EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs)

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Chippewa Cree Tribe (Rocky Boy's Reservation)

Crow Tribe

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

ETEPs

- What is an ETEP – Strategic Plan (Intergovernmental Planning Agreement)
- Origin and Purpose of ETEPs
  - Indian Environmental GAP Grant Requirement
  - Develop picture of environmental issues facing a tribe and roles of EPA and Tribe to address them
- Components of an ETEP
  - EPA Priorities
  - Tribal Priorities
  - Regulated Facilities on the Reservation
  - Mutual Roles and Responsibilities

Proposed EPA Priorities for Rocky Boy's Reservation

- Drinking Water and Waste Water System non-compliance with SDWA and CWA – some things to fix, tanks to clean, making progress
- Update Tribal Water Quality Standards and apply for TAS for CWA Section 303(c) authority
- Develop and implement an MOA between Tribal Housing and Tribal Environmental Program to address methamphetamine use in tribal homes and clean up standards.

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Proposed EPA Priorities for Rocky Boy's Reservation

- Capacity Development in newly formed Env Department, Tribal Utility Dept., and Tribal Finance
- Direct Implementation of FIFRA, NPDES, and other EPA inspection and enforcement programs

Proposed EPA Priorities for Crow Reservation

- Drinking Water and Waste Water System significant non-compliance under SDWA and CWA; trouble funding staff, struggle to maintain certified operators, non-reporting, lack of required monitoring
- Building staff and manager capacity in the Crow Env Protection Program, Utility Department, and Tribal Finance Office

Proposed EPA Priorities for the Crow Reservation

- Direct Implementation of FIFRA, NPDES and other inspection programs
- Solid Waste Management and Planning - complete Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan

Proposed EPA Priorities for Southern Ute Reservation

- Water Quality – Work with the tribe to address oil discharges impact on aquatic life
- Air Quality – Assist the tribe in assuming permitting for minor source
- Wastewater – Work with the tribe to identify facilities on trust land which require permits to incorporate the recently approved water Quality Standards

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Proposed EPA Priorities for Southern Ute Reservation

- Work with the tribe, state and ORC to address difficulties implementing DW, WW and UIC programs in fee lands
- Improve oversight to address potential oil spills from oil production and increase compliance with with SPCC regulations

Proposed EPA Priorities for Standing Rock Reservation

- Brownfields – Pursue funding options to address the large number of Brownfields sites in need of cleanup (increasing number of abandoned homes causing health and environmental issues)
- Water Quality – Assist the tribe in developing water quality standards and TAS

Proposed EPA Priorities for Standing Rock Reservation

- Wastewater – Continue to work with the Standing Rock Water Treatment Plant (wastewater side) to address reporting non-compliance
- Continue to work with the tribe's environmental program on capacity building and staff retention