

UST and LUST Funding Opportunities

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Spring RTOC Presentation
FY16 Funding For
Leaking Underground Storage Tanks &
Inspections of USTs
U.S. EPA Region 9
Underground Storage Tanks Program

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Cleanups in Indian Country



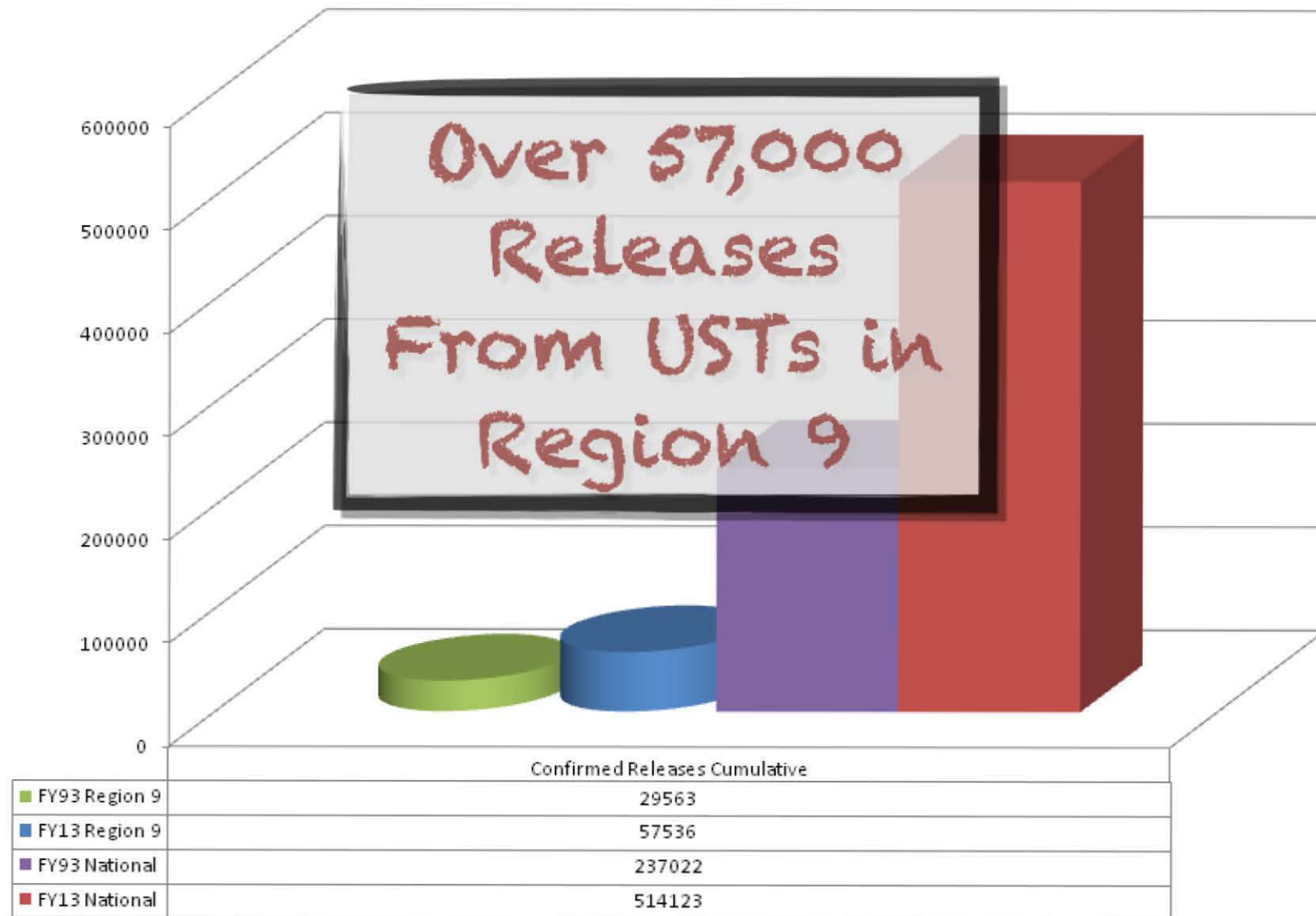
EPA Region 9 in Coordination with the Tribes Oversees the Remediation of Contamination from Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (“LUST”)



EPA Region 9 in Coordination with the Tribes Inspects Underground Storage Tanks (“UST”)



