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Office of Radiation & Indoor Air (ORIA) Tribal Strategy and Plan

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Discussion Topics

- Office of Radiation & Indoor Air (ORIA)
- Goals of the Strategy and Plan.
- ORIA's Approach.
- ORIA Tribal Program Baseline.
- Tribal Priorities and Recommendations.
- ORIA Tribal Program Plan.
- Questions.
- [Open Listening Session for Your Comments.](#)



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Support (TAMS) Center



ORIA Strategy Goals

- Optimize ORIA's radiation and indoor air programs' limited resources more efficiently and effectively.
- Increase collaboration across EPA Regional Offices and HQ.
- Increase responsiveness to tribes.



Approach Used

- Assess ORIA's current tribal activities.
- Gather input from tribal professionals.
- Develop a draft strategy – a “Straw Proposal.”
- Invite comment from tribes.
- Consider and respond to tribal comments.
- Finalize strategy and plan.
- Communicate and implement the plan.



ORIA Tribal Activities Baseline

- An internal look on the current state of ORIA's tribal activities.
- Input from ORIA divisions, laboratories and EPA Regional offices.

Assessment Outcomes:

- Success stories of tribal IAQ and radiation work.
- Lessons learned.
- Barriers faced by tribal programs.
- Examples of successful tribal IAQ partnerships.



Tribal Priorities and Recommendations



Tribal Priorities

- Improved Relationships and Communications.
- Technical Support and Expertise.
- Environmental and Health Impacts.
- Collaborative and Holistic Approach.
- Program Sustainability and EPA's Commitment to Programs.
- Tribal Sovereignty and Culture.



Improved Relationships and Communications

Recommendations for EPA activities:

- Participate in regular conference calls.
- Attend in-person conferences, events and meetings.
- Leverage internal and external partnerships.
- Provide a central hub for information/resource sharing (IAQ Tribal Partners Program website).
- Improve relationships with tribes at EPA Regional level.
- Tailor and/or develop communications and outreach materials that fit tribal needs.
- Develop localized materials.



Technical Support and Expertise

Recommendations for EPA activities:

- Assist tribes to develop IAQ and radiation technical expertise.
- Assist tribes to establish programs & activities.
- Provide access to technical experts, resources and guidance to address questions and concerns.
- Develop or provide access to in-person and onsite trainings on IAQ and radiation monitoring and testing, program development, conducting evaluation, etc.
- Develop tailored communications and outreach materials.
- Provide help with IAQ diagnostic equipment, guidance, recommendations, and access (loan/purchase).



Environmental and Health Impacts

Recommendations for EPA activities:

- Provide measurement recommendations and standards.
- Provide better data on IAQ and health conditions and effects in Indian Country.
- Provide compelling information to secure buy-in with community members, elders and tribal council.
- Provide guidance on additional benefits – e.g. financial incentives and savings.
- Support tribes to determine IAQ and radiation risks and exposures to tribal members.



Collaborative and Holistic Approach

Recommendations for EPA activities:

- Promote collaborations between EPA (Headquarters, Regions) and tribes.
- Promote collaboration and partnership within tribal governments (e.g., housing authorities).
- Promote collaboration and consistency with other federal agencies (e.g., HUD, DOE).
- Provide clarification and consistency on EPA contacts (Headquarters and Regions) for tribes.
- Promote tribe-to-tribe partnerships.
- Leverage expertise of tribes.



Program Sustainability and EPA's Commitment to Tribal Programs

Recommendations for EPA activities:

- Continue funding and resources for IAQ and radiation programs and activities.
- Improve information on regulatory issues and codes.
- Provide awards and recognition.
- Promote a transparent, fair and consistent method for allocation of funds.



Tribal Sovereignty and Culture

ORIA recognizes tribes as sovereign nations - not just “stakeholders.”

Recommendations for EPA Activities:

- Recognize and appreciate tribal politics & decision making.
- Recognize and appreciate cultural and social differences.



ORIA Tribal Program Plan

How ORIA translates what we've learned into:

- A new way of doing business.
- A more meaningful relationship with tribes.

ORIA Tribal Action Plan

- Activities and commitments.
- Current, mid term, long term.
- Assigned responsibilities / accountability.



Questions?



Listening Session

We'd like your input based upon your experience:

- Have we missed any priorities?
- What are your highest priorities?
- What recommendations do you agree with?
- Additional recommended activities?
- Suggested improvements for what we are already doing?
- What barriers and obstacles do you face?



Thank You!

We Sincerely Value Your Comments and Suggestions

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