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**MEMORANDUM**

**SUBJECT:** Guidance and Policy for Implementation of Tribal Monitoring Program

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**TO:** Regional Air Division Directors, Regions I-X

The Tribal Monitoring Workgroup, which consists of staff from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, EPA Regional Office tribal air coordinators, and tribal air professionals, has developed two guidance documents on tribal ambient air monitoring. The first document, titled *Technical Guidance for the Development of Tribal Air Monitoring Programs*, provided specifics for tribes on how to plan and implement ambient air monitoring programs. Completed in August 2007, this document is available on the OAR Tribal Website (<http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html>).

The second document, *Guidance and Policy for Implementation of Tribal Monitoring Programs* (attached), is the subject of this memorandum. This guidance will help tribes and EPA Regional Offices to prioritize monitoring needs, choose an appropriate level of funding for ambient air monitoring on tribal lands relative to other air management work, and ensure that monitoring funds are used effectively on chosen projects. This document is also intended to provide more consistency between the Office of Air and Radiation and the EPA Regions in our expectations of tribal monitoring programs. The target audiences for this document are EPA Regional Office and Headquarters staff involved in tribal resource allocations, air grant awards and management, program evaluation, strategic planning of monitoring networks, technical support to monitoring programs, or using ambient air data collected from tribal monitoring programs. The document is now available online on the OAR Tribal Website (<http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html>).

Many staff in the EPA Regions helped in the writing and review of this document. I appreciate their willingness to assist in this effort and I believe that this document will be of great benefit to the tribes. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mike Papp at [papp.michael@epa.gov](mailto:papp.michael@epa.gov) or Laura McKelvey at [mckelvey.laura@epa.gov](mailto:mckelvey.laura@epa.gov).

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