



# EPA REGION 10 UPDATES

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# 2014 Spring Items of Interest

- AK STRP Informal Quarterly Call
- Success Stories/Program Summaries for each TRP
- STRP 128(a) Applications



# AK STRP Informal Quarterly Call

- Next call planned for April 15<sup>th</sup> at 1pm AK time
  - Topics planned so far
    - Further discussion on transition proofing your program
    - Success stories
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# Success Stories/Program Summaries for each TRP

- Submit a success story with your next quarterly report for inclusion in the EPA STRP Headquarters Bi-monthly newsletter
  - [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state\\_tribal/news.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state_tribal/news.htm)
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# EPA STRP Success Stories

- **Latest REGION 10 example**
- **NATIVE VILLAGE OF TAZLINA** – The Native Village of Tazlina in Alaska celebrated a long-sought cleanup of a burned out school when the EPA completed a Time Critical Removal Action at the Old Copper Valley School in October 2013. The Native Village of Tazlina used Section 128(a) Response Program funding to provide oversight of the assessment and cleanup process. The school, built in 1954, was operated by the Archdiocese of Anchorage to board students from remote areas of Alaska; it was closed in 1971. Although the building was destroyed by fire in 1976, the property was used as a gathering place by the alumni. In 2009, the Alaska Native Health Consortium along with the Copper River Native Village Association identified the property as a priority and requested “Vision-to-Action” assistance from EPA. In response, EPA coordinated with the Native Village of Tazlina and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) to conduct an initial assessment, followed by an EPA Targeted Brownfield Assessment that included an asbestos survey. EPA’s Emergency Removal program worked with the Archdiocese of Anchorage to successfully remove asbestos contaminated materials. In addition, the Archdiocese cleaned up the entire 160-acre site, including removal of non-hazardous materials, as well as demolition and disposal of all remaining structural debris. The community, which sees this site as a positive part of local history, would like to reuse the property for outdoor environmental education and subsistence activities for the public and the future Native leaders of Alaska.



# Success Stories/Program Summaries for each TRP

- TRP Program Summaries required again this summer from Matt Placky, Headquarters Consultant, who works for Rachel Lentz, EPA Headquarters STRP Lead
- [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state\\_tribal/2013\\_brownfields\\_tribal\\_report\\_web\\_508\\_051413.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/state_tribal/2013_brownfields_tribal_report_web_508_051413.pdf)



# STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Invitation to apply most likely in May and final application package tentatively due by July 1, 2014
- Most funding levels did not stay the same
- Start working with your EPA Project Officer now and respond to every email in a timely manner



# STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Complete Application Package
    - FY14 Workplan
    - R10 Detail Budget Worksheet
    - Required Application forms found at:  
<http://www.epa.gov/ogd/AppKit/application.htm>
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# STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Required application forms
- 1) **Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) - with original signature**
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- 2) **Budget Information - Non-Construction Programs (SF-424A):** The budget information provided on this form must match exactly the budget information included in your Cooperative Agreement Workplan. **To preclude multiple submissions, please do not finalize form SF-424A until your work plan is final and approved by your EPA Project Officer.**
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- 3) **Assurances – Non-Construction Programs (SF-424B) - with original signature.** Required for all assistance agreement applications.
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- 4) **Preaward Compliance Review Report (EPA Form 4700-4) - with original signature.** Required for all assistance agreement applications.
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- 5) **Certification Regarding Lobbying – with original signature.** Required if the requested EPA funding is more than \$100,000, OR if your application is for additional funding for a current grant and the revised total EPA funding exceeds \$100,000.
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- 6) **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities - with original signature.** If EPA funding totals over \$100,000 AND your organization is or will be conducting lobbying activities.
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- 7) **Key Contacts** – This is an optional form, but very helpful for EPA staff. Applicant lists their organization's key contacts for the assistance agreement including: Authorized Representative, Project Manager, Financial Representative, Payee Information, and organization's website URL if applicable.



# STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Enhance your Workplan
  - Apply for a Targeted Brownfields Assessment
  - Apply for the next round of DEC Brownfields Assessment or Cleanup
  - Revisit and update both BF Inventory and Public Record



# STRP 128(a) Application Process

- Enhance your Workplan
  - Well-organized and specific
  - Shows progress
  - Is feasible and well paced
  - Has only approvable work
  - Budget makes sense and adds up



## Structure of a 128(a) work plan

No single model is for everyone  
but be sure to include:

the Four Elements

Project-specific work



# Four Elements as structure

- Developing a site inventory
  - Developing oversight and enforcement authorities
  - Developing a mechanism for community involvement
  - Developing system to approve cleanup plans and certify cleanups are complete
    - Don't forget the Public Record
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# Beyond the Four Elements

- Program management tasks
  - Site-specific work
  - Emergency preparedness work
  - General capacity-building like training or procuring supplies
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# Program management tasks

- Quarterly progress reports
- Annual PALs report
- Funding request and work plan prep
- Can show all staff training here



Stay in contact with you EPA BF  
Project Officer through the entire  
application process!!

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