

**2010 Indian General Assistance Program Conference
March 23 – 25, 2010**

Agenda

**Valdas V. Adamkus Conference Center – Lake Michigan Room¹
12th Floor, USEPA Region 5: 77 West Jackson Boulevard: Chicago, IL 60604**

Tuesday March 23, 2010		
Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
08:00 AM	<i>Refreshments</i>	
08:15 AM	Welcome & Introductions ~Presentation of the Taimi Lynne Hoag Environmental Stewardship Award to Councilwoman Susan LaFerner, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community	Luke Jones , EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office Willie Harris , Acting Director, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office Stan Ellison , Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community & Region 5 Tribal Caucus Co-Chair
08:45 AM	EPA American Indian Environmental Office Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AIEO transition to Office of International Activities • Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments • 2011 Budget – Building Strong State and Tribal Partnerships ~ Schedule on transition; Feedback received from tribes on <i>Consultation and Coordination</i> to date, review of the initial draft plan, relationship to the 1984 Indian Policy, schedule for finalizing plan, and plans for obtaining additional tribal input; and plans for tribal funding.	Jeff Besougloff , Associate Director, EPA American Indian Environmental Office
09:15 AM	Making Sense of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative ~ Current status of the funding process, inter-agency coordination, and support for tribal capacity-building. ~ Tribal participant feedback.	Cameron Davis , Senior Advisor to the EPA Administrator for the Great Lakes
09:45 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:00 AM	Adaptation to Climate Change ~ Presentation on minimizing the effects of climate change on ecosystems and natural resources.	Robert K. Hall , Environmental Scientist, Standards and TMDL Office, U.S. Region IX
11:00 AM	Working Session I: Defining Enforcement Priorities for Indian Country in Region 5 ~ Brainstorming session to identify and come to consensus on enforcement priorities specific to Region 5 Indian country.	Ken McBride , Environmental Program Director, Red Lake Nation Jennifer Manville , Tribal Environmental Liaison, EPA Region 5 Indian Environmental Office <i>Facilitated Session</i>
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	

01:15 PM	New Agency Initiatives and Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Assurance Policies and Extramural Agreements • National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System: Construction & Development Effluent Guidelines • Proposed Guidelines Encouraging States to Work with Tribes when Developing Total Maximum Daily Loads • Clean Water Act Section 106 Funding • Future Changes to Regulations for Uranium and Thorium Milling • Regional Monitoring Network Assessment • Agency's Coal Combustion Waste Surface Impoundment (Coal Ash) Initiative 	Kevin Bolger , Quality Assurance Manager, Office of the Regional Administrator Brian Bell , Regional Stormwater Coordinator, Water Division Dave Werbach , TMDL Coordinator, Water Division Dan Cozza , Tribal Program Manager, Water Division Jack Barnette , Air and Radiation Division Michael Koerber , Executive Director, Lake Michigan Air Directors Consortium Willie Harris , Acting Director, Indian Environmental Office
02:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	
03:00 PM	Indian Country Program/Project Highlights: Lessons Learned and Shared <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable Water Management • Working with Natural Resources Conservation Service: A Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council Perspective • Lake of the Woods Agreement • Solar Panel Pilot Project • Indoor Air Quality Project • Oil Spill Prevention for Tribal Fishers <p>~ Tribal environmental program presentations.</p>	Stan Ellison , Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Nate Guldán , Forest County Potawatomi Community Shane Bowe , Red Lake Nation Brandy Toft , Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Darin Steen , Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Mike Ripley , Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority
04:30 PM	Working Session II: Establishing a Region 5 Tribal Grants Management Work Group <p>~ Presentation on the purpose and objectives of the proposed work group and obtain input on selecting tribal representatives and issues of concern.</p>	Darin Steen , Environmental Services Manager, Bois Forte Band of Chippewa <i>Facilitated Session</i>
05:00 PM	<i>Adjourn for the day</i>	
05:45 PM	Social Event: Group Dinner at Location TBD Meet in the Lobby of the EPA Building (77 West Jackson Blvd.)	

Wednesday March 24, 2010

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
08:00 AM	<i>Refreshments</i>	
08:30 AM	Working Session III: Tribal Environmental Program and Science Priorities for Indian Country ~ Tribal-only sessions to identify and prioritize the most significant tribal environmental program and science needs for Indian country in Region 5 for use by the Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee Tribal Caucus and the Region 5 representatives to the National Tribal Operations Committee and Tribal Science Council.	<i>Facilitated Session</i>
10:15 AM	<i>Break</i>	
10:30 AM	Working Session IV: Air Program Permitting Process ~ A discussion on the current air permitting process and tribal participant feedback.	Laura Cossa, Environmental Engineer, Air and Radiation Division
11:30 AM	<i>Lunch</i>	
1:00 PM	The Past and Future of EPA Programs	James Grijalva, Professor, School of Law, University of North Dakota
1:45 PM	Natural Resource Damage Assessment & Restoration	Sally Kniffen, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan Lisa Miotke, Oneida Tribe of Wisconsin Allen Sedik, Bureau of Indian Affairs
2:45 PM	<i>Break</i>	
03:00 PM	GAP On-Line Training Register with your Project Officer	Indian Environmental Office Project Officers 12 th Floor Computer Room
03:00 PM	R5TOC Tribal Caucus Meeting	Stan Ellison, R5TOC Co-Chair 12 th Floor, Lake Huron Room
05:00 PM	Adjourn for the day	

Thursday March 25, 2010

Time	Agenda Item	Speakers
08:30 AM	Region 5 Tribal Operations Committee Meeting	
12 Noon	Lunch	
1:00 to 3:00 PM	GAP On-Line Training Register with your Project Officer	Indian Environmental Office Project Officers 12 th Floor Computer Room

¹Unless noted all conference sessions will take place in the Lake Michigan Conference Room, EPA's Valdas V. Adamkus Conference Center on the 12th Floor of the Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL.

Wisconsin Tribal Environmental Caucus Meeting

On Tuesday, March 22, 2010, this meeting is scheduled to take place at the EPA 12th Floor Conference facility in the **Lake Superior Room** from 1:00 to 5:30 pm.

Other Rooms available on the 12th Floor during the GAP Conference are:

- (1) **Lake Erie:** Resource Room – Will be used for EPA and tribal resource materials.
- (2) **Lake Ontario:** Tribal & EPA Meetings – By appointment, will be used for individual meetings with tribal or EPA staff.
- (3) **Lake Superior:** Work Room – Computer(s) will be set up for use by presenters and others.
- (4) **Learning Information Center:** This center has several computers for access to the internet (e.g., to check email).