

Frequently Asked Questions Concerning an EMDP Grant Awarded Projects

Q) When will Tribes be notified if their project is funded?

DEMD is required to notify Tribes within 30 days after the deadline. Tribe who did not receive an award will also be notified with explanations of why their project was not funded. DEMD award letter is mailed to the Tribal Chairman with copies to the Regional Director, Agency Superintendent and Awarding Official for the region.

Q) How will Tribes receive the EMDP funds?

- **Self-governance tribes**
 - Tribe will receive funds from the self-governance office (in most cases)
- **Non-Self Governance Tribes (P.L. 638 Tribes)**
 - Tribe will receive funds from their respective BIA agency/region. The award and 638 contract is established through the BIA Self-Determination Officer (Awarding Official).

**Tribe, please consult with your tribal financial department when receiving funds to ensure method*

**Additional questions may be directed to the DEMD staff*

Q) When will the EMDP project year begin and end for tribes?

Generally stated the beginning of the EMDP project year is when the Tribe receives their funds. The Awarding Official (or self-governance office) will formally state the start date in the contract. The Tribe will then have one year to complete the project. An extension request past the one year period can be made in writing to DEMD and approved by the Awarding Official.

Q) What are the reporting requirements for the EMDP program?

During the life of the EMDP project, quarterly written reports are to be submitted to the DEMD project monitor for the project. The beginning and ending quarter periods are to be based on the actual start date of the EMDP project. This date can be determined between DEMD's project monitor and the tribe.

The quarterly report can be a one- to two-page summary of events, accomplishments, problems and results that took place during the quarter. Quarterly reports are due 2 weeks after the end of a project's fiscal quarter. Final report will be due at the end of the project. Please consult with your EMDP project monitor for further details.

Q) May the Tribe request changes or modification after having been awarded?

Yes, but the change or modification must be within the scope of performing an energy or mineral study on trust lands. A modification to an award that is outside the purpose and intent of the EMDP grant program will not be approved.

When considering a change of scope to your project, please first consult with your EMDP Project Monitor. A written request can then be submitted to your project monitor, who will review the request and make recommendations to the Awarding Official for final approval.

**NOTE: The EMDP Project Monitors do not have approval authority to make changes to the Tribe's 638-contract. The project monitor will forward a written recommendation to the Tribe's Awarding Official, who will make the final determination.*