

# EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs)



## What is an ETEP?

- A joint plan, [as detailed in the 2022 GAP Guidance](#), outlining how each Tribe and EPA intend to work together to address shared environmental priorities.
- A planning and communication tool for the Tribe and EPA that provides a road map for decision-making.
- A basis for understanding changes in capacity development with GAP resources.

## 3 Components

### EPA Regulated Entities

#### EPA Regional Offices Should:

- Provide the Tribe with a draft inventory of federally regulated entities in Indian country. Tribes may include other entities of interest.

### Tribal Environmental Priorities

#### Tribes/Recipients Should Include:

- A short description of each priority area the recipient plans to address with GAP funds.
- Capacity indicators the recipient intends to pursue that is associated with that priority.
- Anticipated timeline for completing capacity indicators.
- Long-term program development goal(s).
- Requested assistance.

### EPA Program Priorities (including DI)

#### EPA Regional Offices Should:

- Identify EPA program priorities.
- Identify EPA's direct implementation (DI) responsibilities for each Tribe, if applicable.
- The information in this section may be beneficial to Tribes to identify where they may wish to seek assumption of federal laws or meaningfully participate in partnership with EPA.

**EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPS)**  
ETEPS help Tribes and EPA plan and manage areas of joint responsibility



## ETEPs:

- Are a 3 to 5-year strategic plan
- Are reviewed annually and revised every 3-5 years
- Are planning documents that vary in length and structure
- Are flexible and do not require EPA or Tribal leadership signatures.

## ETEPs Have an Important Role in the GAP National Framework

