

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
08/17/22
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (16)

- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Josiah Candelaria, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Sheldon Jones, Navajo Nation
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Breanna Knudsen, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Julie Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe

Tribal Organizations

EPA (5)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA/OCSP
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP

Other (3)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Jennifer Glennon, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Mehrdad Khatibi, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, facilitated roll call and welcomed everyone

3. EPA Updates

Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSPP, led EPA introductions and mentioned the following webinar with a link to registration:

**Integrated Pest Management in Agriculture Using Low Toxicity Pesticides:
Reducing Pesticides in Water in Indian Country Through Integrated Pest Management
August 30, 2022 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm CDT**

*EPA Region 6 (South Central), in collaboration with the Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council's Office of Environmental Technical Assistance and the EPA's Center for Integrated Pest Management (IPM), will present the **third in a four-part series** of educational webinars that showcase practical strategies for establishing and improving IPM programs that protect human health and the environment in environmental justice communities.*

[Register Here](#)

Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSPP, mentioned that there will be two listening sessions on September 7 and 8, 1:00-2:30 Central time for Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant opportunities and that matching funds will not be required for these grants. Also, they will not be getting pesticide grants from BIL (Bipartisan Infrastructure Law), only P2 grants.

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians, asked if **EPA could provide a breakdown of appropriations so they know how much will go to tribes** as often it can be lumped together with states.

Link from Mehrdad Khatibi, ITEP, about FY22 EPA appropriations (from congressional research service-big picture overview):

<https://crsreports.congress.gov/product/pdf/IF/IF12130>

Jasmine mentioned that the USDA Pollinator Plan came out and they incorporated many comments from the pollinator workgroup into the strategic plan, thanks to Loren LaPointe.

In November Jasmine is presenting (virtually) on how the decline in pollinators affects Tribes. She will be compiling many short video clips into her presentation and would like include videos from TPPC members. She will send everyone an email about what she is looking for, Josiah Candelaria, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, offered to contribute (jcandelaria@enipc.org).

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

Mark Daniels, ITEP, reported on several administrator updates:

- a. The summer newsletter was released on July 29.

- b. The quarterly report was submitted to EPA on July 29 and the TPPC funding was received at the end of June for FY22.
- c. Mark participated in TPPC outreach at the Tribal Lands & Environment Forum (TLEF) and shared an image of the banner he printed up. He was able to connect with people and distribute brochures.
- d. The next training on Evaluating Pesticide Risks is on September 20, 12-1:30 PM PST. This is part two of the Training that started in July. Jasmine would like to see some trainings put on the TPPC website to be more available to those interested. NPIC was not able to provide a recording of their presentations for our website; Mark is working on having better access to future trainings.
- e. The TPPC Fall meeting will be held near Phoenix, AZ at Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community on October 18-20 and will have a virtual component. Please fill out the short survey about in-person and virtual attendance.
- f. The annual coordinator evaluation is coming up, Mark will send out a survey in September.
- g. The TPPC website had 627 views in July from 135 users, and year-to-date there have been 3371 views from 1007 users. Also, Mark shared a new page on the website called 'Getting Started' with resources for Tribes looking at setting up a pesticide program. We can also include trainings and completed special projects/programs on this page. Jasmine suggested adding GAP indicators and monitoring under Guidance. In addition, we may want to include current news in Indian Country or EPA updates on the 'News' tab.

5. Workgroup Report-out

The next Pollinator workgroup meeting is September 12, and topics will include talking to Melanie Kirby about her discussion on the Native American call-in radio show regarding Monarch butterflies' recent listing as an endangered species by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and the search for a presenter to report on their organization's Pollinator program.

Jasmine provided a per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) workgroup update and how they are trying to identify the highest concentrations of PFAS through monitoring and sampling. Interestingly, they have found that industrial Hemp and pine needles help filter out PFAS from the environment. They are getting ready to list PFAS as a hazardous substance which will help with regulation.

Mark provided a link to the TLEF conference website which includes several sessions on PFAS. <https://mediaspace.nau.edu/channel/channelid/262157862>

James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation, mentioned that there are quite a few PFAS presentations at the Brownfields conference he is currently attending in Oklahoma.

6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

This was addressed in other sections

7. NTC Updates (Meyo Marrufo)

Meyo was not in attendance for this meeting.

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe, mentioned that he attended the AAPSE (American Association of Pesticide Safety Educators) conference in Buffalo, NY and was able to do outreach, connect with people as well as giving a presentation on TPPC with the help of a PowerPoint provided by Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation.
- Additional education outreach was provided by James Jackson who presented on the TPPC at the annual Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Conference for Region Six.

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, September 21, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

*(Yellow highlighting in the notes above indicates action items)