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OFFICE OF  
SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE

September 24, 2012

Extension of Consultation and Coordination Timeline for *The Environmental Protection Agency-Wide Plan to Provide Solid Waste Management Capacity Assistance to Tribes*

Dear Honorable Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is pleased to announce a revised timeline for consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on *The Environmental Protection Agency-Wide Plan to Provide Solid Waste Management Capacity Assistance to Tribes* (the Plan). The revised schedule is in response to requests we have received for additional time and will accommodate our need for meaningful dialogue and consultation with tribes on this important initiative.

EPA has extended the consultation timeline to November 8, 2012.

**Tribal Consultation Process & Timeline**

As stated in my consultation notification letter of July 12, 2012, EPA is seeking input from tribal governments on the content of *The Environmental Protection Agency-Wide Plan to Provide Solid Waste Management Capacity Assistance to Tribes* (the Plan). Once consultation on the Plan is completed and tribal input has been fully considered, we will continue to engage with tribal governments on implementing the Plan during Fiscal Year 2013.

All consultation information, including a copy of the Plan, is available on the following EPA website:  
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wyl/tribal/capacityassist.htm>.

**\*\*Please note the additional dates associated with this consultation and coordination plan:**

Consultation & Coordination Activity	Date
Consultation Process Begins	July 23, 2012
National Tribal Consultation Conference Call	August 16, 2012
National Tribal Consultation Webinar	September 12, 2012
<b>National Tribal Consultation Conference Call**</b>	<b>October 3, 2012</b>
<b>National Tribal Consultation Webinar**</b>	<b>October 10, 2012</b>
Consultation Process Ends- Tribal Comments Due	November 8, 2012

**National Tribal Consultation Conference Call and Webinar Events**

The national tribal conference call and webinar will each include two segments. The first segment will be used to coordinate and share information between EPA and tribal representatives. The first segment will also provide an opportunity for clarifying questions to be asked and discussed. The second segment will provide an opportunity for consultation input from tribal leaders or their authorized representatives.

**National Conference Call**

The conference call will be held on Wednesday, October 3, 2012, from

- 2:00 - 3:30 pm (EDT)
- 1:00 - 2:30 pm (CDT)
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm (MDT)
- 11:00 - 12:30 pm (PDT) and
- 10:00 - 11:30 pm (AKDT)

and will use the following numbers:

- Conference call line: (866) 299-3188
- Conference call code: (703) 307-6087

**Webinar Registration:**

Wednesday, October 10, 2012, 2:00 - 3:30 pm EDT  
<https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/987680594>

**Website for Additional Consultation Opportunities:**

Details on any additional consultation opportunities will be made available at the following EPA website:  
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wyl/tribal/capacityassist.htm>

**Official Agency Point of Contact**

Please do not hesitate to contact your regional tribal program office or the following Agency representative with any questions or comments about this action, or if you would like to request alternate arrangements to the process outlined above.

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I look forward to hearing from you on this important matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tribal Environmental Directors  
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