Cummulative Confirmed Releases 20 Years Ago vs. Current



Tribal UST (Active) Universe

- ▶ 195 Operating Facilities (461 Active Federally Regulated USTs)
- ▶ 8 Temporarily Closed Facilities
 - Compliance rates at mid-year 2015 for the Region are: 84%
 - National average is 72.5%

National Funding for UST & LUST Work

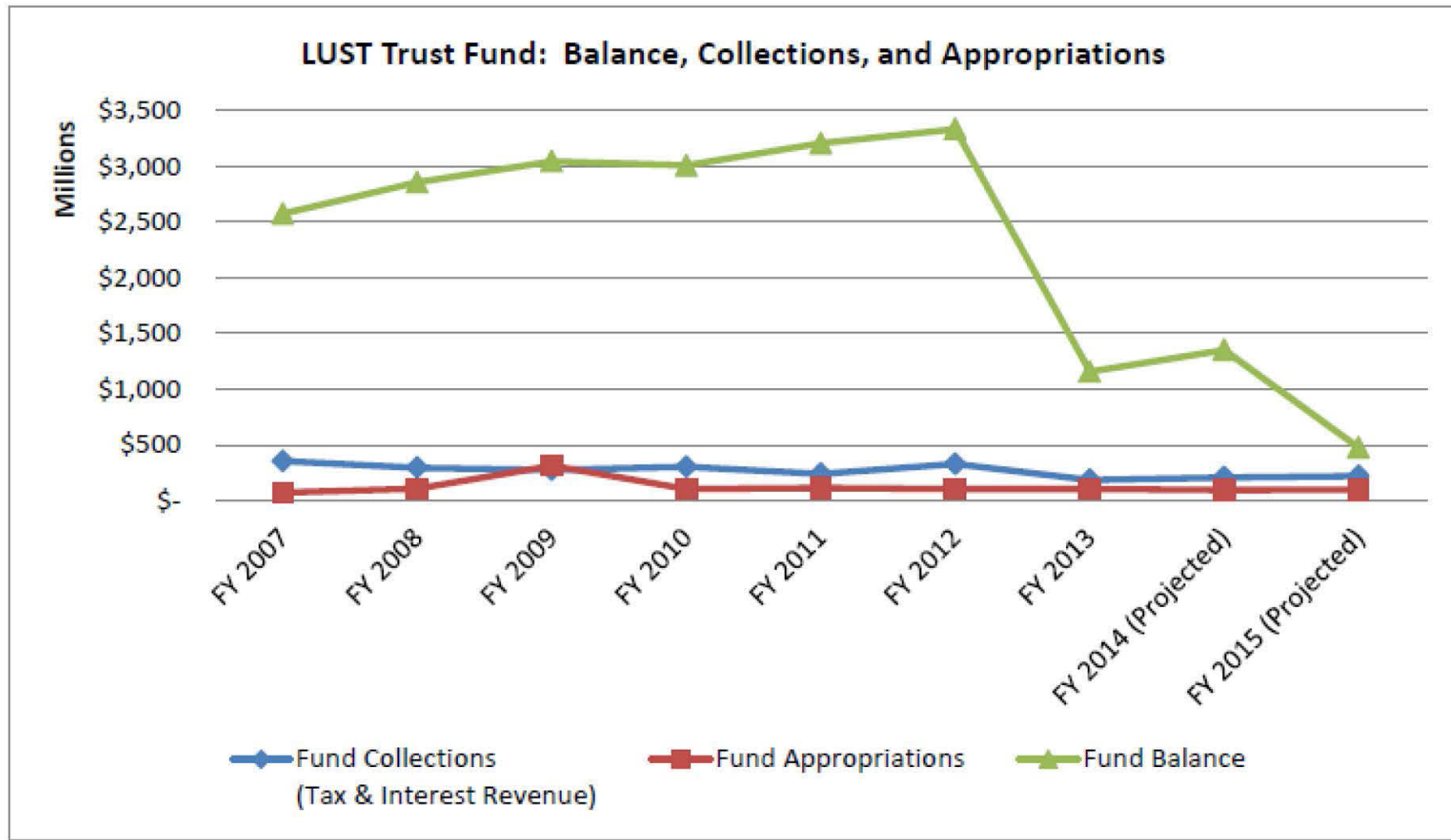
- ▶ The LUST Trust Fund is financed by a 0.1 cent tax on each gallon of motor fuel sold in the United States

What does the LUST Trust Fund support?

