



American Indian Environmental Office

# GAP Guidance Evaluation

Agenda:

- GAP Guidance Background & Goals*
- Evaluation Process Overview*
- Feedback Discussion*
- Wrap-up and Next Steps*

# GAP Guidance Background

## EPA Goals

1. Consistent funding decisions
2. Framework for planning, tracking & communicating capacity building achievements
3. Support self-governance
4. Guide solid waste program implementation
5. Minimize administrative burden



# GAP Guidance Background

## Previous Feedback

1. ETEPs
2. Lack of funding for ongoing activities
3. Use of capacity indicators
4. Limitations on solid waste implementation activities
5. Use of GAP Online



# GAP Guidance Evaluation Process Overview

- NTC-EPA GAP Workgroup (throughout Evaluation)
- RTOC Meeting Discussions (April – July)
- Roundtable with Arizona tribes (April 24<sup>th</sup>)
- NTC Meeting (April 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Networking session at National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (May 16)
- Input Phase of Evaluation with Tribal Consultation (May – July) *tentative*
- Tribal Consultation on any proposed actions OITA may take as a result of the evaluation (October –December) *tentative*
- OITA issues final revised Guidance for implementation beginning in FY20 (March 2019) *tentative*
- Training on revised Guidance (April – September 2019) *tentative*
- ***Revised Guidance Effective Date: October 1, 2019 tentative***



# GAP Guidance Evaluation

## Discussion Questions

1. Specific examples of using the Guidance to develop GAP proposals
2. Your environmental program goals
3. Most important environmental program features to manage pollution
4. Measuring and reporting environmental outcomes achieved under GAP
5. ETEPs as a tool for planning & goal setting
6. Ideas for improving Guidance implementation and results tracking



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## Discussion Questions

1. Specifically, how does the 2013 GAP Guidance support your tribe's needs for developing and submitting your GAP applications? Share examples of where the Guidance has been helpful and/or presented challenges.



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2. What kinds of environmental program capacity development work are of interest to your tribe? What parts of that work, if any, do you feel are not covered by the current GAP Guidance?



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3. What features of tribal environmental protection programs produce the greatest results in terms of managing pollution releases into the environment? More specifically, how can the GAP Guidance better support tribal capacity development for these program features?





# GAP Guidance Evaluation Discussion Questions

4. Given the breadth and scope of the program, what are your suggestions for how EPA could most effectively measure and report on the important outcomes achieved through GAP funding? Does your tribe measure or track environmental outcomes from GAP? If so, what are those measures or what is most important to your tribal leadership and tribal community?



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5. To what degree has your tribe used an ETEP as a way of communicating your tribe's priorities and goal-setting with EPA? How has the approach outlined in the GAP Guidance (i.e., ETEPs) been helpful or not helpful? How could joint planning be improved, especially over time?



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## Discussion Questions

6. What are your ideas for how the GAP Guidance could more efficiently and effectively support tribes in achieving their environmental program goals while also ensuring EPA is able to demonstrate overall program results?



# GAP Guidance Evaluation Wrap-up & Next Steps

- New NTC-EPA GAP Workgroup
- Upcoming Tribal Consultation
- Ongoing feedback & analysis

Questions or concerns?

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***Thank you!***

