

Quarterly Reports:

EPA-GAP QUARTERLY REPORT

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Status

Currently, General Program Activities included the development of the position description, the announcement and hiring of the Tribal State Liaison. The liaison has consulted and discussed the development of coordination protocols between Tribes and the State of Nevada. A list of “areas of concern” on environmental issues has been gathered from the Tribes. The liaison has set up meetings with Tribal Councils to discuss coordination protocols. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was drafted between the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP). The liaison has drafted a new work plan for a second year General Assistance Program (GAP) grant. A public relations event will take place in February 2004 to publicize the Tribal State Liaison project.

Grant Activities

- 12/1/03 Met with NDEP staff and received a brief overview of programs.
- 12/2/03 Met with ITCN personnel to receive orientation.
- 12/3/03 Attended Pilot Studies meeting on groundwater contamination with NDEP Federal Facilities staff.
- 12/5/03 Attended Natives Impacted By Mining (NIBM) meeting with NDEP Brownfields program. There was discussion on what is eligible for Brownfield funding and what the Brownfield program was.
- 12/8/03 Attended Rio Tinto Technical meeting, met with Marcie Phillips of the Duck Valley Tribe. Discussed minesite concerns and characterization of the area.
- 12/9/03 Met with NDEP Air Quality Bureau. Discussed air quality issues for the State of Nevada. Attended part of a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) meeting on the Rio Tinto Minesite Activities.
- 12/11/04 Worked on Tribal government letters to introduce the Tribal State Liaison office and work tasks. Met with Greg Phillips of EPA to discuss Tribal State Liaison activities. Conference call with Timbisha Shoshone Tribe to discuss environmental and cultural concerns. Conference calls: Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California to discuss setting up meeting with staff and council to discuss coordination protocols between Washoe Tribe and the NDEP, Terre Maize of NDEP Las Vegas office concerning Staff needs and liaison’s role within NDEP.

- 12/15/03 Attended Quarterly meeting with Allen Biaggi, NDEP Administrator on the Yerington-Anaconda Minesite located at the Yerington Paiute Tribal office. Attendance: the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Yerington Paiute Tribe and NDEP. Attended meeting with Allen Biaggi, Greg Phillips of EPA and Daryl Crawford of ITCN on Liaison work tasks and administrative concerns.
- 12/17/03 Attended Yerington-Anaconda Mine site tour. Attendance: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), NDEP, BLM, SRK Consulting, and the Yerington Paiute Tribe. Observed monitoring of potential mine site sampling areas for uranium. Discussed mine site activities and background with all who were in attendance.
- 12/18/03 Met with Jolaine Johnson, Deputy Administrator of NDEP on environmental issues in relation to liaison activities.
- 12/19/03 Attended Tribal Environmental Manager's meeting at the Reno-Sparks Indian Colony. Gave an introduction and overview of the Tribal State Liaison office to everyone, who attended the meeting. Attendance: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and EPA. Items discussed were Update on the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) and CDC Public Health Tracking Projects.
- 12/22/03 Conference call to the Goshute Tribe concerning environmental issues in relation to the Tribe. Completed MOU for ITCN and NDEP's signature.
- 12/23/03 Conference calls: Maurice Churchill of Duckwater Shoshone Tribe regarding cultural tribal issues, Carole Dance of Nevada Division of Wildlife (NDOW) regarding Sage Grouse Conservation Planning Meetings and Tribal participation.
- 12/24/03 Met with Dean Tonenna of BLM regarding liaison role and work tasks. Also discussed other BLM projects that involved tribal lands.
- 12/26/03 Reviewed Sage Grouse Conservation Plan. Conference call with Greg Phillips regarding MOU signing and tribal EPA programs. Conference call with Marie Barry of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. Drafted reply letter to John Warpeha of the Washoe Environmental Department regarding the Sage Grouse issue. Met with Steve Hoelscher of NDEP Air Quality and Planning. Conference calls: with Bernice Lalo of Battle Mountain Band of Shoshone Tribe on e-mail correction to Tribal Contact Directory, Bill Dubois of the Fallon Tribal Natural Resource Department concerning noxious weeds.

