

## FY 2014 EXTERNAL COMMENTS AND RESPONSE TO COMMENTS SUMMARY TEMPLATE

### Instructions:

Comment from State, Tribe, or Other Stakeholder	Commenter(s)	Location in Draft Guidance	NPM Response	Action Taken in Final Guidance
<b>Issue Area - Divide comments into general issue areas (e.g., NAAQS, indoor air, etc., where appropriate):</b>				
<i>Include your comment.</i>	<i>Organization of Commenter (e.g., ECOS, New England Commissioners, tribe, etc.).</i>	<i>State the section and page number the comment is referring to.</i>	<i>The response should include adequate discussion and details to support the decision to modify/retain the draft language. Note: If more than one commenter raises the same issue, please cross-reference the individual responses.</i>	<i>Specify changes made in response to comments and identify all locations in the final Guidance (e.g., page numbers, sections, etc.).</i>

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<b>Issue Area: OITA, Section IV-2 Implementation of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program &amp; Section VII – Grant Assistance</b>				
<i>Training for tribal grantees should be listed under the activities too, as it is for project officers to learn the new GAP guidance. If NPMs expect a learning curve with the new GAP guidance, it will be the same for tribes. You can achieve a better and mutual ETEP, if considered.</i>	<i>EPA Region 6 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Strategic Planning Subcommittee</i>	<i>Page 7 of 17</i>	<i>OITA concurs.</i>	<i>Activities expanded to include training on the new GAP Guidance for grant recipients.</i>

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<p><i>How is the OITA going to “track” the following measures:</i> 1) Tribal Environmental Concerns/Problems/Priorities 2) EPA's Program Implementation Responsibilities 3) Inventories of Regulated Facilities/Sites/Activities 4) Tribal Program Development and Environmental Program Implementation Milestones</p> <p>As it was mentioned on page 16, if GAP online cannot be used for the new GAP guidance measures? A new GAP online should be considered as well, since PPG grantees have not been addressed either.</p>	<p><i>EPA Region 6 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Strategic Planning Subcommittee</i></p>	<p><i>Page 16 of 17</i></p>		
<b>Issue Area: OITA, Section V: Reducing Exposure to Toxic Chemicals</b>				
<p><b>Reducing global mercury pollution.</b> In Section 5- Reducing Exposure to Toxic Chemicals on pages 13- 14, ECOS supports OITA’s efforts to reduce global mercury pollution, including its supporting role with the U.S. delegation to the UNEP International Negotiating Committee to develop a global</p>	<p><i>ECOS</i></p>	<p><i>pp 13-14</i></p>	<p><i>OITA thanks ECOS for its support.</i></p>	<p><i>No change.</i></p>

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<p>instrument to manage mercury, which is expected to result in signing of the treaty at the Minamata Convention in October 2013. ECOS supports OITA's planned collaboration with the states to continue to pursue policies to reduce mercury pollution, and we support EPA's participation in the UNEP Global Mercury Partnership to assist the efforts of the states – as well as foreign governments – in reducing mercury pollution. As stated in Resolution 07-1 "Implementing a National Vision for Mercury" renewed in March 2013, ECOS and the Quicksilver Caucus seek to continue these useful collaborations.</p>				