The LUST Trust Fund provides funding to support the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's), States' and Territories' (States'), and Tribal LUST prevention and response programs. More specifically, the LUST Trust Fund supports U.S. EPA, States, and Tribes by providing funding:

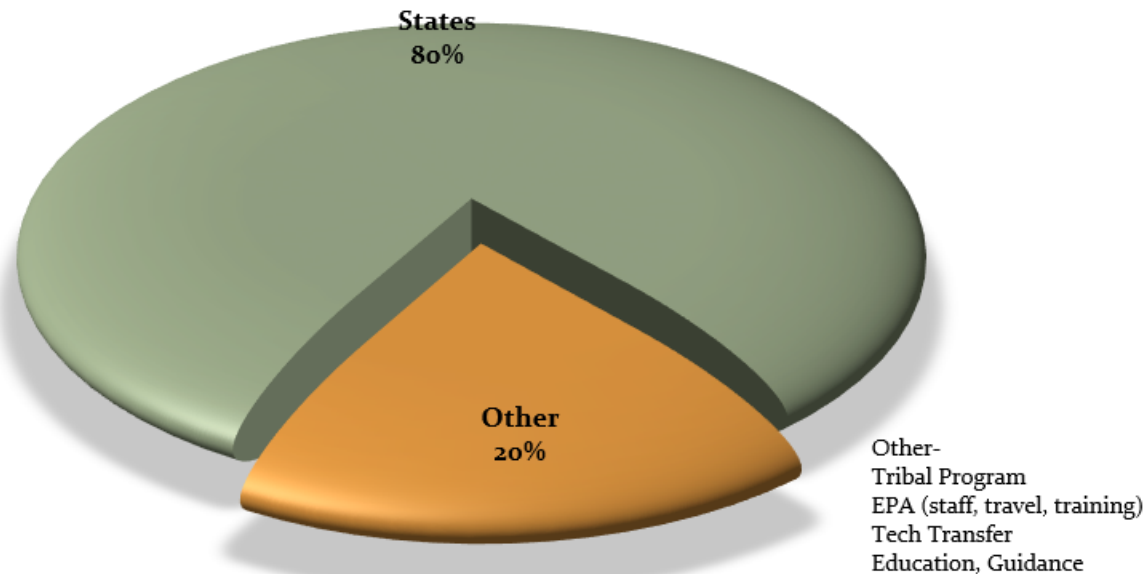
- to oversee corrective action taken by a responsible party;
- to cleanup LUST sites where there is no known or financially viable responsible party;
- for emergency response activities; and
- to support some leak prevention activities associated with EPCRA 2005 ([EPA Memorandum, re: Prevention Funding under LUST Trust Fund Program](#), May 8, 2008).

