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Grant helps develop Tribal Response Programs

New Prague, Minn. — Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., has received a three-year, \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to help tribal nations develop Tribal Response Programs that prepare them to deal with actual or potential releases of hazardous materials.

MAP will provide training and train-the-trainer programs for tribal entities wanting to implement a TRP, identify and address brownfields sites and redevelop and return these contaminated lands to productive use. MAP will be working in partnership with Rural Community Action Council, another member of the Rural Community Assistance Corporation, to offer these programs to Alaskan tribes and villages as well.

Tribal nations interested in this initiative should contact MAP at 800-822-2981 or map@map-inc.org.

“This assistance will help tribes revitalize their communities and address one of their top environmental priorities,” says Susan Bodine, assistant administrator for EPA’s Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

Midwest Assistance Program, Inc., is a non-profit organization dedicated to helping rural communities improve their environment, quality of life and achieve self sustainability. MAP helps revitalize small communities by working with them to find solutions for their infrastructure, enterprise development, aging, technology or training issues. It’s a member of the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, a national, rural community development network. MAP is an equal-opportunity lender, provider and employer.