INDIPAY+ Ability to Pay

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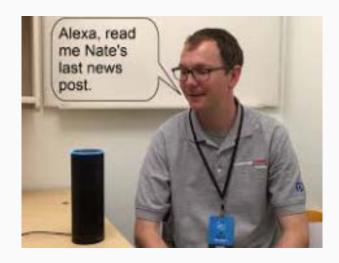
INDIPAY Model

- A screening tool to assist in the evaluation of an individual's ability to pay cleanup costs and/or civil penalties
- Consists of a two-phased analysis:
 - Initial determination of an individual's financial health AND/OR
 - Quantifies ability to afford cleanup or penalty amount based on
 - cash flow and
 - debt capacity
- Uses two sources of data:
 - ✓ Financial Data Request Form (FDRF) AND
 - ✓ Tax Returns (primary source)
- Assets/income result based on a tax-adjusted basis value
- Assumes a single payment



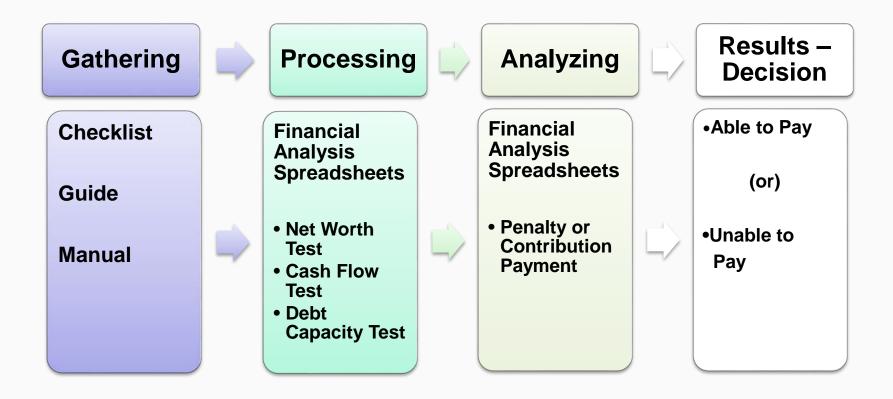
What is INDIPAY+?

- A comprehensive tool that provides a more accurate and complete evaluation of an individual's financial ability to pay his or her environmental obligations without financial hardship
- Four components:
 - (1) Financial Analysis Spreadsheets
 - (2) Checklist
 - (3) Guide
 - (4) Reference Manual
- Consists of a four-phased analysis:
 - ✓ Net Worth
 - ✓ Current and Future Cash Flow
 - ✓ Debt Capacity
 - ✓ Unused debt capacity (financial flexibility)





Steps of INDIPAY+





INDIPAY+ Tool 1: Financial Analysis Spreadsheets

- INDIPAY+ main and most important tool
- Excel spreadsheets with built-in calculations that use the financial information to determine the individual ability to pay off the environmental obligations



INDIPAY+ Tool 2: Checklist

- Lists the sources of financial information available to the INDIPAY+ user
- Describes the information required to conduct the ATP analysis
- Provides tips on how to interpret certain facts/data and what financial information to request as follow up





INDIPAY+ Tool 3: Guide

- Walks the user through the ATP analysis steps
- Explains how to use the component tools to complete the financial analysis of an individual



INDIPAY+ Tool 4: Reference Manual

- In-depth description than the Guide on the process
- Detailed information on financial data
- Financial/accounting definitions and terminology

Individual Ability to Pay Plus (INDIPAY+) Guide

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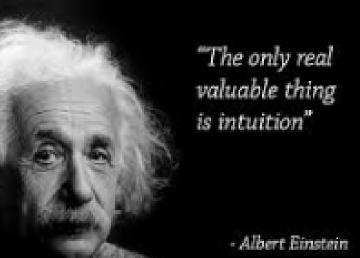
Is INDIPAY the Right Tool?



Why INDIPAY+?

