

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



April 29, 2009



Tribal Air Funding

- The deadline for FY 10 proposals was January 9, 2009
- R9 has still not received tribal air funding from EPA HQ
- Tribes will be notified of their funding status as soon as R9 receives final tribal allocation—June 2009 (tentatively)
- Contact: Sara Bartholomew at 415-947-4100 or bartholomew.sara@epa.gov



Ozone Designations

- In 2008, EPA finalized a more stringent Ozone standard
- In January 2009, EPA asked states and tribes to provide recommendations on which areas meet the new standard and which do not
- Recommendations were due March 2009
- R9 received recommendations from **9** tribes in AZ, CA, and NV
- R9 is evaluating the recommendations and will respond no later than November 12, 2009
- EPA will issue final ozone designations by March 12, 2010
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Reporting Rule

- Proposed rule requires large producers of GHGs to submit annual reports to EPA
- Rule would only affect tribes that own or operate facilities that supply fossil fuels and industrial GHGs, manufacture vehicles and engines, and that emit $\geq 25,000$ metric tons of GHGs per year
- Rule signed March 10, 2009, Public comment period open until June 9, 2009
- <http://www.epa.gov/climatechange/emissions/ghgrulemaking.html>
- Contact: Ben Machol, at 415-972-3770 or machol.ben@epa.gov



Decisive Legal Victory on Navajo Nation

- EPA issued a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) for Four Corners power plant on Navajo Nation in May 2007
- EPA was sued by plant operator, Arizona Public Service (APS) for being too stringent
- EPA was also sued by several environmental groups for not including more in the FIP
- Court upheld EPA in all respects and affirmed that EPA can work with tribes on targeted FIPs to fill regulatory gaps
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, at 520-498-0118 or mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov



Upcoming ITEP Training

Jul 29-31	<u>New Source Review</u> (Rescheduled from May 20-22)	RTP, NC
Aug 19-22	<u>Climate Change on Tribal Lands</u>	Flstaff, AZ

- Contact: Lydia Scheer, lydia.scheer@nau.edu;
<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>



Update

- March 9 Office of Management and Budget (OMB) memo regarding Grants.gov being overloaded, OMB will notify agencies once the problem is fixed
- OMB instructed agencies to temporarily reduce use of Grants.gov for submittals---competitive announcements will continue to be posted
- EPA Region 9 has not fully implemented the use of Grants.gov
- Based on HQ guidance, Region 9 is encouraging grantees to:
 - Submit applications via hardcopy for regular programs
 - Use Acrobat Adobe (.pdf) via email to expedite applications for Stimulus Bill funding

Contact: Susan Chiu at 415-972-3674 or chiu.susan@epa.gov

New Tribal Solid Waste Training

- New solid waste course entitled: Sustainable Solid Waste Management Operations
- Course is sponsored by the Environmental Health Support Center and EPA.
- Course is **free** and provides specialized training in developing, implementing, and supporting an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP).
- Dates: 5/12/09 - 5/14/09
- Location: Phoenix, AZ
- For more information, or to register for the class, visit the website:
<http://www.ehsc.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=class&clID=336&q=module=classes&startrow=26>



Changes to the Tribal Solid Waste Team

- **Who:** Heather White will be moving temporarily to DC for a detail opportunity
- **Where:** EPA HQ - Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery
- **Why:** Looking at ways to change the framework of the national program to integrate tribal programs/projects
- **When:** Approximately mid May – Oct.



The US EPA Tribal Solid Waste Team has a temporary new member!

- **Who:** Tina Davis
 - **Liaison To:** Lead Region Coordinator and some Arizona Tribes
 - **Starting On:** May 11, 2009
- Note: Tina's responsibilities will transfer to Hillary Hecht and Lea Weinstein; Hillary will oversee RTOC, and Lea will become GAP project officer.
- **Phone:** 415-972-3784
 - **Email:** davis.tina@epa.gov



Now Available: Tribal Solid Waste Costing Tool

- New Region 9 tribal publication: Tribal Solid Waste Program Costing Tool
- The tool is intended to help tribal leaders make decisions about solid waste collection and disposal programs
- Tool is available on our website and also includes accompanying spreadsheets to make calculations easy
- <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>
- Contact: Michelle Baker, Tribal Solid Waste Team, at 415-972-3206 or baker.michelle@epa.gov



Green Casino Workshop: Tribal cosponsor needed

- EPA Region 9 is looking for a tribal partner to cosponsor the next Tribal Green Casino Workshop (in FY09)
- Tribal cosponsor would provide space for the 1-day workshop and ideally a tour of their facility
- EPA will organize the speakers and other logistics
- Interested? Please contact Heather White, Tribal Solid Waste Team, 415-972-3384 or white.heather@epa.gov



Tribal Hazardous Waste Management Grant Still Open!

