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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Final Guidance for Funding Development and Administration of Tribal Pesticide Field Program and Enforcement Cooperative Agreements

FROM: Ann Pontius, Acting Director
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TO: Regional Pesticide Division Directors

The final version of the Office of Compliance (OC) and Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) document, "Guidance for Funding Development and Administration of Tribal Pesticide Field Program and Enforcement Cooperative Agreements" is attached. The guidance is intended for use by EPA staff as they work with federally-recognized Indian tribes that are assessing their need for a continuing federal pesticide field program and/or enforcement grant. It explains the process of how tribes can apply for the funds, how the funds will be distributed to tribes that are eligible, and the performance expectations of all tribes that received these funds. EPA grant funds continue to be insufficient to support a tribal pesticide program with every tribe. This guidance will help EPA staff identify and prioritize proposals that are eligible to receive the limited funds, which will allow EPA to distribute the funds in a fair and nationally consistent manner.

This guidance document is the result of a lengthy, careful development process over the past two years. It incorporates comments and suggestions from many sources including EPA regions, other EPA headquarters offices, and members of the federally-recognized tribal community. If you have questions on the guidance document please contact Julie Simpson, OC or Dan Helfgott, OPP.

Attachment

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