UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460



Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance

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Re: Notification of Public Comment Period on the Revised Draft of the EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples (Policy)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA or Agency) is creating a policy to work collaboratively with tribes and indigenous peoples to address their environmental justice issues. This Revised Draft of the Policy incorporates the input the Agency received on the Working Draft of the Policy from tribes and the public during the November 2012 – February 2013 tribal consultation period and the separate January – February 2013 public participation comment period. The interim response to comments document is expected to be posted by May 12, 2014, at:

http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/indigenous/index.html.

This public comment period is scheduled for May 5 – June 5, 2014, and is intended to obtain input on the Revised Draft of the *EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples* and recommendations on the implementation of the Policy. The Revised Draft can be found at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/indigenous/index.html.

A public outreach conference call on the Policy is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, 12:30 – 2:00 ET. The conference call number is 1-866-299-3188, access code 202-564-2576.

The contact for this public outreach and comment period is Daniel Gogal, USEPA, Office of Environmental Justice. Comments on the Policy can be sent electronically to <u>indigenous-ej-policy@epa.gov</u>, or hardcopy to:

Daniel Gogal, USEPA Office of Environmental Justice 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20004

If you have any questions about the Revised Draft of the Policy or the public comment period, please contact Mr. Gogal at Gogal.Danny@epa.gov, or 202-564-2576.

Sincerely

We look forward to receiving your input on this Policy.

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Office of Environmental Justice