

ACTION ITEMS
April 25-26, 2023-Tribal Caucus & Full RTOC Meetings

Action Item	Status
<p>EPA R6 to provide update on LANL Electrical Power Capacity Upgrade (EPCU) proposed new powerline upgrade. Provide update at R6 RTOC meeting</p>	<p>Per DOE/LANL, the EPCU project includes a power line and upgrades to existing infrastructure; involves multiple agencies incl. USFS and BLM. LANL indicated that additional potential transmission line routes are being considered for analysis in the Environmental Assessment. LANL contact Kristen Dors 505-667-7014. <i>Update- Per the Los Alamos Reporter on March 16, 2023, a draft Environmental Assessment for the project is expected to go out for comment this Spring.</i></p>
<p>EPA R6 provide updates at R6 RTOC meeting on LANL Site Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS)</p>	<p>NNSA invited other federal agencies, state and local governments, federally recognized Indian tribes and the public to comment on the scope of the LANL SWEIS. The public scoping period began with the publication of the Notice of Intent in the Federal Register on August 19, 2022 and continued until October 3, 2022. <i>Update- Per the Los Alamos Reporter on March 16, 2023, currently the SWEIS is being drafted</i></p>

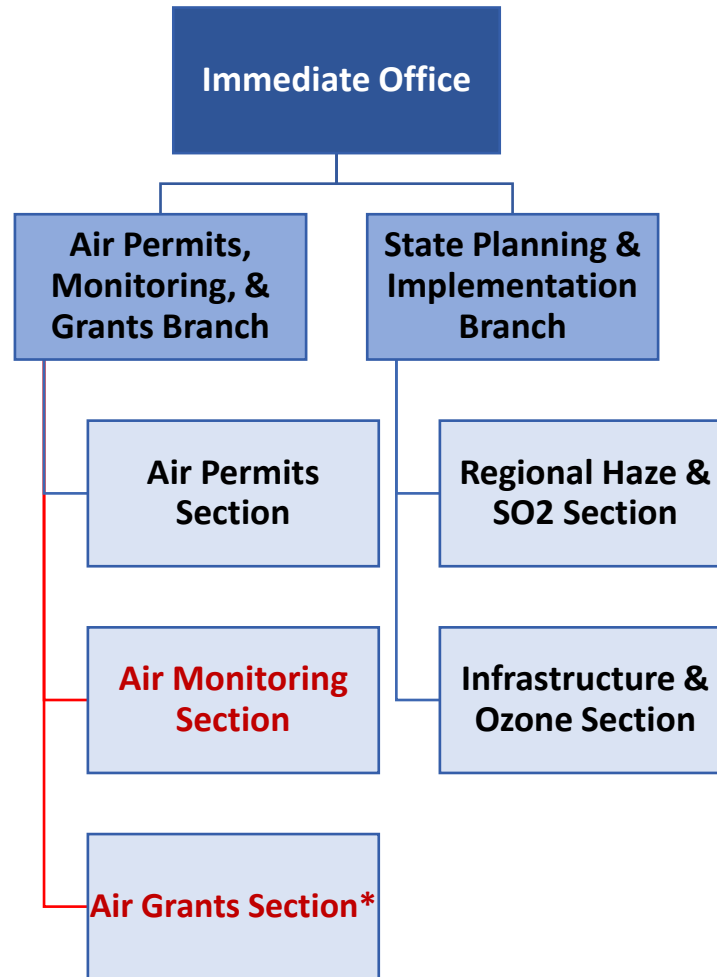
	<p><i>using input received from the scoping comment period and a draft is expected this fall.</i></p>
<p>EPA R6 to provide update on LANL tritium venting</p>	<p>On November 10, 2022 (Pueblo of Santa Clara) and on March 8, 2023 (Pueblo of Isleta), Region 6 held consultation meetings regarding the LANL tritium venting project application. On December 2, 2022, and March 14, 2023, Region 6 held meetings with Tewa Women United and other external stakeholders on the application. Region 6 will consider the information supplied by LANL as well as comments/concerns expressed by Pueblos and external stakeholders before making our decision on the proposed venting process.</p>
<p>EPA R6 to describe permitting process of transuranic waste facility (Pueblo of San Felipe)</p>	<p>Pre-Construction Application for the Radiological Liquid Waste Treatment Facility (RLWTF) at LANL</p> <p>On November 2, 2021, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) - National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office submitted an application to construct a new Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility - Transuranic Liquid Waste (RLWTF-TLW) facility for transuranic waste streams, which will be located at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). The application states that the reason for a new construction is because the existing RLWTF-TLW is more than 50 years old and is nearing the end of its functional and operational</p>

