

CWA SECTION 106 TRIBAL GUIDANCE REVISION PROJECT STATUS #4

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Background

EPA Office of Water

EPA is revising the *Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act* (Section 106 Tribal Guidance). More information about EPA's revision process can be found on the <u>CWA Section 106</u> Revision website.

What are the next steps for the revised Guidance?

<u>November</u>: The work group is finishing the initial drafts of the revised Guidance chapters.

<u>December and January</u>: EPA will review and format the drafts, insert tribal program stories and photos.

<u>February</u>: EPA expects to share the draft revised Guidance for the second public comment period.

We still need your help!

The revised Guidance would benefit from having a variety of tribal program examples, stories, and photos representing a range of tribal experience.

We are looking for stories of how you:

- Overcame obstacles to move your program forward
- Used traditional ecological knowledge to support your program
- Used innovative approaches in your program to address a priority
- Used your program to inform water quality decisions or educate the public
- Initiated your program and any challenges you faced

We are looking for photos of:

- Section 106 funded activities
- Tribal water resources

Please send your tribal program stories and photos to: Robyn Delehanty at delehanty.robyn@epa.gov.

For More Information

Visit the CWA Section 106 Revision website or contact your Regional Tribal Coordinator

Goals for the Tribal Guidance Revision

- Develop clear, comprehensive, updated, and succinct language that is relevant and applicable to tribes
- Describe the Section 106 program and provide context around the CWA generally
- Describe the benefits of water quality program development and implementation
- Provide practical guidance in program implementation
- Provide consistent messaging on national program requirements to help tribes more effectively negotiate workplans with EPA