

EPA Region 9 Grants Branch
Winter RTOC – February 3, 2021
Questions from Chat
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QUESTION/COMMENT	ANSWER
1) Are the presentation slides available?	The presentation PowerPoint slides are uploaded to the RTOC website along with the Feb 2021 R9 Application Guide, the Nov 2020 Interim R9 Grants Handbook and the federal registers.
2) Please provide a link to the R9 Application Guide.	The R9 Application Guide is available on the RTOC website. The Grants Branch also encourages EPA project officers to include a copy of the guide in their “please apply” notifications to grant applicants. You can also contact your EPA grants specialist (refer to page 1 of the award document) for a copy of the application guide.
3) What page is the FAQ link for closeouts?	<p>The link to the frequent questions about grant closeout is found in the presentation (slide 7) , the Nov 2020 Interim R9 Grants Handbook (page 72) , and the General Terms & Conditions dated 11/12/2020 (condition 19).</p> <p>Link to FQs: https://www.epa.gov/grants/frequent-questions-about-closeouts</p> <p>Link to General Terms and Conditions: https://www.epa.gov/grants/grant-terms-and-conditions</p>
4) Do EPA Project Officers still need to provide approval for budget modifications?	Refer to pages 64-69 in the Nov 2020 Interim R9 Grants Handbook for information regarding changes to approved workplans and budgets. It is good practice to communicate with your EPA project officer before implementing any changes.
5) Administrative Leave and Hazardous Pay guidance as they relate to COVID-19.	Grantees need to review the list of items/factors regarding allowability of costs found on page 23 of the Nov 2020 Interim R9 Grants Handbook . If a grantee’s response is “yes” to the listed items/ factors then the costs should be considered allowable. However, the grantee should contact the EPA project officer to discuss how these costs affect the workplan and associated budget to ensure all parties fully understand and are aware of any changes and resulting impacts.
6) What page in the R9 Grants Handbook are the “Factors of allowability” for costs?	Refer to page 23 of the Nov 2020 Interim R9 Grants Handbook .

