1. TIMELY SURVEY AND INVENTORY

Goal:

- Maintain a current list of known or suspected brownfields in tribal lands

Requirements:

- Develop and updates a system to **survey** and **inventory** brownfields properties
- The inventory must be **publicly available** (e.g., online or in hard copy)
- Include relevant data such as location, past use, environmental concerns, and status of cleanup.
- Inventory should be updated **regularly** as new sites are discovered or conditions change.
- Include a **method** for identifying properties (e.g., community input, site visits, GIS mapping)

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Creative Approaches:

- Community-driven mapping walks or "brownfields tours"

- Youth internships to help connect & enter data

- Using drone imagery or storytelling maps

- Partnering with local colleges or universities for GIS support

How are you doing this?

2. OVERSIGHT & ENFORCEMENT AUTHORITIES

Goal:

- Ensure adequate oversight of assessment, cleanup, and long-term monitoring of response actions.

Requirements:

- Establish **procedures and/or legal mechanisms** to:
  - Approve cleanup plans and monitor implementation.
  - Enforce cleanup requirements when necessary.
- Not all tribes have formal enforcement codes, but EPA accepts various including:
  - **MOUs or MOAs** with other agencies
  - Use of **customary law** or **tribal resolutions**.
- Must show the capacity to provide **meaningful oversight** of voluntary or federally funded cleanups.
- Provide documentation showing authority or ability to respond when contamination is discovered.

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Creative Approaches:

- Voluntary cleanup agreements tailored to Tribal values

- Elders or community advisory groups as oversight partners

- Hosting collaborative site walks or review sessions

- Sharing Success stories instead of focusing on penalties

How are you doing this?

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3. MECHANISMS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Goal:

- Ensure the public has opportunities to be involved in decisions.

Requirements:

- Establish and follow a **public participation plan** that includes:
  - Notification processes (e.g., mail, newspaper, radio, social media).
  - Opportunities for public comment or input at key stages.
  - Public access to cleanup plans and decisions.
- Efforts must be **culturally and linguistically appropriate**.
- Document how **community concerns are addressed**.
- Include outreach for communities **disproportionately impacted** by pollution.

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Creative Approaches:

- Community art, murals, or photo displays about site history

- Hosting brownfield discussions at cultural or seasonal events

- Radio, podcasts, or social media storytelling

- Food, giveaways, or local speakers to boost attendance

How are you doing this?

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4. MECHANISMS FOR APPROVAL OF CLEANUP PLANS AND VERIFICATION & CERTIFICATION

Goal:

- Ensure cleanups are completed to appropriate standards.

Requirements:

- Establish a **process to review and approve cleanup plans** before implementation.
- Ensure the tribe can verify that a cleanup was completed properly.
- Provide a form of **"certification" or documentation** that:
  - Confirms completion of cleanup.
  - Describes any ongoing obligations (e.g., land use restrictions, monitoring).
- Cleanup completion documents should be made **available to the public**.
- Tribes are not required to offer legal liability protection (e.g., No Further Action letters), but they may if they choose

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Creative Approaches:

- Community site walk-throughs before sign-off

- "Certificate of Cleanup" with artwork or seal

- Youth-led photo documentation of before & after

- Public announcements or storytelling at community gatherings

How are you doing this?

5. PUBLIC RECORD REQUIREMENT

Goal:

- Establish and maintain a public record system to enable meaningful public participation.

Requirements:

- Maintain and update, at least annually, or more often as appropriate, a **public record that includes the name and location of sites** at which response actions have been completed during the previous year
- Identify in the public record whether or not the site, upon completion of the response action, will be **suitable for unrestricted use**. If not, the public record must:
  - Identify the institutional controls relied on in the remedy
  - Include relevant information concerning the entity responsible for oversight, monitoring, and/or maintenance of the institutional and engineering controls
  - How much the responsible entity is implementing those activities

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Creative Approaches:

- Use ArcGIS StoryMaps or similar tools to turn your Public Record into an interactive experience

- Make a zine or comic-style handout that are created by Tribal youth or artists with site updates and reuse plans.

- Create short videos or podcasts with site updates and interviews with staff, leaders, or knowledge keepers.

- Add on-site signs with QR codes linking to the digital Public Record for easy access

How are you doing this?

Thank you

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