

INTEGRATION OF FEDERAL, STATE, LOCAL, AND TRIBAL AIR TOXICS PROGRAMS

What has EPA done so far to integrate the Federal, State, Local, and Tribal air toxics programs?

On July 19, 1999, EPA issued a *Federal Register* notice which outlines the National Air Toxics Program and describes in detail the Integrated Urban Air Toxics Strategy (64FR38705). In the notice, we promised to convene stakeholder meetings to address how to structure a risk-based air toxics program integrated between EPA and State, Local, and Tribal agencies.

In January 2000, we created the Integrated Air Toxics State/Local/Tribal Program Structure Workgroup. This workgroup was created under the Clean Air Act Advisory Committee, which EPA chartered in 1990 through the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This workgroup was created to obtain advice on how to structure a program encompassing Federal, State, local, and tribal authorities to collectively address air toxic risk. The workgroup was specifically charged with making recommendations regarding the details of program administration and coordination.

In September 2000, the workgroup developed a report, the Recommended Framework for State/Local/Tribal Air Toxics Risk Reduction Program, that recommends a structure for a program to address air toxics risk and includes a list of critical issues they feel should be addressed in developing the program.

In October 2001, EPA issued a Workplan for the National Air Toxics Program and Integrated Air Toxics State/Local/Tribal Program Structure which provides an overview of the activities EPA has accomplished or is planning to address during the technology and risk-based phases of the national program. In addition, this workplan lays out the critical issues described in the workgroup report which need to be addressed as we develop the program.

What happens next?

Currently, EPA is in the early stages of developing a program. As the Agency develops the program, we will continue to consult and seek input from affected stakeholders through different forums.

Where can I find more information?

Copies of the Integrated Urban Air Toxics Strategy, the Recommended Framework for State/Local/Tribal Air Toxics Risk Reduction Program, and the Workplan for the National Air Toxics Program and Integrated Air Toxics State/Local/Tribal Program Structure can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/urban/urbandev.html>. Contact is Yvonne W. Johnson who can be reached at 919-541-2798 or johnson.yvonnew@epa.gov.

