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Subject: Solicitation for US-Mexico Border project proposals for Clean Air Act 105 funds. Deadline March 5, 2020

Hi Bob,

I hope this email finds you well. The purpose of this email is to inform you that EPA Region 9 Air and Radiation Division has Fiscal Year 2020 Clean Air Act section 105 grant funds available for activities and projects along the U.S.-Mexico Border region. As we have done in previous years, we are asking for proposed activities and projects you would like us to consider funding in the San Diego-Tijuana airsheds. We anticipate our available funds will be similar to those we have had in previous years. And, as we have experienced every year, we expect we will have more project proposals than we have available funds. It is likely we will have to make difficult choices in prioritizing what we fund. Our priorities are listed below.

Please reply **by COB Thursday March 5th** with ideas and associated costs to me and copy Laura Lawrence (Lawrence.Laura@epa.gov) and Idalia Pérez (Perez.Idalia@epa.gov). Feel free to let me or my staff know if you have any questions about the process or our priority areas. Laura and Idalia will reach out to the appropriate staff after the proposals are received to review them and clarify any questions.

We are looking for projects that compliment and build on our joint previous successes as we transition to the post-Border 2020 framework. Some of our priorities include:

- If possible, projects located in Mexico
- Projects that overlap with likely objectives of the program that will supersede Border 2020:
  - Air quality monitoring
  - Emission inventory
  - Reductions of vehicle emissions at or near ports-of-entry
  - Emission reductions in nonattainment areas
- Projects that support Region 9 Air and Radiation Division Operating Plan priorities:
  - Binational border air quality task force meetings
  - Community engagement and outreach, including outreach focused on decreasing emissions, such as media campaigns to discourage open burning, and decreasing exposure, such as promoting the Air Quality Flag Program.
  - Addressing high rates of asthma at the border through outreach and training, supporting sustainable financing, and funding asthma service partners.
  - Supporting efforts regarding the future impacts of the Salton Sea on air quality or other emerging air pollution issues.
- Projects in the Border area that complement State Implementation Plan and/or other CAA activities traditionally supported by 105 grants.
- Projects that leverage other resources.

Thank you for your and your staff's efforts to improve air quality along the US-Mexico Border. We greatly appreciate the partnership with have with the San Diego Air Pollution Control District. We look forward to continuing to work closely together and targeting CAA 105 funds to the most critical needs.

Regards,

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