



Technical Assistance in Indian Country





Welcome

◆ Participants:

▶ Indian Health Services, RCAC, CRWA & Sustainable Nations

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Topics:

- ◆ Identify Common Technical Assistance Providers (TAP's)
- ◆ What, How and Why TA is Provided?
- ◆ How to Access Services?
- ◆ Who pays for the Service?



Technical Assistance Goals

- ◆ Assist Tribes with Capacity Development and Access to Resources
- ◆ Support Implementation of the SDWA and the CWA
- ◆ Support Sustainability of Infrastructure



How Are Services Provided

◆ Via

- ▶ Routine/Regular Site Visits (Circuit Riders)
- ▶ Reactive Site Visits - Squeaky Wheel gets the Grease (Circuit Riders or TAPs)
- ▶ Workshops & Conferences



Who Typically Receives TAP Services

- ◆ Tribal Operators
- ◆ Utility Boards or Councils
- ◆ Community
- ◆ Others.....Specialty TA



Common Water /Wastewater Technical Assistance

- ◆ OMEs, TMF Assessments
- ◆ Application Assistance (Waivers, Funding, etc)
- ◆ Hands -on (one on one Assistance)
- ◆ On- site Training





How are Service Obtained by Tribes

- ◆ By Letter, Phone, Email, Fax, Websites
- ◆ Direct request from the Tribe or an agency
- ◆ Services may be Declined or Requested
- ◆ Services are at no Cost (normally)



Who Pays & Why

- ◆ USDA – RD, TAPs assist with loans/grants
- ◆ USEPA – Compliance Assistance/grants
- ◆ Indian Health Services – Project Construction/Sustainability



Authority To Act

- ◆ Services are not Provided without Consent from the Tribe
- ◆ 3rd Party TAPs Consider themselves 'guests' in Indian Country
- ◆ All Authority rests with the Tribe and or the Primary Agency





Why Might Services be Declined?

- ◆ No Funding for Requested Activity
- ◆ Geographic Issues (normally don't deny services but may limit on-site Activity)
- ◆ Court Orders or Funder Request (Rare)
- ◆ Other



Finally: What a Circuit Rider/TAP is NOT?

- ◆ The Maintenance Person
- ◆ The Engineer (normally)
- ◆ The System Operator or
- ◆ The Regulator



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Sustainable Nations TA opportunities

- ◆ Sustainable Nations offers training, educational program development, consulting, and sustainable development planning for Native peoples.
- ◆ We cover renewable energy, green/natural building, biologically based wastewater treatment, water-efficient design, and food security development.





Types of Support

Nonprofit training, research, and development

Contract training/consulting/program development



How to Initiate a TA Request

- ◆ Contact Sustainable Nations Director for initial consulting
- ◆ Determine category of support
- ◆ Site visit to develop the strategic plan and lay out the work contract.



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