Region 7 Weekly Report
April 11, 2019

Hot Issues

Technical Assistance to NDEQ: Alt-En Ethanol; Mead, Nebraska

Key Message:

- Concerns from citizens in Mead, Nebraska over contents of process related materials
- NDEQ to sample wet cake, sludge, wastewater & seed corn
- Laboratory analysis for a wide range of pesticides, fungicides, herbicides, and metals by multiple labs
- Region 7 laboratory supporting for soil / solid / water TCLP and total metals analysis

Region 7 Support Wrap Up for Super Typhoon Yutu Response (Saipan & Tinian)

Key Message:

- For the past six months, EPA Region 7 has been supporting Region 9's response to Typhoon Yutu that occurred on the islands of Saipan and Tinian in October 2018. On April 15, Region 7 will conclude its support for the cleanup efforts on the islands.
- Over the course of the response, Region 7 deployed a total of six emergency response personnel - several of whom served two deployments - to Saipan and Tinian to serve in senior field operations positions. These responders collectively worked approximately 160 days in the field.
- Missions on these islands included removal of hundreds of PCB-containing transformers, thousands of hazardous material containers, and contaminated soils that were a result of a catastrophic typhoon that swept through the islands.

Upcoming Events

On April 16, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will attend a meeting with MDNR in Lee's Summit, Missouri.

On April 17, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will attend a meeting with IDNR in Des Moines, Iowa.

On April 17 and 18, Deputy Regional Administrator Ed Chu will attend the Environmental Financial Advisory Board Meeting in Washington, D.C.

On April 17, water division staff from Region 7 will be attending the 69th Annual KU Environmental Engineering Conference. John Dunn, Environmental Engineer, will be presenting on the Innovative Use of Materials in Mining Reclamation.

On April 18, Regional Administrator Jim Gulliford will attend a meeting with the USDA Agriculture Research Service in Ames, Iowa.