There are situations where the numbers and analysis might appear to be final but they could be questionable and we need to investigate further

INDIPAY+ helps you ask those questions and provides further investigation



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Think Outside the Box

- A thorough review by financial analyst and accountant can AND should analyze
 EVERYTHING in many different dimensions
 - historical information, company, financial, industry, geographic and projected trends in the future
- EVERY situation is unique, sometimes confusing, sometimes challenging, and INDIPAY+ provides an opportunity to think out of the box to go beyond the analysis



"Now that's the kind of 'outside the box' thinking I've been talking about!"

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Stereotype Kills Ideas

- Doing the math ... does not end there
- Analyze financial AND non-financial data
- Quantify impacts of everything from non-value added activities to purely developmental to the operations themselves
- Hard facts count but the focus should be on the nature of the individual's financials; objective suitability factors rather than on a stereotype which could be at odds with the reality of the particular situation
- This is the responsibility of the financial analyst to bridge the GAP





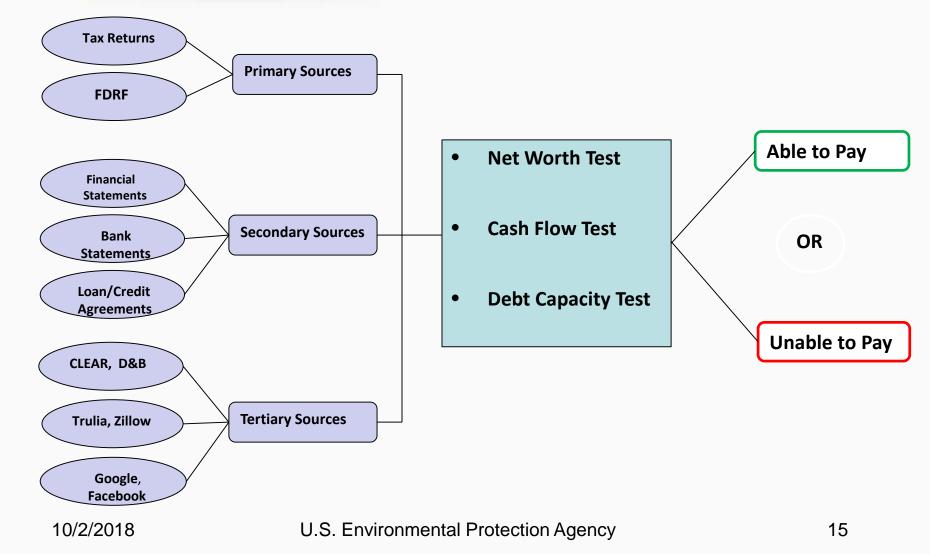
Traditional Data	Non-Traditional Data
Known sources: Tax Returns, Financial Data Request Form (FDRF), Bank Statements, Credit/ Loan/ Mortgage Agreements, Financial Statements, W-2 Forms	New sources: Databases (LexisNexis, CLEAR, D&B, Accurint,), Social Media (LinkedIn, Facebook, Instagram), Internet Search
Uses the same financial concepts, formulas	Adds new financial concepts and formulas (financial slack)
Relies on historical trends	Applies and incorporates future expected trends (future income and expenses)



How Does INDIPAY+ Improve the ATP analysis?

- Evaluates the quality of the information
- Recommends and instructs the user to value assets/income using fair market value
- Allows the case team to make adjustments: increase/reduce the settlement amount based on circumstances of the case
- Provides financial flexibility to the individual incremental payments
- Simplifies and walks the user through the ATP process analysis
- Offers user-friendly, flexible, self-explanatory hands-on tools for any user level (e.g. non-financial analysts-or financial expert)
- Helps a user to go beyond the INDIPAY screening model







Tax Returns vs. Financial Statements

Tax Returns	Financial Statements
Tax code (Internal Revenue Code) is a product of the legislative process	Accounting standards (GAAP) are set by an independent Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB)

- Both give a financial breakdown of a business for investors, lenders, and shareholders
- Provide different information and uses
- Must understand the type of information that is being presented to analyze financial data



Main Differences: Tax Returns and Financial Statements

- **1. Cash basis vs. accrual basis:** Tax returns (cash basis or accrual basis), Financial statements (GAAP accrual basis)
- 2. Depreciation of tangible assets: GAAP requires the depreciation be consistent with the expected wear and tear of the asset (useful life) in a way that truly reflects the use of assets
- 3. Treatment of Inventory LIFO v. FIFO inventory: Internal Revenue Code requires a business to use LIFO on tax returns. GAAP allows the individual to use either LIFO or FIFO. LIFO has tax advantages for a business (raises costs of goods sold and reduces taxable income)

