Improve Delivery of Info to At-Risk and Remote Communities Flagship Update - FY2010 – 4th Quarter

Description of Flagship Project

- The Improve Delivery of Information to At-Risk and Remote Communities Project falls under the "Expanding the Environmental Conversation with Communities" Flagship Theme
- We are connecting with communities historically underrepresented in EPA decision making, to enhance their ability to acquire information and use it to meaningfully participate in EPA decisions
- The project focuses on information access, information delivery (including electronic delivery systems in the context of the digital divide), and ways to provide technical information so that it is clear, relevant, accessible and timely for use by affected communities
- Additional information can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/oswer/engagementinitiative/act13.htm

Stakeholders

- Public (Communities in rural and urban areas, communities of color)
- Tribes
- Local Governments

Milestones/Status

- Establish National Workgroup (Complete)
- Develop Outreach Strategy and Implementation Plan (In progress)
- Outreach Activities and Events (In progress)
- Reports and Recommendations

Highlights of Progress this Quarter

- Conducted Workgroup Meetings and began development of Outreach Strategy and Implementation Plan
- Solicited feedback from tribal representatives on Delivery of Information at the National Tribal Lands and Environment Forum on August 25, 2010 (http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/natl_confr.asp)

Planned Activity for Next Quarter

- National Workgroup will finalize a strategy and implementation plan to identify, test and analyze the effectiveness of existing information delivery mechanisms
- Seek input from at-risk and remote communities through Fall of 2010
- Interview and compile input from community outreach experts on delivery of information best practices

Metrics

Metrics will be developed as part of the outreach strategy