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Dear Tribal Leader:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) invites you and/or your designees to participate in consultation and coordination on the development of EPA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidances, including the opportunity for early input on the most important areas of focus to protect human health and the environment on tribal lands.

NPM Guidances communicate EPA's programmatic and operational strategies consistent with the Agency's budget priorities. The NPM Guidances are developed in three stages: (1) NPMs receive input from tribes and states during the early engagement phase, which is now underway; (2) NPMs prepare draft guidances for review and comment; and (3) NPMs issue final NPM Guidances. The enclosures provide specific information to support your participation in this effort. In particular, Enclosure 4 is an EPA contact list if you have questions about program priorities.

Since this is a transition year to a new administration, we expect the President's Budget to be issued later than the usual time of early February. The Draft Guidances are issued following the release of the President's Budget. We will notify you via the agency's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (<https://yosemite.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView>) when we have confirmed these dates.

If you have questions about the consultation process, please contact Emily Heller at [heller.emily@epa.gov](mailto:heller.emily@epa.gov), or 202-564-3332. Thank you very much for your participation in this important effort to strengthen our tribal partnerships.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures (4)

### Consultation and Coordination Timeline for Tribes

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian Tribes on EPA's FY 2018-2019 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidances. The information in this mailing, as well as subsequent updates, will be included in the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (<https://yosemite.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView>). If you have any questions or would like to provide input, please refer to the list of Regional Indian Coordinators (Enclosure 4), or contact Emily Heller at 202-564-3332 or:

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| <b>Key Dates</b>                | <b>Milestones</b>   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Thru November 2016              | <b>Early Engagement:</b> Tribes are requested to provide early input to inform FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidances. The FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidances and FY 2017 Addendums are available on EPA's NPM Guidance website ( <a href="http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances">http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-manager-guidances</a> ) and may serve as helpful starting points for potential input regarding areas of focus, measures to track progress, and descriptions of roles and/or participation of tribes in programs |
| December 2016                   | <b>Summaries of NPM's Early Engagement:</b> Summaries of Early Engagement will be published on EPA's NPM Guidances website. Summaries will describe (1) the early engagement process used and (2) input received from states and tribes, including feedback on the most important areas of work   |
| January 2017                    | Transition to New Administration  |
| Winter-Spring 2017              | <b>President's Budget (FY 2018 Annual Performance Plan and Congressional Justification) submitted to Congress</b>   |
| Spring-Summer 2017 <sup>1</sup> | <b>Tribal comment period on draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidances:</b> EPA will publish draft FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidances on EPA's NPM Guidance website. This website also will contain instructions and a template for submitting comments   |
| Spring-Summer 2017              | <b>National Tribal Consultation Conference Call</b>   |
| Spring-Summer 2017              | <b>Final FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance:</b> Final NPM Guidances and response to comments will be published on EPA's NPM Guidance website  |

<sup>1</sup> The NPM Guidances communicate the national priorities and strategies of the administration that are identified in the President's Budget, and draft and final NPM Guidances are issued only after the release of the President's Budget. The transition to a new administration will delay the release of the FY 2018 President's Budget Request (typically due the first Monday in February); therefore, we are providing placeholder milestones for 2017. We will notify you via the agency's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System, as well as the NPM Guidance Website, when we have confirmed the dates.

## **Overview of the National Program Manager (NPM) Guidance Process and How it Relates to Tribes**

### **1) Why should tribes participate in the NPM Guidance Process?**

- The NPM Guidances communicate EPA's national areas of focus and program-specific priorities as it works with states and tribal governments to protect human health and the environment.
- The following eight (8) EPA offices issue NPM Guidances: Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and the Office of International and Tribal Affairs.
- The Agency communicates priorities in the President's Budget and the EPA's five-year Strategic Plan (<http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>) when developing the two-year NPM Guidances.
- The EPA regional offices use the NPM Guidances and Grant Guidances, as appropriate, to establish work plans and work-sharing strategies with Tribal and state implementation partners.

### **2) How do the NPM Guidances affect Tribal programs and how they are implemented?**

- The NPM Guidances provide direction to EPA Regions on where the EPA will focus its work with tribal and state governments to ensure implementation of and compliance with environmental laws and regulations.

### **3) How are the NPM Guidances tied to funding that tribes receive for environmental programs?**

- The NPM Guidances are not budget decision-making documents though they do provide a roadmap for the activities that support the priorities identified in the President's Budget.

### **4) How does the EPA engage with tribes as we develop and implement the NPM Guidances?**

- EPA engages with tribes in three phases:
  - i. **Early engagement:** NPMs work with tribes to gather input on priority areas for the upcoming two-year NPM Guidance cycle. During this time, EPA also engages with the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) to consider its fiscal year priorities and five-year Strategic Plan (<http://www.epa.gov/tribal/contactinfo/ntc-master-list.pdf>).
  - ii. **NPM Guidance Development:** EPA develops draft NPM Guidances and solicits tribal comments during a tribal comment period (the National Tribal Teleconference also occurs during this timeframe).
  - iii. **Implementation:** EPA interacts and coordinates throughout the year with Tribal partnership groups, including Regional Tribal Operations Committees (RTOCs) and media-specific partnership groups, such as the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) and National Tribal Water Council (NTWC).