Different Results: Tax Returns and Financial Statements

Tax Returns	Financial Statements
Tax code intended to generate revenues for the government but also achieve certain public policy goals, thus, producing - different results	GAAP rules promote uniform statements that accurately convey the financial history, health, and prospects of a business

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Asset Protection

- An individual's assets can be owned by a variety of legal mechanisms and business entities
- Asset protection mechanisms include trusts, limited liability companies, limited partnerships, corporations, and LLCs
- Many states allow exemptions for specific assets from the claims of creditors (e.g., "protected homestead," cash value of life insurance, a qualified retirement account) but they are subject to limitations with a cap on the maximum value



Is Asset Protection Legal and Ethical? Diligence and Advocacy

Is the individual

- about to be, or has already been, sued?
- about to, or has already, filed for bankruptcy?
- delinquent in reporting/paying taxes?
- being audited?
- directly or indirectly liable for any loans?
- solvent and remains solvent after property transfers?





Insolvency

- **"Insolvency"** a "financial condition such that the sum of such entity's debts is greater than all of such entity's property, at a *fair valuation* [subject to the exclusion of certain property altogether]" *Use proper citation of USC here* Section 101(32) (Bankruptcy Code)
 - Thus, assets are considered at "fair valuation," but debts do not carry that qualifier, or any qualifier
- "Debt" defined broadly to include "liability on a claim"
- "Claim" defined broadly to include "[a] right to payment, whether or not such right is reduced to judgment, liquidated, unliquidated, fixed, contingent, matured, unmatured, disputed, undisputed, legal, equitable, secured or unsecured..."

Insolvency = Debt > Assets (Fair Value)



Social Media AND Credit Rating

- In 2017, 81 % of the U.S. population had a social media profile (*Statista*)
- Social media a factor in credit decision

risk before lending = financial data + social media

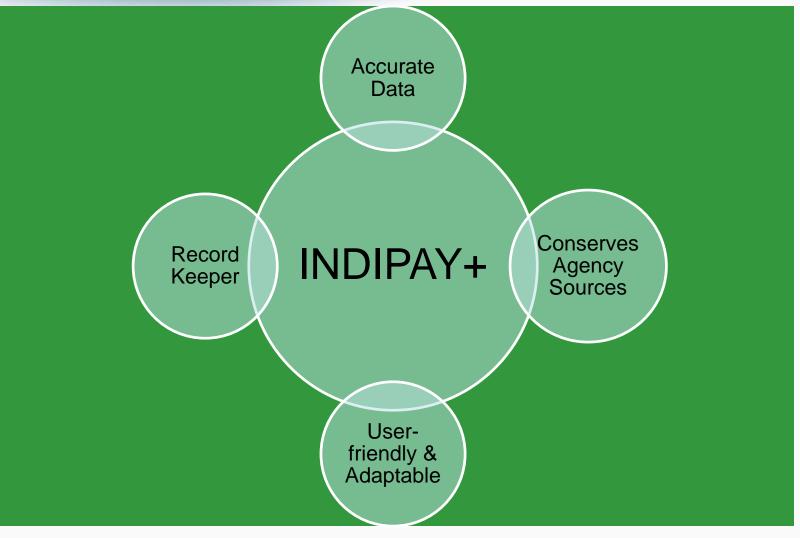
- Capture borrowing behavior: Kreditech, Kotak Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Axis Bank
- Kreditech- core markets: Czech Republic, Mexico, Poland, Spain, Russia (gray market of informal lending)



Want a Free Financial Makeover ?

- Financial analysis is a continuous process which evaluates past performance and current financial position of a business/individual.
- Internet and social media has changed the way companies and individuals do business
- Internet and social media are becoming an important element of the accounting information environment
 - Financial information on companies and individual is disseminated through the Internet
- Information environment is increasingly dominated by mobile technologies







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Questions?

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