Environmental Protection Network

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About Us

- Founded in January 2017
- Approximately 600 EPA alumni across the country
- Unique perspective of former regulators with decades of historical knowledge & subject matter expertise

Our Goals and Objectives

- Build the capacity of environmental agencies and the communities they serve to address the most urgent health and environmental crises—including climate change and environmental injustices
  - national policy advocacy
  - pro bono capacity building technical assistance
  - recruiting and retaining greater diversity of EPA staff

Pro Bono Technical Assistance

- Connect former engineers, scientists, lawyers
- Frontline communities; NGOs; and State, local, and Tribal agencies
- Navigate bureaucracy, regulations, funding
- Achieve tangible public health benefits

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Region 7
Shonali Palacios

Region 5
Noor Shahzad

Region 10
Rudy

Regions 1 & 2
Tribal Liaison
Davina Resto

Region 9
Caelie Fish

Guam
Trust Territories
American Samoa
Northern Mariana Islands

Regions 3 & 4
Sierra Taliaferro

Regions 6 & 8
Mitchelle Mukeli

Community Outreach Manager
Kya Williams

Community Outreach Associates by EPA Regions

Progress to Date

- 150+ unique volunteers
- 450+ requests for TA
- Leveraged ~2000 volunteer hrs
- Helped groups access $3M+
- Assisted 100+ groups apply
- Anticipate exponential growth

Accessing federal funding

- Navigate funding opportunities
- Identify partners
- Make connections
- Grant writing guides
  - checklists, templates, sample narratives
- Grant management and reporting

Environmental Justice Thriving Communities Technical Assistance Centers (TCTACs)

- EPA (in partnership w/DOE)
- 13 regional/ 3 national TCTACs
- 2 more RFAs
- $10-13 million each over 5 years
- Help underserved and overburdened communities

Regional TCTACs

- 2: WE ACT and Interamerican
- 3: NWF
- 4: RTI and 4&6 - DSCEJ
- 5: BIG and UMN
- 6: New Mexico State University
- 7: WSU
- 9: ASU and SDSU
- 10: Willamette and Univ of WA

National TCTACs

- International City/County Management Association
- Institute for Sustainable Communities
- National Indian Health Board

Questions?

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