*Tribes can review the most up-to-date information on the FY 2018-2019 NPM Guidance process via the Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) (<http://tcots.epa.gov/oita/TConsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView>)*

**National Areas of Focus in FY 2016-2017 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidances  
and Key Changes in FY 2017 Exceptions-Based Addendums**

| NPM   | National Areas for Focus in<br>FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidances  | Key Changes in<br>FY 2017 Exceptions-Based Addendums   |
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| <b>Office of Air<br/>and Radiation</b>                                    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Improving Outdoor Air Quality and Addressing Climate Change</li> <li>2. Improving Indoor Environments</li> <li>3. Radiation Protection</li> <li>4. Tribal Programs</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Program Guidance on NAAQS</li> <li>2. Regional Haze</li> <li>3. Air Toxics Program Implementation</li> <li>4. Trading and Other Stationary Source Programs</li> <li>5. Clean Power Plan</li> <li>6. Reducing Radon Risk</li> </ol>   |
| <b>Office of<br/>Chemical<br/>Safety and<br/>Pollution<br/>Prevention</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthening state/tribal partnerships through continued effective management of grants/ cooperative agreements</li> <li>2. Assist national, regional and local pollinator protection efforts</li> <li>3. Pesticide occupational worker safety</li> <li>4. School integrated pest management</li> <li>5. Region-specific pesticide priorities</li> <li>6. Lead risk reduction</li> <li>7. Chemical risk review and reduction</li> <li>8. Pollution prevention</li> </ol>  | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Chemical Risk Review and Reduction Program</li> <li>2. Pollution Prevention Program</li> <li>3. Lead Risk Reduction Program</li> <li>4. Toxics Release Inventory</li> </ol>  |
| <b>Office of<br/>Enforcement<br/>and<br/>Compliance<br/>Assurance</b>     | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementing Clean Air Act National Enforcement Initiatives</li> <li>2. Implementing Clean Water Act National Enforcement Initiatives</li> <li>3. Assuring Safe Drinking Water</li> <li>4. Reducing Pollution from Mineral Processing Operations</li> <li>5. Assuring Energy Extraction Sector Compliance with Environmental Laws</li> <li>6. Implementing the Clean Water Act Action Plan</li> <li>7. Advancing Next Generation Compliance</li> <li>8. Strengthening State Performance and Oversight</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. OECA's High Priority Work Areas</li> <li>2. National Areas of Focus</li> <li>3. Reducing Pollution from Mineral Processing Operations</li> <li>4. CWA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program for Compliance Assurance and Enforcement</li> <li>5. FIFRA Program for Compliance Assurance and Enforcement</li> </ol> |

| NPM  | National Areas for Focus in<br>FY 2016-2017 NPM Guidances  | Key Changes in<br>FY 2017 Exceptions-Based Addendums   |
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| <b>Office of Land<br/>and<br/>Emergency<br/>Management</b> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Making a Visible Difference in Communities</li> <li>2. Implementing OSWER’s Climate Change Adaptation Plan</li> <li>3. Advancing Superfund Remedial Cleanups</li> <li>4. E-Manifest System and E-Enterprise</li> <li>5. Sustainable Materials Management</li> <li>6. Chemical Risk Management</li> <li>7. Brownfields/ Area-Wide Planning</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Changes for FY 2017 advancing superfund remedial cleanups</li> <li>2. Chemical risk management</li> <li>3. Brownfields area-wide planning</li> <li>4. Superfund federal facility response</li> <li>5. Emergency response and prevention</li> <li>6. Brownfields and land revitalization</li> </ol> |
| <b>Office of<br/>Water</b>                                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Protecting Populations at Risk</li> <li>2. Improving the Integrity of the Nation’s Drinking Water and Clean Water Quality</li> <li>3. Providing Safe and Sustainable Water Resources and Infrastructure</li> <li>4. Controlling Nutrient Pollution</li> <li>5. Assuring High Quality and Accessible Water Information</li> </ol>   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Lead Copper Rule</li> <li>2. FY 2016-2017 Agency Priority Goal</li> <li>3. Partnerships with Agriculture</li> <li>4. Science Advisory Board Recommendations</li> <li>5. Water Quality Standards</li> <li>6. NPDES Electronic Reporting</li> <li>7. Wetlands</li> </ol>                         |
| <b>Office of<br/>Environmental<br/>Information</b>         | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Working to Make a Visible Difference in Communities</li> <li>2. Data Analytics</li> <li>3. Data and Content Management</li> <li>4. Information Security</li> <li>5. EPA Geospatial Platform</li> <li>6. Exchange Network</li> <li>7. Moving EPA to a High-Performing Organization</li> <li>8. Toxics Release Inventory</li> <li>9. EPA Quality Program</li> <li>10. Section 508 Program</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Continued Federal Information Technology Acquisition Reform Act (FITARA) implementation</li> <li>2. Information Security</li> <li>3. Toxics Release Inventory</li> <li>4. EPA Quality Program</li> </ol>   |

### Key EPA Contacts

Please contact Emily Heller at [heller.emily@epa.gov](mailto:heller.emily@epa.gov) or 202-564-3332 if you have any questions regarding EPA's consultation and coordination with Indian Tribes on the development of EPA's Fiscal Year (FY) 2018-2019 National Program Manager (NPM) Guidances. Please work with your Regional Indian Coordinators (listed below) regarding NPM Guidance program priorities.

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