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TRIBAL CONSULTATION ANNUAL REPORT

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Agency Overview

The Arizona Legislature established the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) as the state’s environmental regulatory agency under the Environmental Quality Act of 1986. ADEQ’s mission is to protect and enhance public health and the environment in Arizona. The department achieves this mission by administering the state’s environmental laws and delegated federal programs to prevent pollution of the air, water and land, and to ensure clean-up of such pollution when it occurs.

The Vision of the agency is to lead Arizona and the nation in protecting and enhancing the environment and improving the quality of life for the people of our state.

The department is composed of four programs: air quality, water quality, waste, and administration. Together, the programs carry out the core functions of the agency: monitoring and assessment, pollution control, compliance management, clean-ups, policy development, education and outreach. These core functions are delivered for the citizens of Arizona within the context of the state’s unique environment and culture.

Tribal Consultation Activities

ADEQ continues to collaborate with the 22 Tribes of Arizona and operate consistent with its Tribal Consultation Policy. The following table presents ADEQ’s efforts to meet the goals set forth in its policy.

Policy Goal	Objective	Activity and Performance Measure
Share appropriate technical information and data with Tribes. ADEQ requests that Tribes share appropriate technical data with ADEQ as well.	On July 27, 2017, ADEQ provided follow-up assistance with the Navajo Nation regarding waste tire collection sites.	The requested information was provided on 7/31.

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Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On September 11, 2017, The Navajo Nation requested information about scheduling another e-waste pick-up event for Ganado Unified School District.	Ganado Unified School District asked how to schedule another e-waste pickup. ADEQ provided contact information for Arizona's certified e-waste recyclers.
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Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On September 28, 2017, the Navajo Nation requested ADEQ to attend a meeting with them regarding concerns with the school district's water system.	ADEQ attended the meeting with local Tribal leaders and the Sanders Unified School District regarding this concern.
Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On October, 10, 2017, ADEQ helped locate Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) contact for information regarding junk vehicle cleanups.	ADEQ contacted MVD was contacted for assistance.
Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On December 7, 2017, the Navajo Nation asked to review a list of local recycling resources to determine if they existed.	ADEQ responded with the list of current recycling opportunities in Southern Navajo and Apache counties.
Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On January 2, 2018, the Zuni Tribe requested assistance to apply for an open burning permit for a project on private land, near St. Johns.	ADEQ helped the Zuni Tribe with completing the application.
Work cooperatively with interested Tribes to develop State and Tribal capacity so that each Tribe, within its jurisdiction, can assume full responsibility for federal environmental programs.	On February 23, 2018, the White Mountain Apache Tribe is considering a glass recycling center and asked ADEQ for suggestions on who to reach out to for the business plan.	ADEQ helped the White Mountain Apache Tribe with this request.

<p>Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.</p>	<p>On February 27, 2018, through the AZ Game and Fish Dept., the Tribe was seeking information on how to protect water quality in response to a vehicle crash in a flowing river.</p>	<p>ADEQ's Water Quality Division and Waste Programs Division relayed this inquiry to Arizona Game & Fish Department for the Tribe.</p>
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Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	On March 19, 2018, the Navajo Nation EPA asked how to invite ADEQ to speak at NNEPA's June Environmental Conference. ADEQ provided ADEQ's Tribal Liaison contact information for the invitation letter.	ADEQ presented and participated at the conference in Flagstaff, AZ on June 20, 2018.
Provide technical assistance, sharing data, conducting joint Tribal-State projects and cooperatively resolve environmental issues.	Request from ITCA to present on Hazardous Waste Programs.	ADEQ's Hazardous Waste Unit spoke at an ITCA conference.
Work cooperatively with interested Tribes to develop State and Tribal capacity so that each Tribe, within its jurisdiction, can assume full responsibility for federal environmental programs.	Develop a plan to properly inform the 22 Tribal Nations and Governor's Office of Tribal Relations regarding ADEQ's plan for acquiring primacy of the Clean Water Act's (CWA), Section 404 program (Dredge and Fill Program).	ADEQ kicked off discussions with the Governor's Office on Tribal Relations regarding planning of tribal listening session and consultations to be mindful of tribal concerns, priorities, and other time commitments.

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