Trust Fund Balance



Trust Fund Annual Distribution by Congress

LUST Trust Fund Annual Disbursement

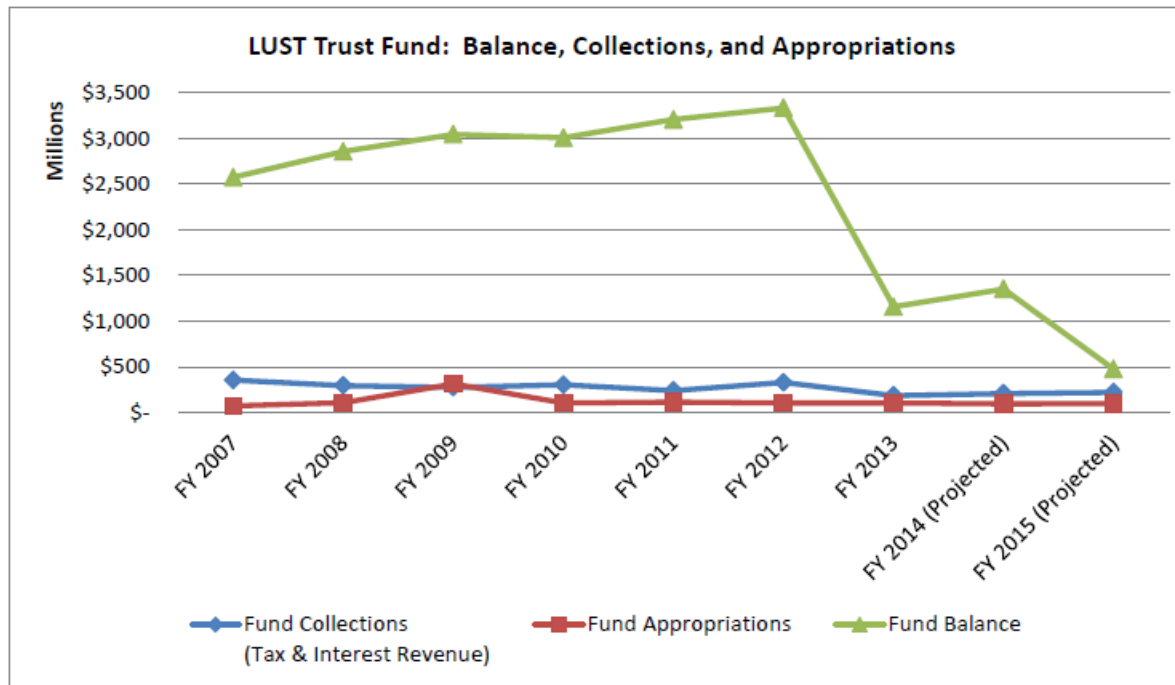


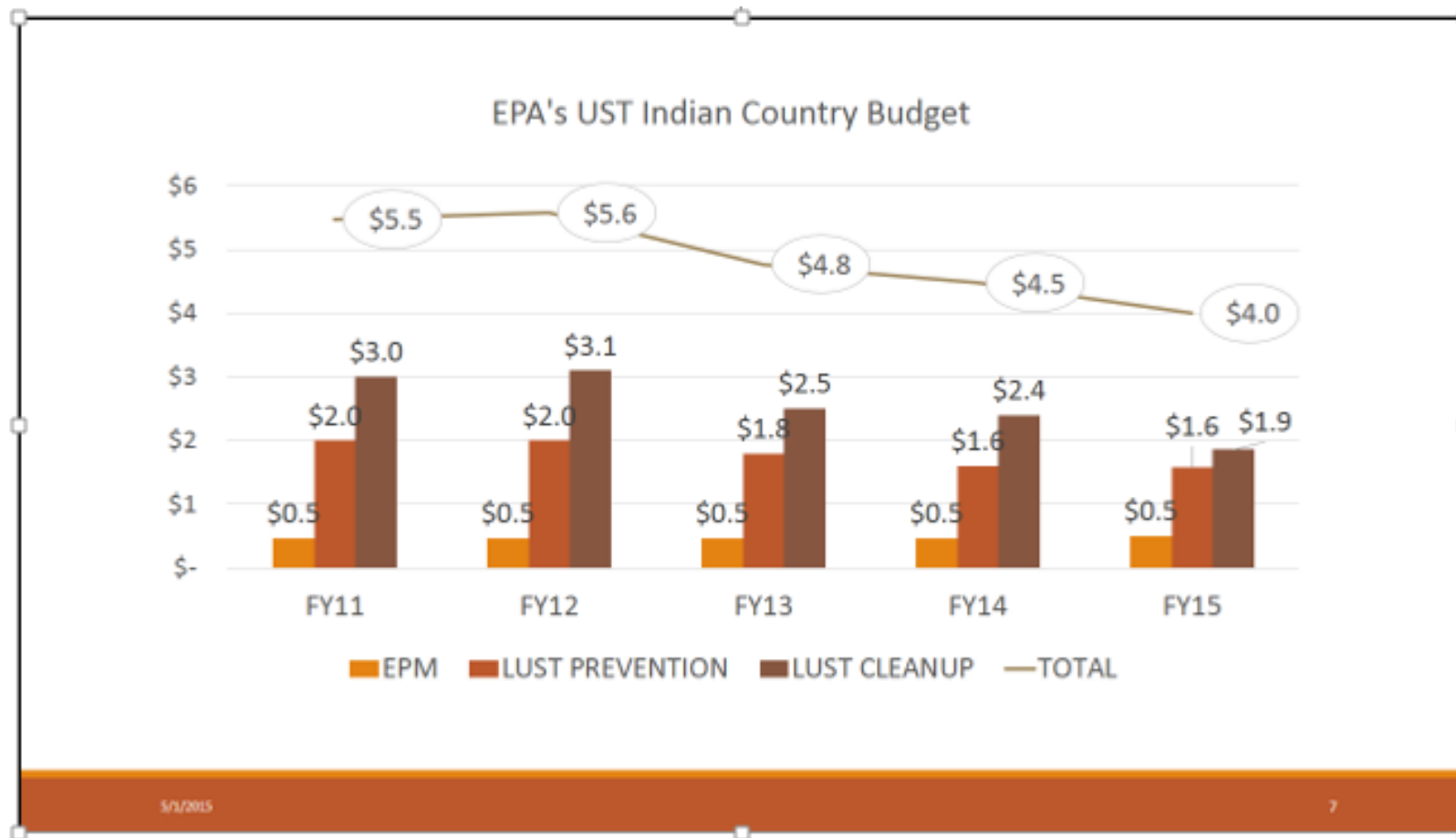
Trust Fund Balance -Transfers

