

**Issues**  
**Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting**  
**April 29-May 1, 2014**  
**Santa Rosa, CA**

	<b>Requested By:</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Status</b>
1	Arizona Tribes	Request that EPA R9 TPO GAP Project Officers come into alignment with one consistent unified plan on how to implement the GAP guidance/GAP Guidebook in order to have consistency and consensus among all tribal programs. Tribes request EPA R9 TPO hold trainings in AZ on the GAP Guidance/GAP guidebook. Tribes also request more independence and flexibility on the type of activities that could be included in their GAP work plans.			<p>Tribal Section Project Officers have worked together to make uniform decisions on the application of the GAP Guidance and Guidebook to ensure consistency across Tribes in the Region.</p> <p>We are eagerly awaiting training from the American Indian Environmental Office on the GAP Guidance and Guidebook to achieve even greater consistency on its application.</p> <p>If you have specific issues, please contact Laura Ebbert at <a href="mailto:ebbert.laura@epa.gov">ebbert.laura@epa.gov</a> or contact your project officer.</p> <p>We will also offer a session at the Summer RTOC meeting for feedback/one-on-one training, please look for the draft agenda on the RTOC website.</p>
2	Arizona Tribes	Request that training be provided to EPA R9			EPA offers a required training for all staff entitled: Working Effectively with Tribal Governments. The

		<p>Project Officers on how to properly and effectively work with Tribal Communities. The workgroup recommends that the training be instructed by an approved Tribal representative with sufficient knowledge of the uniqueness of tribal governments, governmental structures, cultures, socioeconomic challenges, barriers, etc. It is also recommended that it not be a one-time training but repeated training every two to three years for project officers.</p>		<p>training is web-based, a refresher is required annually.</p> <p>Tribes can offer feedback on the training, a copy of the training was sent by Laura Ebbert to Corn Antone for distribution on June 9, 2014. Please provide any feedback to Laura at <a href="mailto:ebbert.laura@epa.gov">ebbert.laura@epa.gov</a>.</p>
3	Arizona Tribes	<p>Request technical training on the use of the new Grants.gov website, in addition to any new sets of requirements or criteria for submitting grants through this website.</p>		<p>Completed: Laura Ebbert requested additional training from HQs. Trainings were offered in May 2014 via webinar.</p> <p>The official roll out of grants.gov as a requirement has been pushed out to February 2015. EPA Region 9 plans to offer a training at the Annual Tribal/EPA Conference:</p> <p>In addition, Grants.gov has a lot of existing</p>

					resources that tribes can use to learn how to use the system as well. Users can find a training video, user guides, and lots more at this link: <a href="http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-resources.html">http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/applicants/applicant-resources.html</a> .
4.		Follow Up and identify tribal allocation FIFRA/Pesticides & see if we can get additional funding	Jeff	1 month (June 1, 2014)	<p>FIFRA Tribal Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FIFRA money comes in 2 different places: Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) and Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA). Each pot is used to fund different types of activities.</li> <li>• OPP directly funds some specific projects, such as circuit riders and the TPPC. OPP splits its remaining discretionary money for tribes among regions according to a formula based on number of federally recognized tribes in a region, tribal population, and total tribal acreage. Regions use this money to fund tribal continuation programs or projects.</li> <li>• In FY13, Region 9 received \$198,200 for tribes from OPP.</li> <li>• In FY13, Region 9 awarded \$328,849 in OPP funding to tribes (amount includes 1one-time special projects funded with ULO funds from previous year).</li> <li>• <b>OECA sends a pot of “discretionary” money to the region for tribes.</b></li> <li>• In FY13, Region 9 received discretionary funding from OECA in the amount \$717,000.</li> <li>• In FY13, Region 9 awarded \$732,108 in OECA</li> </ul>



8		Work with Herb Schultz I.H.S. RA to discuss issue, get status & identify possible next steps.	Jared	Update at next RTOC	Herb Schultz has retired, and Jared has yet to meet <b>with Herb's replacement.</b> Jared will report back on this item in October at the Annual Tribal/EPA Conference.
9		Comments on the proposed rule for U.S. waters.	All	July 21	Ongoing.
10.		Followup call on CA drought issues raised	Gita (Sarah Ryan)	2 weeks 5/16/ 14	No issues were raised, no follow-up has been completed at this time.
11.		If you are interested in getting infor on specific funding from BIA email: <a href="mailto:Charles.jachens@bia.gov">Charles.jachens@bia.gov</a>	All	As desired	Ongoing.
12.		Distribute a copy of the national EPA working with tribes training	Laura Ebbert	2 weeks 5/16/14	Completed on June 9, 2014. Laura Ebbert sent the training to Corn for distribution.
13.		Explore with Grants office what is process (& exemptions) requesting waivers from using grants.gov	Laura Ebbert	5/9/14	Laura Ebbert is exploring waiver options with the Office of Grants and Debarment. Mainly this waiver process is internal to the Agency, and would be on a programmatic basis.
14.		Send infor on how tribes can obtain 100% recyclable paper from GSA.	Zoe Heller	5/16/ 14	GSA will come speak on this topic at the Summer RTOC meeting in July 2014.
15.		Will follow up to questions/ issues from Buena Vista.	Stephanie V.	5/9/14	Completed. Stephanie Valentine sent an e-mail response to this question on May 8, 2014.