	<p>life. A letter offering tribal consultation was sent on November 11, 2021, to all New Mexico Tribal Nations and Pueblos. The Pueblos of Santa Clara and Tesuque responded. Santa Clara's consultation was held on November 23, 2021, and Tesuque's consultation was held on December 14, 2021. The application was reviewed in accordance with the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 40 CFR Part 61, Subparts A and H and approved on April 19, 2022. Closeout documents were sent to both Pueblos when EPA made its final determination on the application. On April 28, 2022, LANL sent notification of construction stating that the RLWTF-TLW construction is planned to begin on or shortly after May 31, 2022. On August 10, 2022, ground was broken. Scheduled completion by August 2027.</p>
<p>EPA R6 to provide information on radiation management program (Pueblo of Isleta)</p>	<p>On March 8, 2023, Region 6 and the Pueblo of Isleta held a consultation meeting regarding the LANL tritium venting project application. LANL leadership and staff joined at the second half of the meeting. Issues discussed included radiation management program questions from the Pueblo.</p>
<p>EPA R6 OCTEA to coordinate with other EPA R6 programs/divisions to determine flexibility in extending consultation comment timeframes</p>	<p>OCTEA will work with Region 6 Divisions/Offices on extended time as needed for consultation comment timeframes. This will include</p>

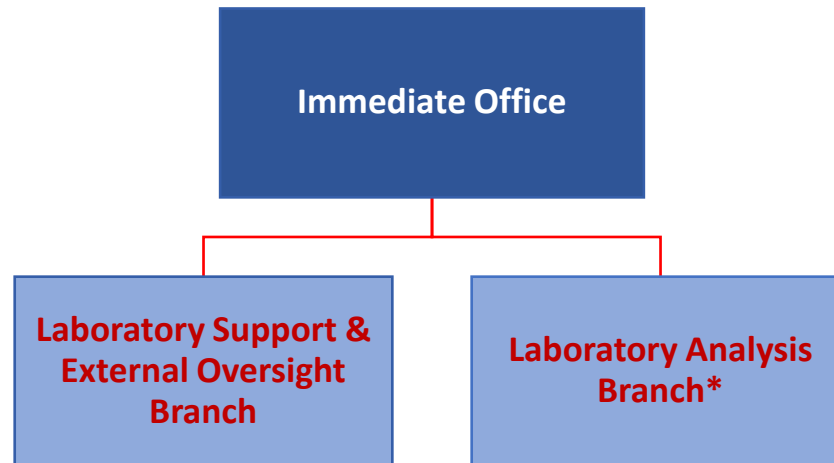
	considering earlier consultation start dates and informational calls.
EPA R6 to assist Pueblo of Isleta in finding experts on crop irrigation with elevated <i>E. Coli</i> concentrations	EPA Region 6 will continue to work with the Pueblo of Isleta on their concerns with elevated E. Coli concentrations.
EPA R6 to respond to information request pertaining to an oil spill and fish kill event on Skull Creek (Sac and Fox Nation): Requesting quarterly consultation	Holly Energy (Skull Creek) Oil Spill Response, Cushing, OK: Holly Energy, the Responsible Party (RP) completed recovery of free oil that was spilled into Skull Creek on August 26, 2022. Mitigation efforts are in place in the event that major flooding occurs in the area. The RP continues to monitor for and remove remaining residual sheen in Skull Creek coming from the sediment, banks, rocks and vegetation. EPA R6 continues to monitor clean-up operations. The RP provided EPA R6 and Sac and Fox Nation its Remediation Sampling Plan and Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for review. EPA reviewed the plans and had no comments. The Sac and Fox Nation plans to submit its comments by March 31, 2023. The RP stated if the plans are approved by April 7, 2023, it can start sampling by the week of May 8, 2023. The RP also continues to work with Department of the Interior (DOI) and Sac and Fox Nation on a Natural Resource Damage Assessment.
AIEO to talk to Headquarters regarding equal dissemination of information for Tribal Nation & Pueblo eligible REO and SWIFR grants under BIL	Monica Smith shared RTOC concerns 12-1-22. Concerns were shared with the EPA Office of Land Management. Several tribal SWIFR

	webinars have been held since the December 1 RTOC call.
EPA R6 to develop a scheduled list of tribal ETEPs to be updated and sent to tribal contacts	OCTEA GAP project officers will identify and work with tribal partners to update at least twenty ETEPs by the end of 9/30/2024.
EPA R6 to send out departmental organizational charts to tribal contacts after reorganization occurs	Reorganization charts for the Region 6 Mission Support Division, Laboratory Services and Applied Science Division, Land, Chemical and Redevelopment Division, Superfund and Emergency Management Division, Water Division, Office of Regional Counsel and Air and Radiation Division are attached to this action item list.
EPA R6 to give update on New Mexico Water Quality Control Commission's permit review of discharge permit DP-1132 and EPA's involvement in the May 9, 2023 permit review meeting. (Pueblo of Isleta)	Randy Gee reached out to R6 Water Division and is awaiting response. Update more likely to be given after the May 9 th meeting.

