

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 2013 Agency Plan for the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders

Goal Area	Agency Objective	Strategic Activity	Benchmarks
Data	Improve data access and analysis on AAPI populations.	Develop a Limited English Proficiency GIS tool using Geo Platform to assist in identifying areas with people of LEP including AAPI languages.	By April 2013, complete LEP GIS tool.
Capacity Building	Increase transparency and outreach to the AAPI community impacted by environmental issues.	Expand and increase listening sessions on environmental issues to include AAPI community representation.	Target 1: By December 2012, identify listening sessions that could be held.  Target 2: By December 2013, hold listening session.
Capacity Building	Increase AAPI access to funding.	Evaluate existing EPA AAPI outreach strategies and outreach efforts.	Target 1: By March 2013, complete assessment of EPA outreach efforts.  Target 2: By August 2013, revise outreach strategy, per assessment, to improve effectiveness of efforts.
Capacity Building	Increase AAPI access to funding.	Initiate grant process overview training for AAPIs to increase quantity and quality of AAPI grant applications.	Target 1: By December 2012, finalize training outreach plan.  Target 2: By September 2013, complete two trainings that included significant promotion to the AAPI community.
Capacity Building	Increase AAPI access to funding.	Clarify funding sources available to the AAPI community.	By September 2013, produce report detailing EPA funding sources of interest to AAPIs.
Capacity Building	Focus and coordinate EPA AAPI efforts.	Develop EPA AAPI outreach network.	Target 1: By March 2013, ensure regional Environmental Justice Coordinators include AAPI communities in their outreach network.  Target 2: Ongoing, use network for AAPI outreach.
Language Access	Reduce language barriers that hinder delivery of EPA services.	Expand AAPI language specific web resources.	Target 1: By March 2013, identify AAPI language materials on the web.  Target 2: By Dec 2013, update at least one of the AAPI language specific websites.

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Language Access	Reduce language barriers that hinder delivery of EPA services.	Launch the Limited English Proficiency web page in several AAPI languages.	Target: March 2013
Language Access	Reduce language barriers that hinder delivery of EPA services.	Develop an EPA LEP Catalogue to assist EPA English-Speaker to identify documents translated in other languages.	Ongoing
Workforce Diversity	Enhance AAPI student community access to EPA student programs.	Assess AANAPISI and other AAPI student participation in current EPA student programs and activities.	Target 1: By March 2013, finalize assessment of AANAPISI and other AAPI student participation and develop outreach network.  Target 2: Ongoing. Use network to increase AANAPISI and other AAPI student participation levels.
Workforce Diversity	Enhance AAPI community access to EPA managerial and SES opportunities	Assess current AAPI levels across EPA Work Force categories to review levels of representation.	Ongoing. Monitor AAPI levels quarterly, increase outreach to improve AAPI participation in underrepresented employment categories.
Workforce Diversity	Enhance AAPI community access to EPA managerial and SES opportunities	Partner with AAPI organizations such as AAGEN's SES Development Program to increase AAPI applicants to SES.	Target 1: Ongoing, track EPA AAPI participation in SES development programs and track graduates.  Target 2: By September 2013, analyze AAPI applicant levels for SES positions.
Agency-specific	Continue education, sharing information, to build awareness and work towards reducing the hazardous impacts to AAPI nail salon owners, workers, and customers of chemical exposure to nail salon products.	Maintain multi-stakeholder Nail Salon Project partnership in order to improve outreach efforts and overcome cultural and language barriers.	By March 2013, schedule follow up convening of stakeholders for issues discussed in July 2012 meeting.
Agency-specific	Continue education, sharing information, to build awareness and work towards reducing the hazardous impacts to AAPI nail salon owners, workers, and customers of chemical exposure to nail salon products.	Facilitate cross fertilization/training between EPA EJ Grantee (BPSOS) and California Healthy Nail Salon Collaborative.	In FY 2013, workshops will be carried out by grantee, BPSOS Orange County, under the 2012 EPA EJ Grant program.

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Agency-specific	Improve overall health outcomes for AAPIs by reducing health risks.	Improve wastewater treatment in Pacific Islands; achieve compliance with wastewater permit requirements and local water quality standards.	Ongoing. Complete EPA-funded projects to rehabilitate a WWTP on Saipan, and upgrade 6 sewage pump stations on Guam.