

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

Wednesday, February 19, 2025

FINAL Notes



1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

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

Tribes (12)

- Alexis Bruce, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Daniel Hoyt, Gila River Indian Community
- James Jackson, Cherokee Nation
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Luis Sanchez, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation
- Ron Workman, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Ronnie Satepauhoodie, Kiowa Tribe
- Steve Anderson, Choctaw Nation
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Organizations (1)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

EPA (3)

- Lauren Achstatter, EPA/OECA
- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Michael Bauman, EPA/OECA

Reported in advance as absent (2)

- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- McKenna King, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

3. EPA Updates

Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA, shared that two additional EPA staff will be attending TPPC meetings in the future and be able to act as resources for TPPC. **Helene will provide their contact information to Mark so he can add them to the invitation list.** Michael Bauman, EPA/OECA, introduced himself.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

a. Spring Meeting Update

Mark shared that the TPPC Spring meeting will be held virtually and condensed into two days over March 5-6. He will send out a draft agenda in the coming days that will include the zoom link. Mark discussed which presentations and work sessions will remain on the agenda.

b. TPPC Funding

Renee Keezer, White Earth Reservation, inquired regarding the status of TPPC funding in relation to federal funding freezes. Mark responded that TPPC received funding through fiscal year 2024 but has not received funds yet for 2025. TPPC is only able to continue to function due to roll over funds from travel restrictions during the COVID pandemic. The TPPC Executive Committee agreed to hold the Spring 2025 meeting virtually to conserve our remaining funds until we (hopefully) receive our FY25 funding.

5. Tribal Caucus Report-out

Renee asked Helene if she could provide more information about the petition seeking rulemaking to modify false or misleading statements on pesticide labels. Helene did not have any formal comments and is unaware of the status of the petition. Lauren can look further into this to provide more information to TPPC. Mark inquired if there could be any implications to tribes. Helene suggested studying the petition and encouraged submission of comments. Lauren will investigate the process for rulemaking related to this to determine if there may be another opportunity to submit comments related to this in the future.

6. Workgroup Report-out

b. Pollinator Workgroup

No Updates noted

b. Risk Assessment Workgroup

Renee shared that their survey has been submitted to the EPA.

c. Policy Workgroup

The group discussed the labeling petition but will not be submitting a comment letter due to timing.

7. NTC Updates

No updates noted.

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

No other concerns noted.

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, April 16, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST*

*** No monthly call in March due to the TPPC semi-annual meeting**

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