- 12/30/03 Reviewed NDEP Bureau of Air Quality Planning Trend Report. Conference call with Maurice Churchill and Virginia Sanchez of Duckwater Shoshone Tribe.
- 1/5/04 Met with ITCN on personnel and finance issues. Met with Craig Smith, BLM/State Liaison on BLM and State issues.
- 1/7/04 Met with Ramon of NDEP Federal Facilities to discuss Tribal Directory and categorize with NDEP projects. Met with John Palm and Darrell Rasner of NDEP Water Pollution Control Bureau regarding the Washoe Tribe development of subdivision. Conference calls: Sherrada James of Nevada Indian Commission regarding MOU signing, ITCN finance regarding budget figures for EPA GAP grant.
- 1/8/04 Conference calls: Richard Black of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe regarding environmental issues and meeting availability. Terre Maize of NDEP Las Vegas office regarding NDEP activities, Ted Howard of Duck Valley Shoshone-Paiute Tribe on tribal and cultural issues, Yvette Tuell of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe discussed environmental protocol that she drafted. Met with Ramon of NDEP Federal Facilities regarding projects. Met with Jon Palm of NDEP on Washoe Tribal Allotments. Met with Allen Biaggi of NDEP to review work tasks and other issues concerning the Tribes and the State.
- 1/9/04 Met with the Fallon Tribe's staff meeting to discuss environmental issues and on-going projects. Also to set up a time to meet with the Tribe in development of coordination protocols between the State.
- 1/13/04 Attended NDEP Air Pollution Control workshop to solicit comments on proposed amendments to NAC 445B.001.3497. Discussion included current air control regulations and amendments.
- 1/14/04 Met with Greg of EPA regarding February 6 Public Relations Event coordination. Met with Allen Biaggi of NDEP to discuss Public Relations Event and Mining concerns. Conference call with Daryl Crawford of ITCN concerning the Board meeting.
- 1/15/04 Attended and presented at the ITCN Board meeting. Requested approval of submittal of second year EPA-GAP grant, request for approval to extend work on perchlorate issue to impacted Arizona and California Tribes, and to invite all Tribal Chairmen to the February 6 Public Relations Event-Signing of the MOU. Completed and submitted EPA-GAP proposal.
- 1/20/04 Met with Daryl on Public Relations Event, and on travel arrangements to the Energy and Water Symposium.

- 1/21/04 Met with Greg Phillips of EPA and Rita Suminski of BIA on Washoe Tribal Allotment issue. Met with Jolaine Johnson of NDEP on Yucca Mountain and Nevada Test Site issue.
- 1/27-28/04 Attended Tribal Water and Energy: Essentials for Self-Determination Symposium Hosted by Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition Inter-Tribal Energy Network. This was a tribal discussion of a coordinated development of tribal water and energy resources by Tribal Nations to exercise tribal sovereignty and implement self-determination. **Indian Water** was presented by Phillip Shay, he gave a history of Native American water rights including the Winters Doctrine and recent court decisions that have eroded the intent of the court's ruling. The presentation also included a discussion on the proactive stance Tribes should take to ensure future water rights. An **Overview of Strategic Planning** was presented by Kevin Kooney, Principal/Stratrus Consulting Inc. and Ms. Jessica Alcorn, Director of Policy and Program Development/Council of Energy Resource Tribes. This was a review of the value of strategic planning in energy development including energy fundamentals, demand side options, conventional and renewable resources options, technology options, organizational options, economic environment, and cultural impacts to development. There were two tracks that were concurrent sessions, which featured water and energy. I attended all the energy tracks. The first track was about **Tribal Energy Opportunities and Strategies to Seize Them**, which was presented by Sonya M. Tetnowski, Director of Tribal Energy Strategies/Council of Energy Resource Tribes. Topics discussed were: Energy opportunities in education, tribal utility formation, strategic industry partnerships, and tribal cooperatives. The second track was about **Identifying Challenges to Tribal Energy Development**. The challenges that have the potential of hindering a project from moving forward or receiving funding are: financing, human capacity development, and tribal laws and regulations. Also discussed were: **Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency**, which were presented by Roger Taylor, Tribal Energy Program Manager/National Renewable Energy Laboratory. This session discussed renewable resources (solar, wind, biomass, geothermal, hydropower) renewable technology (PV, wind, biomass, geothermal, hydropower), energy efficiency technology (audits, weatherization, appliances, windows) and conventional technologies. The rest of the sessions included Emerging Federal Legislation and Policy in the 108th Congress, Transmission Access for Renewable Energy, The Second Treaty Period, Current Trends in Water Rights Negotiations, Cultural Resources Protection and Management, and Prioritization of Needs, Training, and Technical Assistance Integrating Water and Energy.

Upcoming Grant Activities

- Begin Tribal visits: Fallon, Walker River Paiute and Yerington Paiute Tribe
- Attend and present to Natives Impacted By Mining (NIBM) Meeting
- Complete Public Relations Event for February 6, 2004.
- Attend Nevada Test Site tour and visit Las Vegas Paiute Tribe, Moapa Valley Paiute Tribe and all southern Nevada Tribes.
- Attend NIBM Conference
- Begin Research on future funding for Liaison Project.
- Attend all Environmental meetings, conferences and trainings.

Respectfully submitted,

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