



Fort Peck Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes
501 Medicine Bear Road
Poplar, MT 59255

May 16, 2018

Dear Tribal FIFRA Inspectors, Territory Representatives, Environmental Directors/Personnel, State Lead Agencies, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other Federal Representatives:

It is our pleasure to invite your agency to participate in the "Inspection Skills and Sampling Techniques," Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) program hosted by the Fort Peck Tribes Pesticide Program in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The program will be held in Poplar, MT from September 18-20, 2018. September 17th and 21st will be travel days. We require a commitment from participants that they attend the entire training.

The course will focus on sampling techniques, report writing, and other inspector skills, and will also include sessions designed to help with label interpretation as well as updates from EPA. Attendees should come away from this course with a thorough understanding of a variety of different types of inspection and investigation techniques.

This program is fully funded for selected Tribes, States, and Territories through a grant provided by EPA. Airfare and lodging expenditures, and group meals will be paid directly by the Fort Peck Tribes Pesticide Program. Participants will be reimbursed for other expenses including baggage, airport parking, mileage, and meals. The hotel is located in Wolf Point, MT a short 20 to 30-minute drive from the training location in Poplar. Keep in mind that participants will be responsible for transportation to and from the hotel/training venue. Fort Peck Tribes will not be able to reimburse for car rental fees, but can reimburse for gas (keep original receipts). Participants will be responsible for the hotel deposit and other incidentals such as tips to room service. The deposit rate is \$25 per night; the hotel will accept either cash or card deposits, which will be returned upon checkout. All participants are required to cover the hotel's deposit expense upon check-in. Federal Employees who are selected for the course will be required to fund their own travel.

Supervisors must complete the Tribal PIRT 2018 nomination form for their inspector at <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/forms/2018-tribal-pesticide-inspector-regulatory-training-pirt-nomination-form> by **June 29, 2018**. Preference for attendance will go to tribes with EPA cooperative agreements, followed by tribes without EPA cooperative agreements, followed by states/territories. Federal employees may be selected based on available conference space. Once the registration form has been received, all applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the training by July 20, 2018. Additional information will be sent regarding travel arrangements in the acceptance letter for selected attendees.

If you have any questions pertaining to this program, please feel free to contact the Fort Peck Tribes Pesticide Program Manager, Martina Wilson, at martinawilson@fortpecktribes.net (406) 768-2329 or cell phone at (406) 768-7561.

Sincerely,

Martina Wilson
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