

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
4/18/18
Call Notes – Final
Call information: 1-866-299-3188; code: 415-947-4242#

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Roll call:

Tribes

- Fred Corey, Aroostook Band of Micmacs
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Ryan Evans, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- David Lewis, Yavapai Apache Nation
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho

Tribal Organizations

- Africa Avalos, Intier-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Amity Furr, Eight Northern Tribes

Reported in advance as absent:

- Willie Keenan, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Neil Abbott, Ak-Chin Indian Community

EPA

- Emily Ryan, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Cindy Wire, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Lance Wormell, U.S. EPA, OPP
- Carol Galloway, U.S. OC
- Nick Hurwit, U.S. EPA, Region 10
- Rachel Riccardi, U.S. EPA, OCSPP
- Amanda Hauff, U.S. EPA, OCSPP

Other

- Suzanne Forsyth, University of California Davis Extension
- Bob Gruenig, TPPC

AGENDA

1. Welcome/Introductions (Fred) (00:00 - 00:10)

Fred Corey, TPPC Chairperson, facilitated the roll call. Attendance was logged throughout the call for 13 member tribes and tribal organization representatives.

2. EPA Updates (Lance, Cindy, Emily, Carol, Nick, Amanda, et. al.) (00:10 - 00:20)

EPA will be having a conversation about sodium cyanide with the states and tribes. A call will be organized and EPA will pass on the info as soon as they know. Nick mentioned that there is an interest from EPA Region 8 folks to support the workgroups by serving on them. Carol said that there is a new inspector refresher skills course on the inspector Wiki – handling digital images in inspections and inspection reports. The new administration has come up with new measures. One of OECA's is reducing the time between violation identification to return to compliance. Amanda asked wants to know if any TPPC members plan to attend the Tribal Lands and Environmental Forum. Fred will follow up with her about this.

Jasmine added the Spokane Lands Forum in her work plan for next year. If there is a way they can get other TPPC members to go, if they can get a proposal submitted by 5/4 then she will plan to go. Africa will attend as well for her UST program. Joe Herrera attended Region 10 circuit rider meeting. Holly from IHS invited him to do a bed bug presentation at the Lands Forum so he already plans to attend.

3. TPPC Tribal Administrator Update (Suzanne) (00:20 - 00:30)

a) Administrative

- Finalized monthly TPPC Executive meeting call notes for February.
- Added more resources to the pollinator protection area (e.g., new Best Practices section); updated calendar items

b) Spring meeting follow-up. All PPTs, handouts, photos are on the website. Still need to add the meeting notes and evaluation. All travel vouchers paid and in an average 9 days.

c) Fall meeting location planning – Oct 10-12 (noon), 2018 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel in Chandler, AZ. Background: ITCA, Gila River and Yakama Nation all stepped forward with offers to host. Yakama Nation felt it was best to wait for another time. Based on site research we concluded that Wild Horse Pass Hotel on the Gila River reservation was the most feasible. I conducted a poll of the TPPC Executive Committee as to meeting dates. The first week of October coincides with the first week of the federal fiscal year and this is always tentative for the EPA tribal team to attend if a federal budget is not in place and the government is threatened with a shutdown. The second week of October has two holidays on Monday, so the soonest workday for travel is Tuesday, October 9.

The meeting is 2.5 days and represents a half-day expansion of the October 2017 meeting. The TPPC can decide later if they want the EC to meet that half-day or if the workgroups would like to meet then. The meeting will adjourn at noon on Friday October 12 and folks would travel home in the afternoon.

Agenda planning calls are expected to begin in June. Meeting information will be shared soon.

d) A call is planned with the EC for April 23 at 12 noon Pacific. We will discuss proposals to a) expand TPPC meeting lengths and b) the use of TPPC travel funds for non-TPPC pesticide trainings. The call agenda will be sent with the call reminder on 4/20.

ITCA Trainings

ITCA's Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training will be held Aug 7-9, 2018, in collaboration with Colorado River Indian Tribes in Parker, AZ. ITCA will be opening this up to Region 9 tribes first with cooperative agreements or ones that want to establish their own code/enforcement. Once those seats are filled then ITCA will begin accepting registrations from other regions. Registration is open until June 1. Travel expenses such as gas/mileage and meals will be covered. Rental car fees are not allowable. The course will focus on WPS, drift, pesticides in water.

The training is targeted to tribal pesticide inspectors, pesticide program directors/managers. The training includes classroom instruction, hands-on, and a mock inspection. Limited to 50 people. Suzanne and PERC offered to send some materials in support.

Jeremy Phillips and Africa Avalos will be at the Senior Executive PREP next week in Salt Lake City. Africa will present on the work of the tribes and how different tribes manage their programs, cooperative agreements, circuit rider programs, how the tribes interact and work with the Region 9 office and the State of Arizona. She will also be covering the role of the TPPC. Cindy Wire added that OPP was able to provide WSU with funds for two tribes to attend this PREP.

4. Overview of March 2018 Meeting Outcomes (Amanda) (00:30 – 1:00)

Amanda Hauff reviewed her PowerPoint with highlights and outcomes of the TPPC March 2018 meetings. Refer to the presentation attached with these notes. Suzanne clarified that the list of action items that she has been tracking for the past two years has been officially tabled until further notice. We will be creating new ones based on the new priorities below. Refer to the PowerPoint for the details of the presentation and discussion.

- Senior Leadership Discussion & Strategic Planning Sessions (Fred, Jasmine & Amanda)
- TPPC Priorities = TPPC Workgroups – 1) Tribal Risk Assessment; 2) Direct Implementation; 3) Add a standing *TPPC Outreach* agenda item

Nick Hurwit will join the Direct Implementation workgroup calls; Nina Hapner will join the risk assessment calls. The first action item is to go through the work plan documents.

- TPPC Workgroup Structure Documents – first action for each workgroup
- Kick-Off Meetings Scheduled

5. Getting Started on Tribal Risk Assessment (Amanda & Rachel) (1:00 – 1:50)

Amanda reviewed the PPT for this topic. Refer to the presentation and supporting documents attached to these notes.

High-level overviews of:

- National Tribal Toxics Council (NTTC) & Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT) efforts
- The Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act:
<https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/frank-r-lautenberg-chemical-safety-21st-century-act-june>
- TSCA Risk Evaluation Process Guidance (attached)
- HBCD (Hexabromocyclododecane; or Cyclic Aliphatic Bromide Cluster):
<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-OPPT-2016-0735>
 - Scoping document (attached)

Takeaways: for the folks who are going to participate in the work groups, the next steps are to read the scoping documents, and then be prepared to read the problem formulations when those come our way. Once the work group reads those scoping documents, then Diane Barton is happy to join the next call and talk about how we are moving forward.

How does this relate to pesticide programs and the work they do? It is a systematic process for assessing risks for exposure to chemicals they are exposed to.

6. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All) (01:50 – 02:00)

7. Next TPPC Conference Call (Wednesday, May 16, 2018, 2-4 p.m. EST)