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OAR EJ Integration Efforts

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OAR Community Activities

Reducing EJ Exposure to Air Pollution

- NCDC Idle Reduction Initiative for School Buses
- Woodstove Change Out •

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- Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE)
- Acid Rain Program, Transport Rule
- SNAP Program restricting n-Propyl Bromide

Resources and Funding for EJ Communities

- Language encouraging projects to consider EJ concerns inserted in competitive funding announcements
- Sustainable Living
 - DERA Grants
 - CARE Grants
 - Climate Showcase Communities Grants
 - Community Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring (CSATAM) Grants



Building Capacity and Technical Information

- CARE
- National Diesel Campaign-Regional Diesel Collaboratives and Smartway Program
- On-Line data resources for community awareness
 - Data & tools to map air pollution trends and sources
 - Websites serve as clearinghouses of information
- Planning resources for climate change adaptation
 - Sea level rise EJ analysis
 - Extreme heat events information
- Skin Cancer Factsheet for African Americans & Hispanics
- EJ Air Website
- Community Web Page

Additional EJ Regulatory Engagement -- Webinars

- Industrial Boilers and CISWI rules June 9 (505 registered)
- Transport rule September 2

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Compliance Assistance for Sectors with Significant EJ Impacts

• Collision Repair Campaign (NESHAP subpart 6H rule)

EJ Rule Analysis Pilot

 Pilot 5 Rules (Boiler (Area & Major), Commercial Industrial Solid Waste Incinerator, Transport, & Utility MACT)

OAR Internal Capacity Building

• EJ and Rulemaking - OAQPS early September

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OAR Community Activities

Outreach to EJ Communities

- Air EJ conference (~ 500 attendees)
- Bi-monthly Community Conference calls (began in July)
- Quarterly Air EJ newsletter (first the end of summer)
- Asthma Program

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 Community membership on Mobile Source Technical Advisory Subcommittee

Opportunity for New Activity

- Training for communities on Title V permitting (FY11 if funded)
- Community Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring (CSATAM) grants
- Community Learning Center modeled after ITEP for the Tribes (cross-agency participation, One EPA)



Capacity Building and Outreach with Tribes

- Work with the Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center (TAMS)
- OAR Tribal Newsletter, OAR Tribal Air Website, National Tribal Forum, Tribal Asthma PSAs
- Communicating climate change impacts on tribes –cooperative agreement, website
- IAQ Tribal Portal (asthma web-based training, interactive communication)
- Training for Alaska Native Villages on Air Issues
- Establishing air monitoring sites (mercury, air quality) on Tribal lands
- Tribal Diesel Emissions Reduction Grant Competition
- Increasing Tribal participation in CAAAC



Additional Regulatory Support

- Tribal NSR Rule support preparation of Tribal environmental professionals for implementation
- Support Tribal consideration in the NAAQS designations process
- Guidance for tribes for requesting Class I re-designation
- Increasing opportunities for EPA outreach on upcoming rules and programs

Increasing OAR Internal Capacity

- Staff training on working with tribes
- OAQPS Consultation and Outreach Policy
- OAR Tribal Database and Quarterly Management Report

Issues Addressed In Schools Projects

- Exposure to secondhand smoke, asthma triggers, and other indoor air contaminants
- Exposure to air toxics in outdoor air
- Diesel emissions from school buses
- Limited English-speaking residents
- Tribal residents

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- High Mobility of Migrant Workers
- OAR Staff Diversity and Organizational Development

Diverse Strategies for Outreach and Capacity Building

- Form partnerships to leverage resources and reach solutions
 - Health Departments
 - Advocacy Organizations
 - Government Agencies
 - Non-profit Associations
 - Universities (North Carolina A & T, Wake Forest)
- Conduct initiative to measure levels of outdoor air toxics to evaluate potential health impacts on school community
- Establish EPA internships for college students to increase OAR workforce diversity
- Clean School Bus USA

Diverse Strategies for Outreach and Capacity Building

- Provide access to bilingual health and environmental information
- Train health educators to counsel and work with families
- Form workgroups with urban school leaders on indoor air quality management in schools

Opportunity for New Activity

 Partner with President's Environmental Health Risk to Children Task Force and broaden effort to create asthma-friendly school and home environments



Issues Addressed in Homes Projects

- Energy use and utility costs in low-income households
- Asthma and asthma triggers in homes
- Harmful emissions (PM, wood smoke, hazardous substances)
- Recycling and Proper Appliance Disposal
- Exposure to UV radiation, secondhand smoke
- Ozone depletion (greenhouse gases) affecting low-income homes
- Limited English-speaking households



Strategies for Outreach and Capacity-Building

- Outreach Campaigns (EPA-certified wood stove, ENERGY STAR residential, etc)
- Access to bilingual health and environment tools and resources (hard copy and electronic)
- Profiles highlighting success stories within EJ communities
- Direct counseling to families on health-related issues
- Participation at community events around the U.S.
- OAR laboratory support for radon testing and analysis for lowincome residents

Strategies for Outreach and Capacity Building

- Partnerships to leverage resources and reach solutions
 - Healthcare providers

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- Advocacy, public health, environmental, nonprofit organizations (ALA, Habitat, universities, etc)
- Government agencies (HUD, HHS, states, local)
- Corporations (community development, housing)
- Associations (Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association, etc)
- Manufacturers