov</a></p>	EPA has requested clarification on this issue.
4		<p>Conversation with Tribes about sensitive environmental issues. Communicate with all tribes – communication with us about access to accurate information, EPA Mission Statement</p>		EPA has requested clarification on this issue.
5	Samuel	<p>Lisa Jackson was out in this area a few weeks ago – no Tribal contact. <u>Action item:</u> What’s her goal on Tribal visits, etc.</p>	<p>Timothy Grant (415) 972-3783 <a href="mailto:Grant.Timothy@epa.gov">Grant.Timothy@epa.gov</a></p>	<p>EPA Administrator Jackson’s visit to the Fresno area in March was a follow up to a request made by environmental justice leaders in 2009. For this visit, she met with agricultural representatives and later in the day, with members of the environmental justice community.</p> <p>One of her top priorities is to build strong tribal partnerships. Administrator Jackson visited the Salt River Pima Maricopa Indians in January 2010. Her senior management team has also visited Indian Country including:</p> <p>Gina McCarthy, Assistant Administrator</p>

				<p>for Air and Radiation, Gila River and Tohono O’odham in January 2010,</p> <p>Michelle DePass, Assistant Administrator of International and Tribal Affairs, Pala in 2009, Pyramid Lake in October 2010, Gila River in March 2011</p> <p>Paul Anastas, Assistant Administrator Office of Research and Development, Tohono O’odham in January 2011</p> <p>Region 9 will continue to work with the Administrator’s office to explore opportunities for future tribal visits. The Regional Administrator will continue his visits to the tribes throughout the Region.</p>
6	Budget Work Group	Request that Region 9 update its Regional Consultation Approach in light of the EPA national policy	<p>Gilbert Pasqua (415) 972-3788 <a href="mailto:pasqua.gilbert@epa.gov">pasqua.gilbert@epa.gov</a></p> <p>Tribal Co-lead</p>	EPA will work with the RTOC Consultation Workgroup to evaluate the need and the timing to update Region 9’s Tribal Consultation Approach
7	Budget Work Group	Request EPA provide information on the planned meeting with Nevada tribes and the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. The RTOC is in the process of completing it’s strategic planning and there may be overlap and duplication of effort.	<p>Nate Lau (415) 972-3839 <a href="mailto:lau.nate@epa.gov">lau.nate@epa.gov</a></p>	<p>EPA is working with the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada to plan a meeting of tribal leaders and senior federal officials from different departments and agencies (e.g., HUD, BIA, IHS, USDA–Rural Development and DOE). The goal is to better understand tribal needs and priorities so that federal senior leaders can be better tribal advocates in their own agency budget process, and to identify opportunities to collaborate among agencies on priority tribal projects.</p> <p>EPA will build on the meeting with</p>

				ITCN with similar future meetings for tribes in Arizona and California.
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