

EPA's American Indian Environmental Office

Consultation Opportunity:
GAP Guidance Evaluation
Informational Conference Call & Webinar
June 20, 2018, 3-4pm Eastern Time



Introductions



- Felicia Wright, AIEO Acting Director



- Lisa Berrios, AIEO Acting Deputy Director

- Rebecca Roose, AIEO Senior Advisor and official point of contact for this consultation



Thank you to all of the participants joining us today!

Today's Informational Call and Webinar

Agenda and Purpose

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1. Agenda Review and Housekeeping
2. GAP Guidance Evaluation Goals & Scope
3. Description of Consultation Opportunity (June 1 – Aug. 31)
4. Q&A Session
5. Wrap-up

Purpose

Provide a general overview of the GAP Guidance Evaluation and the current tribal consultation opportunity and answer questions from tribal government representatives. Set the stage for upcoming Consultation Webinars on June 28 and July 26 (3-4:30pm Eastern Time).



Housekeeping

To ask a clarification question today:

- Webinar Participants: Please use the chat box in Adobe Connect to submit questions.
- Conference Call Participants: Mics will be on mute until presenters open the floor for clarification questions.
- Please provide your name and tribal affiliation when asking a question or making a comment.

Materials from today's call will be posted to TCOTS next week (e.g., slide presentation, Q&A document, webinar recording).



Evaluation Goals & Scope:

GAP Guidance Evaluation Timeline

- Planning Phase of Evaluation (Jan. – Mar. 2018)
- Input Phase of Evaluation with Tribal Consultation (Apr. – Aug. 2018)
 - Consultation Calls: June 28th, July 26th
- *EPA considers the input and develops proposed actions (Sept. – Oct. 2018)*
- Tribal Consultation on any proposed actions OITA may take as a result of the Evaluation (Nov. 2018 – Jan. 2019) *tentative*
- *EPA considers the input and develops final guidance (Feb. – Mar. 2019) tentative*
- OITA issues final revised Guidance (Apr. 2019) *tentative*
- Develop training on revised Guidance (Apr. – Sept. 2019) *tentative*
- ***Revised Guidance Effective Date: October 1, 2019 tentative***



Evaluation Goals & Scope:

GAP Guidance Evaluation Input Phase

Our objective is to hear the full range of perspectives.

- NTC-EPA GAP Workgroup (throughout Evaluation)
- Tribal Partnership Group Discussions (April – July)
 - National Tribal Caucus Meeting (April 25 – 26)
 - Networking session at National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (May 16)
 - National Tribal Water Council DC Meeting (June 6)
- RTOC Meeting Discussions (April – July)
- Tribal Consultation – Phase 1 (June 1 – August 31)



Evaluation Goals & Scope:

EPA Goals for the Guidance

1. Consistent funding decisions
2. Framework for planning, tracking & communicating capacity building achievements
3. Support self-governance
4. Guide solid and hazardous waste program implementation
5. Minimize administrative burden

Support General Assistance Program resiliency.



Evaluation Goals & Scope:

Utilize & Build On Previous Feedback

- Summary of Past Feedback from GAP Grantees is available on TCOTS (10pp)
- Past feedback generally falls into the following categories:
 - Administrative burden
 - ETEPs
 - Lack of funding for ongoing activities
 - Use of capacity indicators
 - Limitations on solid waste implementation activities



Description of Consultation Opportunity:

Consultation Webinars/Calls

To provide tribal leaders and their designees with an opportunity to ask questions and provide consultation comments:

- 1st National Tribal Consultation Conference Call & Webinar
 - Thur., June 28, 2018, 03:00 PM – 04:30 PM Eastern Time
- 2nd National Tribal Consultation Conference Call & Webinar
 - Thur., July 26, 2018, 03:00 PM – 04:30 PM Eastern Time



Description of Consultation Opportunity: *Submitting Written Comments*

Tribes may submit written comments via:

- TCOTS (<https://tcots.epa.gov/>)
- Email to roose.rebecca@epa.gov,
- Email to gap@epa.gov,
- Mail to the following address:
Rebecca Roose, Senior Advisor
American Indian Environmental Office (MC 2690-R)
US Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

Scroll to the right on TCOTS to click on the pencil . . .

Document	Comments
<p>Summary-Past-Feedback-GAPGuidance_Final_May2018_508C.pdf (10 pp, 567.9 KB)</p> <p>GGE-TribalConsultationLtr_FINAL_180524.pdf (5 pp, 751.3 KB)</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/tribal/frequently-asked-questions-about-indian-environmental-general-assistance-program-gap (0 pp, 0 KB)</p> <p>https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-05/documents/2013-gap-guidance-final.pdf (0 pp, 0 KB)</p>	

Description of Consultation Opportunity:

Consultation Questions

The Consultation Plan includes 6 questions to gather input from tribes that will inform improvements to the Guidance.

Questions cover the following:

1. Specific examples of using the Guidance to develop GAP proposals
2. GAP Guidance coverage of your environmental program goals
3. Most important environmental program features to manage pollution

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Consultation Questions

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Questions cover the following:

4. Measuring and reporting environmental outcomes achieved under GAP
5. ETEPs as a tool for planning & goal setting
6. Ideas for improving Guidance implementation and results tracking



Description of Consultation Opportunity:

Consultation Questions

In addition to the 6 questions, the Consultation Plan requests feedback from tribes regarding:

- How Guidance should work for intertribal consortia
- How to clarify capacity building versus ineligible implementation activities
- Suggestions for improving the definition and use of capacity indicators
- Any other information you think would be useful as we consider Guidance revisions



Q&A

What can we clarify about the Evaluation and this Consultation Opportunity?

We've covered:

1. GAP Guidance Evaluation Goals & Scope
 - Evaluation Timeline and Outreach
 - EPA Goals for the GAP Guidance
 - Utilize & Build On Previous Feedback
2. Description of Consultation Opportunity
 - Upcoming Consultation Webinars/Calls
 - Submitting Written Comments
 - Requested Feedback



Wrap-up

- Upcoming National Consultation Calls, June 28 and July 26
- Consultation ends August 31
- Get updates from TCOTS by joining the listserv (email Join-epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov)

Questions or concerns?

Email gap@epa.gov or roose.rebecca@epa.gov.

Thank you!

