

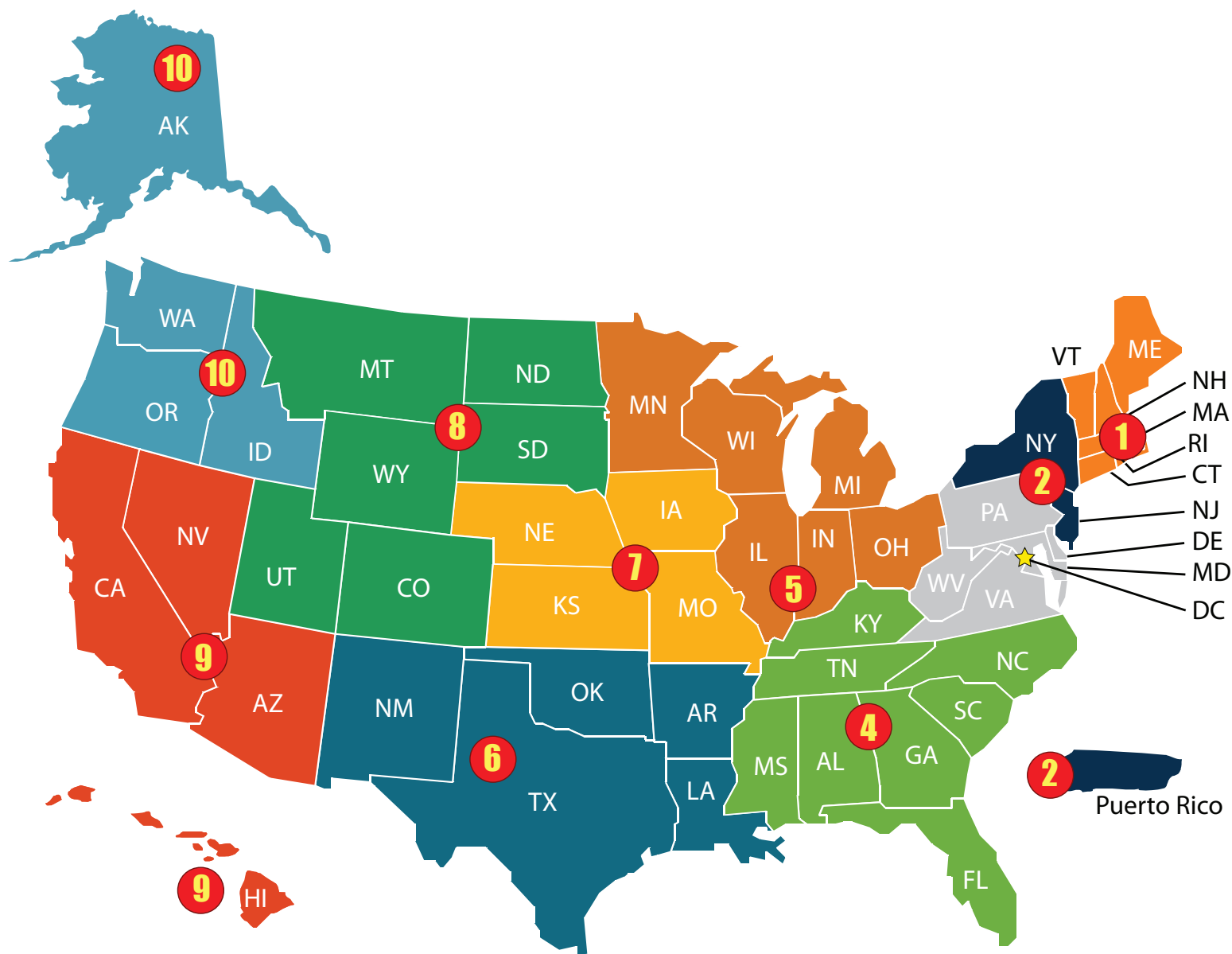
SNAPSHOT OF REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

REGION 1: The Passamaquoddy Tribe utilized Brownfields grant funding to conduct Phase I and Phase II Environmental Sites Assessments and removal actions at the Penknife Camp Site. The Tribe dedicated the area for the development and enrichment of Tribal youth and promoting traditional activities such as hunting, fishing, and camping. A building that sat on this site contained a significant amount of debris, biological waste and household hazardous waste. Waste was successfully removed and the Tribe received an unrestricted Voluntary Response Action Program Certificate of Completion from the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.

REGION 2: The St. Regis Mohawk Tribe continues to make progress in developing its Tribal Response Program. With approximately 150 properties on site, the Tribe is developing a brownfields database, an oversight and enforcement program, and conducting public outreach and other program-related activities. The Tribe presented on cultural restoration at the 2015 TLEF, which focused on the "Frogtown" brownfield site, a former open dump that is a priority for redevelopment on the reservation.

REGION 4: The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) is in the process of being awarded funds from the EPA 128(a) State and Tribal Response Program. Working with Region 4, the EBCI was invited to consult on the assessment and cleanup projects related to the historic Nikwasi Mound, given the tribes interest in the potential impact to the surrounding archeological resources. This Mound is located at the gateway to downtown Franklin, NC and was formerly the center of the Cherokee town of Nikwasi. The vision for this area is to have a Cherokee Heritage Activity Center constructed next to the Mound, with a heritage trail providing connectivity to other nearby culturally significant Mounds.

REGION 5: EPA Region 5 coordinated a hazardous materials course focused on soil and water sampling techniques in the event of a spill for the Lac du Flambeau Tribe in Wisconsin. EPA also participated in a tabletop exercise focused on the Bakken oil train derailment and explosion, in partnership with the Mille Lacs reservation and other federal agencies.



REGION 6: In June 2015, EPA Region 6 hosted workshops at the Indian Health Service office in Albuquerque, NM and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) office in Oklahoma City, OK. The workshops focused on effective tribal solid waste programs, developing IWMP and how to utilize GAP funds for solid waste activities. Additionally, information was provided on the EPA Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes, the tribal sustainability tool, the deconstruction and demolition checklist, and solid waste ordinance writing. IHS also provided information on their tribal open dump database.

REGION 7: Working with EPA's Food Recovery Challenge Team, Haskell Indian Nations University conducted two food waste audits in September and November 2015, where discarded food and drink was sorted by type, weighed and logged. The goal for the University is to avoid sending food waste to the landfill. Haskell Indian Nations University conducted a food waste audit in November 2015 where EPA Region 7 awarded certificates to dining services staff and students for their food waste recovery contributions. EPA staff also participated in a roundtable meeting and presentation on data after the food waste audit with university staff on campus.

REGION 8: The Yankton Sioux Tribe's Environmental Department administered a Tribal Response Program for the third consecutive year and completed its first clean up using Section 128(a) Response Program funding.

REGION 9: At the Rio Tinto Mine Site in Nevada, construction of the Superfund remedial action is essentially complete (final inspection scheduled for 2016). The clean-up is intended to restore water quality in Mill Creek and the East Fork Owyhee River. Redband trout, a species of cultural significance to the Shoshone Paiute Tribes of Duck Valley, whose reservation is located downstream on the East Fork Owyhee River, will be able to pass the new channel as rock armoring and resting pools are now established. The cleanup was prompted by the Tribes' vision for a long-term solution.

REGION 10: EPA Region 10 developed A Manager's Roadmap for Funding Sustainable Solid Waste Programs in Rural Alaska, which outlines key steps in an ideal sustainable waste program (solid and hazardous waste management) and where to find state and federal funding to pay for each step. This tool is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/managers-roadmap-funding-sustainable-solid-waste-programs-rural-alaska>.

