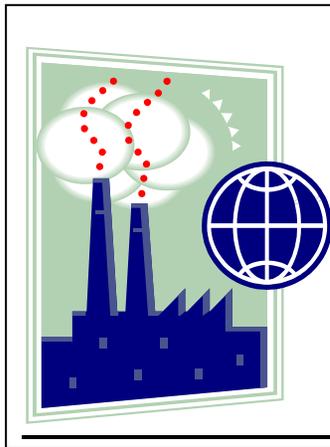


Gap-Filling Federal Implementation Plans

An Innovative Approach to Federal Air Rules on Tribal Reservations



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What: In order to address several compelling environmental issues on Indian reservations, the FARR team created an entirely new paradigm for federal air rules. Instead of depending upon a possible HQ rulemaking or resource-intensive individual regional rulemaking for each reservation, the FARR team developed a modular regional rule which could be customized for specific reservations and then promulgated as one rule that creates 39 FIPs.

Now, the FARR is included in OAR national program guidance (NPG), other regions and tribes have expressed interest in the approach and our gap-filling FIPs are now outputs for other regions in OAR's NPG. The nomination of the FARR team for this award is timely as the rule is planned for signature by

the Administrator this fall.

Why: Compelling reasons why the FARR Team created innovative gap-filling Federal Implementation Plans (FIPs) on 30 Indian reservations.

- Fulfill EPA's Tribal Trust Responsibility
- Protect Human Health and the Environment
- Eliminate Regulatory Gaps
- Add Substance to the formerly "hollow" Title V Operating Permits for Large Sources in Indian Country
- Level the Playing Field for Sources on and off Reservations

- Build Tribal Capacity for Tribal Air Programs