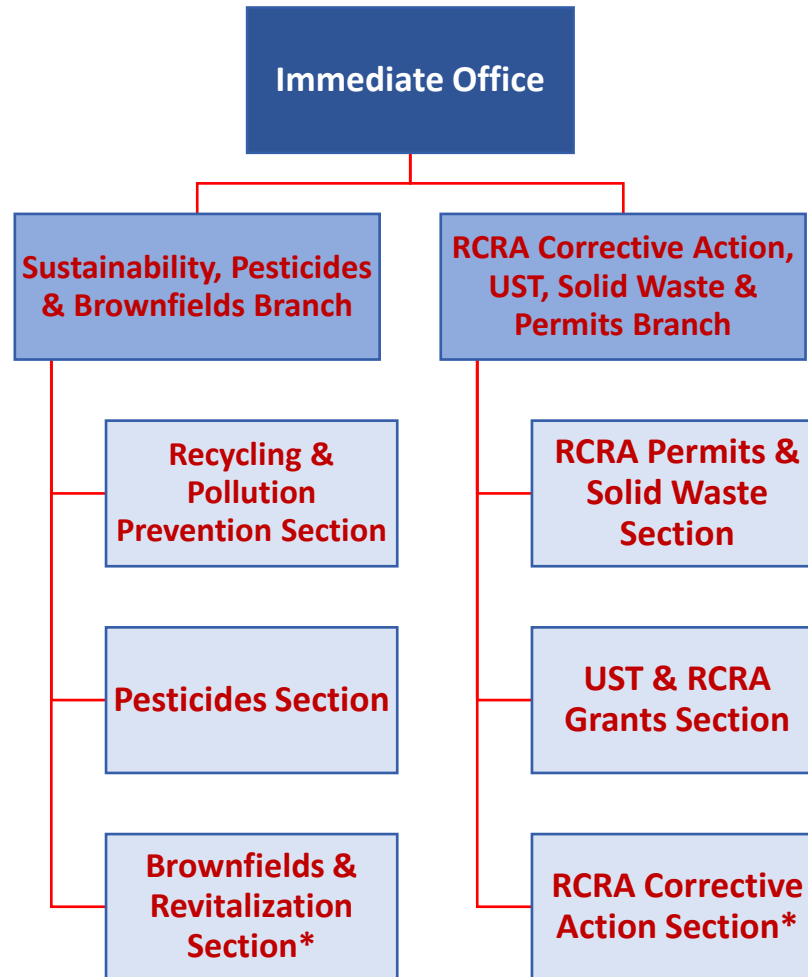
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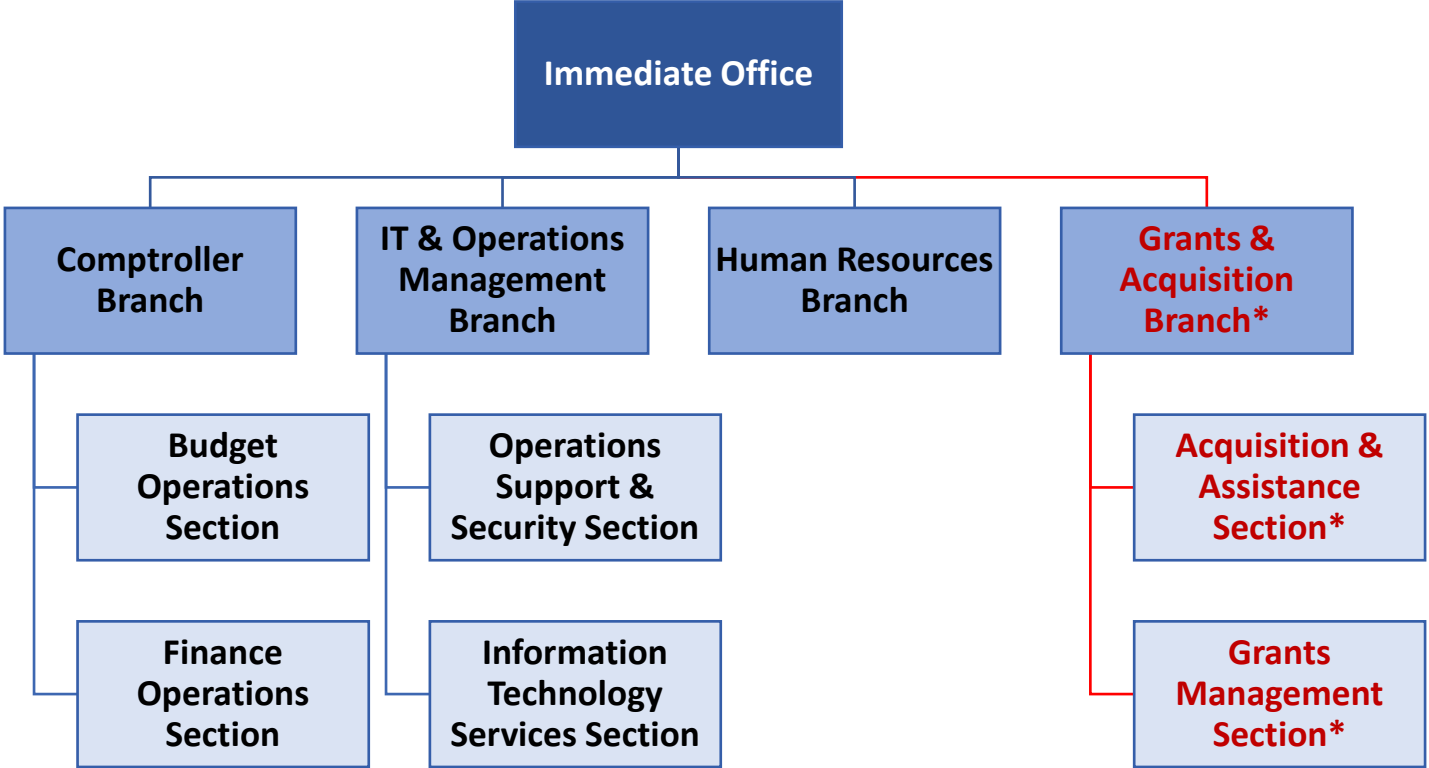
