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# GAP ETEP SESSION

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# EPA/Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs)

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# Purpose of the Environmental Protection Agency Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP)

- ▶ The ETEP is a planning document to identify intermediate and long terms goals to build tribal environmental program capacities.
- ▶ GAP workplans contain capacity indicators that are related to the goals from the ETEPs.
- ▶ Allows EPA and the Tribe to measure progress towards tribal goals.

# Developing an ETEP: Environmental Inventory (OPTIONAL)

- ▶ An Inventory can be useful in focusing the Tribal Environmental Plan
- ▶ Update an existing TEI or create a new one
- ▶ A template is available from your Project Officer

# Components of an ETEP: Tribal Environmental Plan

- ▶ Update an existing plan or developing a new one
- ▶ A TEP is a comprehensive document that identifies issues the Tribe is facing, what steps may be taken to resolve those issues, and prioritizes the issues for action.
- ▶ Where applicable, work identified in the ETEP that might be performed under GAP should include appropriate indicators
- ▶ Tribes are encouraged to articulate the support they need from media offices in their TEP (not just GAP-eligible environmental program needs)
- ▶ There is no required format for the TEP, but your Project Officer can provide examples, a standard template, and further guidance

# Components of an ETEP: Areas of Involvement

- ▶ EPA will articulate roles and responsibilities for various statutory environmental programs relevant to the tribe.
- ▶ EPA will help the Tribe engage with relevant program or media contacts for specific media or program areas, as warranted.

# Components of an ETEP: Regulated Facilities

- ▶ EPA will provide a list of regulated facilities to be reviewed by the Tribe and included in the final ETEP

# Components of an ETEP: Cover memo

- ▶ The Tribe and EPA will collaborate on a cover memo to be signed by both parties that identifies areas where EPA's and the Tribe's goals align – areas where we will be working together to accomplish mutual interests.