

QAPPs

Submission, Response, Review and Approval

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Why a QAPP???

Decision based on work plan content

Becomes a term and condition of the grant

Becomes a deliverable of the grant



Problems Encountered by Tribes With QAPPs

Limited experience with QA requirements

QA Guidance not tribe friendly

Review/revision process can be long, and cause resource problems



QAPP Submission

Can be to Project Officer or to QA
Manager

Process in each tribal QMP should be
followed for submission

That process is your process



Changes – Region 6 QMP

Region 6 QMP approved 2/20/07

Requires a response, written or electronic, to submitter from recipient

Region 6 QMP requires each Division to revise/update their QMP



QAPP Response – Region 6

Region 6 QMP requires recipient to provide a response to grantee acknowledging receipt

Response can be electronic or written

Response requires QTRAK information be provided to grantee



QAPP Review – Region 6

Region 6 QMP requires each Division to define a QAPP review process in their QMP (6WQ, 6PD, 6MD, 6EN, 6SF)

Current policy, 30 calendar days Superfund, Air, RCRA, Toxics, Enforcement

Current goal, 30 working days – Water, Wetlands



QAPP Approval – Region 6

Region 6 QMP requires all QAPPs to be reviewed and approved by the process in the Division QMP

Approval by Region 6 is required prior to implementing a QAPP

Review is not equal to approval



Good News – Region 6

Region 6 QMP requires each Division to revise/update their QMP

These will be reviewed by QA Manager prior to approval



QAPP Status

Call/E-mail your Project Officer

Call/E-mail Me – I can check the status

Keep track of what is at EPA, **ASK**

Call/Email me if you **do not get** a
response



Dispute Resolution

Developed for a previous RTOC, discussed,
provided at that time

Give me or Mark a chance to resolve problems

Specifics are needed – We have files that can
be checked

Everyone has a supervisor



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