- ▶ Fund balance has been reduced by two large transfers
 - ▶ 2012- \$2.4 billion transferred to Highway Trust Fund (DOT)
 - ▶ 2015 - \$1.0 billion transferred to Highway Trust Fund (DOT)

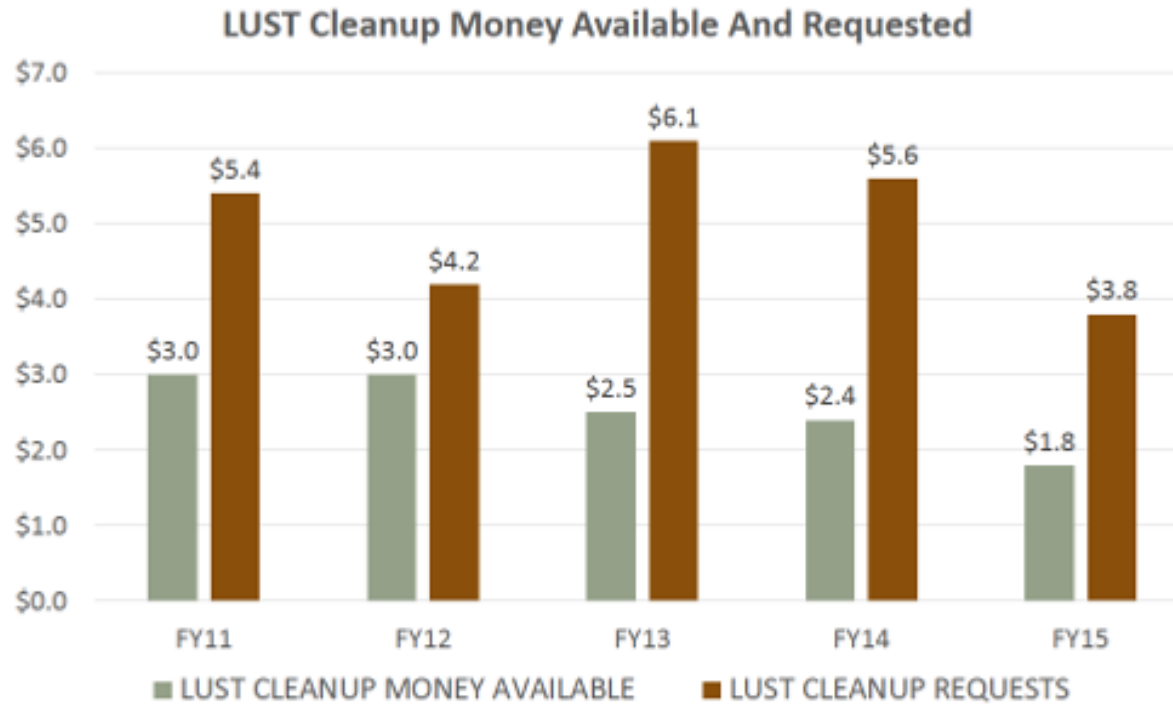
Trust Fund Balance cont.

