



OTAQ TRIBAL OVERVIEW

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OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION AND AIR QUALITY



Cars, SUVs,
Pickups



Recreational and
Commercial
Marine



Heavy-Duty



Aircraft



Locomotives



Non-Road



Clean and Renewable
Fuels

OTAQ IMPORTANT CONTACTS

- Sarah Dunham– Office Director (as of 8/4/19)
- Leila (Lee) Cook and Benjamin (Ben) Hengst – Associate Office Directors
- Sarah Sullivant – Tribal Affairs Coordinator
- Lucita Valiere – Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Tribal Lead

MOBILE SOURCE TOPICS OF INTEREST

- NTAA/EPA Air Policy Monthly Calls
 - NTAA Mobile Sources Workgroup Monthly Calls
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- Aircraft Lead Reports
 - Automotive Trends Report
 - Cleaner Trucks Initiative (Heavy-duty NO_x)
 - **Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA)**
 - Fiat-Chrysler Settlement
 - Gliders
 - Ports Initiative
 - Reformulated Gasoline (RFG) in non-attainment area on tribal land
 - Renewable Fuels Standard (RFS)
 - Proposed SAFE Rule (Light-duty GHG emissions standards)
 - SmartWay Transportation Partnership
 - Stage 2 Vapor Recovery
 - **Tier 4 Marine Engines**
 - **VW Settlement**

DIESEL EMISSIONS REDUCTION ACT (DERA) – TRIBAL PROGRAM

- Through the federal DERA statute, EPA funds projects that reduce diesel emissions from the 10 million existing older, higher polluting on-highway and nonroad engines through replacement, idling reduction, and retrofit technologies.
- Between 2009 and 2019, the program funded 26 Tribal grants totaling \$7.2 million.
 - Tribes met the mandatory cost-share for those grants, contributing approximately \$6.1 million.
 - The grants have funded fishing vessel repowers, fishing dock shorepower, diesel generators, truck stop electrification (aka Electric Power Systems), nonroad farming equipment, mining equipment, repowers and retrofits of dump trucks, and school bus retrofits and replacements.
 - 19 individual Tribes or Alaska Native Villages applied and received DERA grants
 - EPA funded 26 of 31 total Tribal applications between 2009 and 2019
- Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) for more information about the DERA program through the Office of Air and Transportation Quality (OTAQ) at:
 - Clean Diesel Helpline: 877-623-2322 or cleandiesel@epa.gov

TRIBAL COMPONENT OF VW SETTLEMENT

- Federally recognized tribes and Alaska Native Villages may become beneficiaries to the VW Environmental Mitigation Trust.
- Tribes have a \$55M allocation to share through year 2023.
- Tribes may certify as beneficiaries each funding round and will be provided an allocation of trust funds for that particular round. There will be four funding rounds, with a possible fifth if funding remains.
- Tribes may choose among 10 Eligible Mitigation Actions under the Tribal Trust Agreement to include using trust funds as voluntary matching funds for DERA grants.
- The DERA Tribal RFA coincides with the trust funding allocation each funding round to give beneficiaries a chance to use the DERA Option.
 - EPA advises tribal DERA applicants intending to use DERA Option to list a conservative estimate for expected VW trust funds in their DERA application. If allocated more than expected, those funds can be added as additional voluntary matching funds to the DERA award.
- VW beneficiaries using the DERA Option should attach their DERA selection letter to their EMA certification due to the trustee.

ADDITIONAL TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT WITH OTAQ PROGRAMS

○ Ports Initiative

- CAAAC/MSTRS Ports Workgroup
 - Provided EPA with Ports Initiative recommendations
 - Included a representative from the Fon du Lac tribe
 - Ensured tribal interests were included, primarily in the Community-Port Collaboration and Capacity Building recommendations
- Ports Initiative community tools informed by recommendations
 - Include appropriate consideration of near port tribal communities

○ SmartWay Transportation Partnership

- Several SmartWay trucking fleet partners identify as Native American-owned, including Rush Trucking and Tribe Transportation