EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs)



What is an ETEP?

- A joint plan, <u>as detailed in the 2022 GAP Guidance</u>, outlining how each Tribe and EPA intend to work together to address shared environmental priorities.
- A planning and communication tool for the Tribe and EPA that provides a road map for decisionmaking.
- A basis for understanding changes in capacity development with GAP resources.

3 Components

EPA Regulated Entities

Tribal

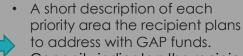
Environmental

Priorities

EPA Regional Offices Should:

 Provide the Tribe with a draft inventory of federally regulated entities in Indian country. Tribes may include other entities of interest.

Tribes/Recipients Should Include:



- Capacity indicators the recipient intends to pursue that is associated with that priority.
- Anticipated timeline for completing capacity indicators.
- Long-term program development goal(s).
- Requested assistance.

EPA Program Priorities (including DI)

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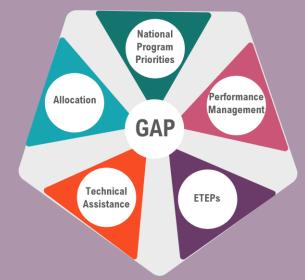
- Identify EPA program priorities.
- Identify EPA's direct implementation (DI) responsibilities for each Tribe, if applicable.
- The information in this section may be beneficial to Tribes to identify where they may wish to seek assumption of federal laws or meaningfully participate in partnership with EPA.

EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPS) ETEPs help Tribes and EPA plan and manage areas of joint responsibility Tribal Environmental Priorities EPA Regulated Entities EPA Priorities

ETEPs:

- Are a 3 to 5-year strategic plan
- Are reviewed annually and revised every 3-5 years
- Are planning documents that vary in length and structure
- Are flexible and do not require EPA or Tribal leadership signatures.

ETEPs Have an Important Role in the GAP National Framework



2022 GAP Guidance on Financial Assistance Agreements: https://www.epa.gov/tribal/gap-guidance-financial-assistance-agreements
American Indian Environmental Office: https://www.epa.gov/tribal/american-indian-environmental-office-aieo