

**TRIBAL PESTICIDE PROGRAM COUNCIL
MONTHLY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CONFERENCE CALL**

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

Notes- FINAL

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, facilitated roll call.

Tribes (17)

- Burke Thompson, Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- James Jackson, Cherokee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Luis Sanchez, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation
- Steve Anderson Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Verna Potts, Prairie Band Potawatomi

Tribal Organizations (3)

- Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona
- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- McKenna King, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

EPA (3)

- Amanda Hauff, EPA/OITA
- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP
- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA

Other (1)

- Robert Compton, BIA

3. EPA Updates

Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP, provided a reminder that the Private Applicator Training will be held on August 7-8. Registration closes August 5. This information has been sent to TPPC listserv.

Linsey shared that the Cooperative Agreement guidance is being updated. The document for 2026-2029 is currently being updated and a formal tribal consultation will occur in early to mid-August. **Linsey will provide dates for consultation as they are set.**

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

Fall Meeting Update

The TPPC Fall Meeting will be hosted by the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians in Santa Rosa California October 8-10, 2024. **Register by August 12, 2024, if you plan to attend in person.**

5. Tribal Children's Health Project

Amanda Hauff, EPA/OITA, spoke about the Tribal Children's Health Project. She asked TPPC members for their ideas for topics that would be most beneficial to tribes. Ideas were Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools and pesticide inspections in tribal schools. Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, confirmed she would like to follow up with Amanda to work with this project. **Amanda will share the findings of the literature review on this topic, although in general the information is limited.** Through communications with tribal partners, emerging priorities appear to be pesticides, indoor and outdoor air quality, drinking water, and emergency preparedness/emergency response. Pesticides seem to be a unanimous priority issue. **Jasmine will email tribal schools in her area to see if they have any data related to these issues.**

Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation, shared about a study that was done assessing pesticides in urine of rural and urban children. Amanda shared that she is interested in planning research on this topic specific to tribal children. **She will reach out to Renee to follow up on this.**

Amanda shared that the plan is to move forward with IPM in tribal schools and circle back for feedback from the TPPC. Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and Amanda will be collaborating for a training set to be held in 2025 and will ask for TPPC feedback for this as well. **Amanda would like to work with Linsey and Mark to establish a quarterly work session to provide EPA updates and to collaborate with TPPC members.**

6. Workgroup Report-out

No updates noted.

7. NTC Updates

No updates noted.

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

a. Oregon House Bill 2687 and the Safety Act

Jasmine discussed the impacts of the Oregon House Bill 2687, sharing that it compromises tribes' abilities to get pesticide applicator licenses, forces them into MOAs and gives states jurisdiction over tribes. James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation, shared that he is involved in this issue and attempting to collaborate with the state (Oklahoma) but that the state has been challenging to work with. They are collaborating with EPA and 5 tribes within the state. James is concerned that this bill will set precedent that states may enact laws that impact Indian Country.

Jasmine asked what action tribes in Oregon and other areas can take with this matter. Linsey suggested that a white paper be shared with Amanda as a first step. Amanda suggested the white paper be short and concise outlining specific concerns and questions regarding the House Bill and the Safety Act. From there, Amanda will identify the correct contacts at EPA to join the conversation on this issue. Amanda requested that Jasmine send her the House Bill so she can look into developments related to it.

Linsey will investigate this further to explore action steps. Mark will follow up with ITEP legal on this discussion.

b. Pesticide Manufacturer Philanthropy

Verna Potts, Prairie Band Potawatomi, asked if pesticide manufacturers provide philanthropic services/stewardship programs or if they are part of working groups for issues similar to the tribal children's health projects. Amanda shared that she has not seen this, and Linsey shared that this is generally not a requirement but that with some active ingredients this may act as a form of negotiated mitigations. Linsey can provide additional information on the product registration process to Verna. Linsey shared that her colleague could present on the pesticide registration process, TPPC members are in favor of this. Linsey shared that if the TPPC would like to offer this as a training program this would require more planning and permission. Linsey will reach out to her colleague to see if it would be an option to record the presentation and house it on the TPPC website as a training that remains publicly available.

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, August 21, 2024, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- August 5-8: Pesticide Labels PREP Course (<https://agsci.colostate.edu/agbio/prep/pesticide-labels-course/>)
- August 7-8: Federal Certification Training for Private Applicators of RUPs within Indian Country (virtual: <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/training-private-applicators-under-epa-plan>)
- August 19-23: ASPCRO Annual Conference (<https://aspcro.org/meetings/>) - September 10-13: ITCA

Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training (<https://tppcwebsite.org/event/tribal-pesticide-inspector-training/>)

- September 23-26: Laboratory Issues PREP Course

(<https://agsci.colostate.edu/agbio/prep/laboratory-issues-course/>)