- ▶ EPA allocations have largely equaled the annual collections





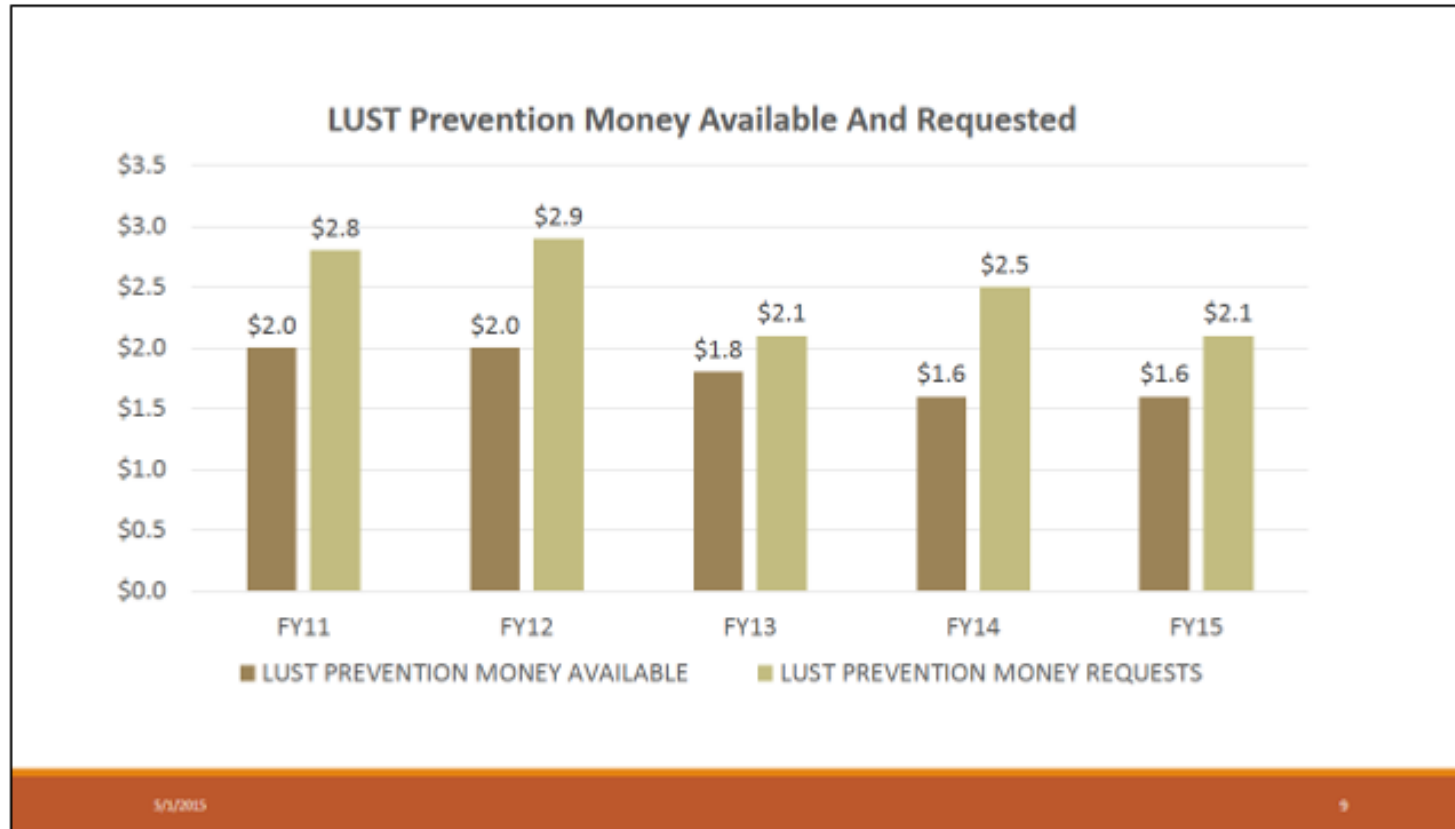
- Since FY 2011, EPA's budget for UST Indian country program has **decreased** by 27%. (Consistent with decreases to states, of ~30%)



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- requests for tribal LUST cleanup money have been on average, double the available money (average of \$5 million requested versus \$2.5 million available).



- The requests for tribal LUST Prevention money for tribal grants has ~28% greater than available funds (average of \$2.5 million versus \$1.8 million available).
- In FY'15, EPA-OUST had to restrict funding to tribes/coalitions with **15 or more facilities**
- Previously funded R9 coalitions, NAEPC, ITCA did not receive FY'15 funds

FY'16 Funding - How to Request

- ▶ Contact EPA (Rebecca Jamison) with ideas/needs by September 1, 2015
- ▶ UST Inspections - Coalitions w/ <greater 15 facilities recommended
- ▶ LUST Sites - Prioritize LUST for highest risk sites (i.e. direct impacts to water, vapor intrusion)

Discussion - Q & A

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