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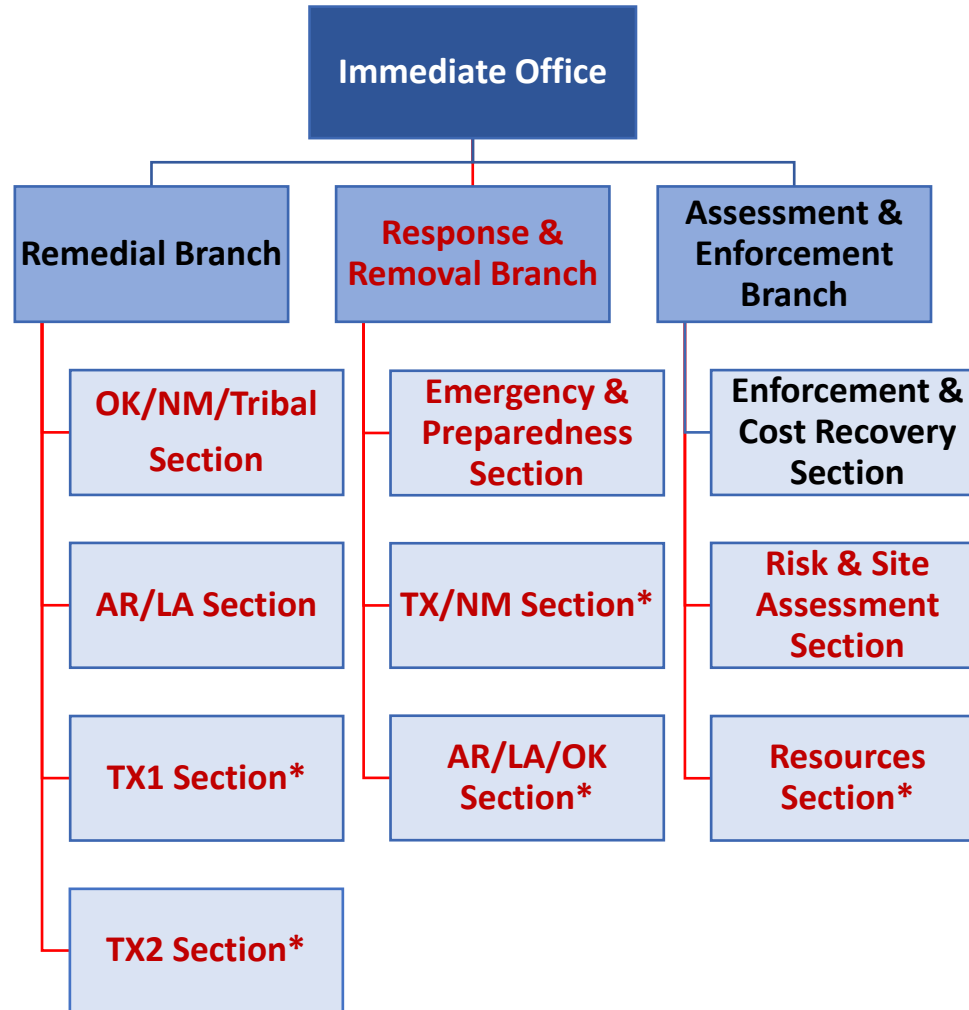
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