- **Purpose:** This grant program supports projects designed to develop and implement hazardous waste management programs and improve the ability to properly identify, manage, or dispose of hazardous waste
- **Funding Available:** Approximately \$300,000, each project not to exceed \$75,000
- **Deadline:** May 1, 2009 (This Friday!)
- <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/09-01.pdf>
- **Contact:** Charles Swanson at 415-947-4219 or swanson.charles@epa.gov



ITEP Soliciting Applications for the National Tribal Steering Committee

- **What:** ITEP is soliciting applications from tribal staff to serve on the Tribal OSWER Steering Committee (2-year term)
- **Purpose:** Steering Committee members will ensure tribally-relevant waste management and response training, technical assistance, and research program in partnership with the US EPA Office of Solid Waste Emergency Response (OSWER) and ITEP
- **Who:** Tribal staff/management in the fields of solid waste, hazardous waste, brownfields, and emergency and remedial response
- **When:** Applications accepted until July 1, 2009. Please contact Roberta Tohannie of ITEP (Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu) for an electronic application



Technical Assistance Available for Conversion Technology (Waste-to-Energy) Projects

- EPA Region 9 has recently been approached by several entities about siting Conversion Technology (Waste-to-Energy) facilities throughout the Region
- Technical assistance is available if you are approached to site such a facility on your reservation. The EPA Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste Team can offer information on:
 - Different types of conversion technology processes
 - Data about by-products and impacts of these facilities
 - Provide questions that you can ask when considering such a facility
- Contact: your Tribal Solid Waste Liaison, or our Conversion Technology Lead Nancy Sockabasin at 415-972-3772 or sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov



Upcoming WQX/STORET Training Opportunities

- **May 12, 2009: WQX Webinar for Region 9 Tribes**
 - Introduce the fundamentals of organizing water quality data in the required WQX/STORET format
- **June, 2009: WQX/STORET Tribal Users Workshop**
 - Participants can attend either the advanced users group or the beginner's group to learn more about the WQX/STORET data format. Announcements will be sent to Tribes soon
- **Contact for More information:**
 - **Audrey L Johnson:** Johnson.audreyL@epa.gov 415-972-3431
 - **Vijay Limaye:** Limaye.vijay@epa.gov 415-972-3442



California Rural Water Preferred Provider Program

- Members receive discount rates for water sampling and analysis, engineering services, leak detection, solar energy, electronic billing
- Contact: Dustin Hardwick at 1-800-833-0322 or visit www.calruralwater.org



California Tribal Water Summit

- **When:** August 26-27, 2009
- **Where:** Sacramento CA
- **Contact:** Barbara Cross, CA Department of Water Resources at 916-653-5150



Innovative Energy Management Workshop

- EPA Region 9 is sponsoring this FREE workshop
- **When:** June 23, 2009
- **Where:** Irwindale, CA
- Learn how to save energy and money at your wastewater treatment plant
- Contact: Cheryl McGovern at 415-972-3415 or mcgovern.cheryl@epa.gov



New Tribal Program Staff

- **Who:** Lea Weinstein

Lea is on temporary detail working part-time in the Tribal Program Office managing some Central and Southern California GAP grants and assisting with Agency staff training on working effectively with tribal governments.

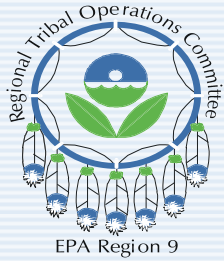
- **Contact:** Lea Weinstein at 415-972-3820 or weinstein.lea@epa.gov

RTOC Manager Change

- **Who:** Hillary Hecht

Beginning in May, Hillary will again oversee the RTOC process, back-filling for Tina Davis who will be on a six month detail to the Tribal Solid Waste Team.

- **Contact:** Hillary Hecht at 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov



July 2009 RTOC

- Location: TENTATIVELY Ron Dellums Federal Building (1301 Clay Street, Oakland, CA 94607)
- Date: July 28-30, 2009
- Public Transportation from Oakland Airport: Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), 12th St. Oakland City Center Station
- Contact: Hillary Hecht at 415-972-3790 or hecht.hillary@epa.gov

GAP Online Version 2.1

- Version 2.1 is now “live” – NOTE: all GAP grant negotiations for FY 2009 are required to be done in this database
- Beta version 2.1 was revised and the majority of Tribal and Regional concerns about 2.0 and 2.1-beta versions were addressed; most other concerns raised have interim resolutions
- Tribes with additional or ongoing concerns should notify their project officer. R9 is keeping a running list of concerns raised and we will continue to forward those issues, concerns and solutions to the National Workgroup, to continue improving the database
- Contact: Laura Mayo at 415-947-3561 or mayo.laura@epa.gov



Environmental Results Through Tribal/EPA Partnerships

COMING SOON!



Fiscal Year 2008 Accomplishments

EPA-909-R-03-004

Tribal Travel Fund (TTF) Update

- This year's Fund was depleted during the second quarter
- EPA is augmenting the fund to support travel to RTOC meetings
- The Tribal Caucus set the following priority for using the fund:
 1. RTOC Representatives
 2. Tribal Workgroup Leads
 3. Tribal Leaders & Other Environmental Staff
- Updated forms were emailed to all tribal environmental staff
- Due date for submitting travel reimbursement request form for the Summer RTOC is **July 7th, 2009**
- Contact
 - Rosanna Marrujo, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
 - 760-873-3300
 - Erica Yelensky, EPA Tribal Program Office
 - 415-972-3021 or yelensky.eric@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

Email Maria Castain at castain.maria@epa.gov or see her today to be added to our mailing list

