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Subject: REPLY: Comments Requested - EPA Draft Strategic Plan

From: ron.johnny@summitlaketribe.org

Date: Tue, Nov 18, 2008 12:48 pm

To: "Shannon Judd" <ShannonJudd@fdlrez.com>

Dear Ms. Judd,

The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (Nevada) has reviewed the draft strategic plan with focus on services to Indian Programs. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe has the most remote Indian reservation in Nevada, and likely in the lower 48 states. Reservation residents have to be prepared to spend the entire winter on the Reservation if they do not leave before snow makes the road impassible because neither Washoe nor Humboldt Counties, nor the Bureau of Land Management, clear their roads leading to the Reservation of snow (and drifts) after the start of winter. Summit Lake has about 120 enrolled tribal members. Summit Lake does not have a source of clean drinking water.

EPA should enhance funding for small Tribes to continue and enhance water quality monitoring and design sampling strategies to contribute towards research of global climate change.

EPA should enhance funding to Tribes to evaluate atmospheric deposition of contaminants on a watershed scale, to include snowpack monitoring and analysis of contaminants in snow.

EPA should enhance funding for small, remote Tribes to effectively implement and manage solid waste programs.

EPA should finish evaluating safe consumption of fish (in Summit Lake situation no fish have been analyzed for safe consumption to determine if there is a problem), rather than eliminate measures to track safe consumption of fish.

EPA should continue to assist small, remot Tribes with pesticide programs. Circuit riders are not appropriat for small remote Tribes that need assistance to apply pesticides in a restricted period of time.

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From: "Shannon Judd" <ShannonJudd@fdlrez.com>

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Hello everyone!

EPA is currently soliciting comments on their draft 2009-2014 Strategic Plan. The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable (NPPR) is working on putting together comments to submit to EPA. The purpose of this plan is to provide a framework for EPA annual planning, budgeting, and accountability over the next five years and describe how those results will be achieved. The final document is due to Congress Sept 30, 2009. EPA is focusing on a limited number of *targeted areas* one of which is **Improving Program Implementation in Indian Country**.

As part of the Tribal Pollution Prevention Workgroup, we would like to give you the opportunity to provide input on the plan. With a new administration coming into office, now is the time to be involved and help make changes! Click on the link below to see the full draft plan. Myla Kelly, coordinator of Peaks to Prairies Pollution Prevention Center, compiled a list of the parts specific to tribes. Below the link to the draft plan is the summary she put together.

Please take some time to review the draft plan and email comments directly to Shannon Judd, Tribal P2 co-chair at shannonjudd@fdlrez.com by **Wednesday, November 19, 2008**. Your comments and suggestions will be compiled and sent to NPPR for submission to EPA. **Please note that your comments are confidential – no names or affiliations will be included.**

EPA Draft Strategic Plan

http://www.epa.gov/ocfo/plan/pdfs/strategic_plan_change_document_9-30-08.pdf

As part of GOAL 3 - LAND PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION (pg 11)

Improving Program Implementation in Indian Country

- For solid and hazardous waste, EPA will shift its emphasis from planning to actions that enable tribes to better implement sustainable waste management programs. As tribal integrated solid waste management plans (ISWMPs) are developed and put in place, EPA will increasingly support activities such as targeting or leveraging funding to carry out these programs and technical assistance for compliance, training, and other mechanisms that help tribes transition from planning to implementing sustainable ISWMPs.

As part of GOAL 4 - HEALTHY COMMUNITIES AND ECOSYSTEMS

Improving Program Implementation in Indian Country (pg 15)

- In order to expand our ability to protect human health and the environment in Indian country, the pesticide program will emphasize approaches that can benefit multiple tribes (e.g., circuit-riders and multi-tribal training) and develop pesticide use assessments to help identify and address the greatest needs and priorities.

- EPA will develop strategies to help tribes integrate programmatic elements for their brownfields, solid waste, hazardous waste, emergency response, underground and aboveground storage tank, and Superfund programs. This would potentially enable tribes to take fuller advantage of response-related opportunities provided through statutory authorities, further support efforts to establish and enhance tribal response programs, and leverage funding to address their specific site needs. These strategies would help tribes streamline response program activities and achieve efficiencies similar to those achieved under the "one-cleanup program."

As part of GOAL 5 - COMPLIANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Improving Program Implementation in Indian Country (pg 16)

- The Agency will work to strengthen compliance and enforcement in Indian country where EPA maintains direct implementation authority. EPA's enforcement and compliance program is focusing national attention on three areas in Indian country: (1) improving compliance of drinking water systems; (2) improving multimedia compliance at schools; and, (3) improving solid waste management and investigating illegal dumping sites to identify and pursue responsible parties.

Also, there are additional sub-objectives that refer specifically to Indian Country measures:

Sub objective 1.1.1 (pg 24) refers to air quality emissions on tribal lands

Sub objective 2.1.1 (pg 29) refers to community drinking water systems for Indian communities

Sub objective 2.2.1 (pg 32) refers to surface water quality improvement and basic sanitation on tribal lands

Sub objective 3.1.1 (pg 35) refers to closing/cleaning/ upgrading open dumps on tribal lands

Sub objective 5.1 (pg 57) refers to environmental protection through improved compliance in Indian Country

Sub objective 5.3 (pg 62) refers to improving human health and environment in Indian Country by building and implementing environmental programs

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"Be the change you want to see in the world." Gandhi

"Problems cannot be solved by the level of awareness that created them." Albert Einstein

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