

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
09/17/2025
Call Notes – Final

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Meeting ID: 893 0364 4703
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1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

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

Tribes (12)

- April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation
- Camilo Perez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Jasmine Courville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Katlyn Santos, Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Steve Anderson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Theodore Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Organizations (1)

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Melanie Kirby, Institute of American Indian Arts

State Agency (1)

- Emilse Osorio, Washington State Department of Agriculture

EPA (2)

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP
- Emma Cross, EPA/OECA

Other (1)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Reported in advance as absent (1)

- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians

3. EPA Updates

- Linsey Walsh notified the group that she was approved to attend the fall meeting in person. She mentioned they are working with Nancy Beck's team to determine her availability for the fall meeting. Nancy is the Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention and as of now, plans to attend in person. Unfortunately, Victoria Tran, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Office of International Tribal Affairs, will be unable to attend in person or virtual due to scheduling conflicts. Jasmine Courville asked if Nancy would they be open to having a discussion with the group at the fall meeting if they provided questions ahead of time. **Linsey said to send over questions as soon as possible and she will share them with Nancy's team in hopes that a discussion could happen at the fall meeting.**
- Jasmine asked if data was available that would show the list of inspections that have been completed nationally and what areas of Indian Country they've taken place. It is referred to as the Inspection Conclusion Data Sheet. **Emma Cross will look into it and see what is available to provide to TPPC.**
- Linsey asked if there would be an interest in having a session at the fall meeting with the Biopesticide and Pollution Prevention Division. **There was an interest from the TPPC so Linsey will pursue this further.**
- Jasmine highlighted a few areas they would like more information on from the EPA:
 - a) American Drone Act –what are the approved drones that tribes can use and can they use them with their own sovereignty
 - b) WPS: Department of Labor decision removing protection for migrant workers
 - c) Tritium leaks in water and the possibly of it mixing with pesticides that are in water and/or being used on agricultural fields
 - d) Concerns/questions regarding the EPA removing their support for the Tribal Reserved Rights Rule under the Clean Water Act

Linsey will reach out to the Tribal Program Manager in the Office of Water to see if they have more information to provide TPPC on this rollback with the Reserve Treaty and the Clean Water Act.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

- Mark reminded folks about a training webinar on Pollinator/Pesticide Interactions on September 30th. The presenter is a researcher from Arizona State University who looks at this issue specifically.
- TPPC Grant Update: The no-cost extension was approved recently and will go through to the end of March. This will allow TPPC more time to use the FY25 funds. They are still waiting to

hear back about the cooperative agreement and whether this will be renewed for another five years (the TPPC cooperative agreement is at the end of the five-year cycle right now).

- **Fall Meeting Update:** There is a hotel block in place and flights are currently being booked for the folks that are not driving. Linsey and Mark are meeting to work on the agenda and solidify things.
- **Election Update:** The election is coming up for the Executive Council for the next two-year cycle. As a reminder, only folks who are authorized members of the TPPC can both vote in the election or serve on the Executive Council. If you are interested in voting or running for Executive Council but are not authorized, email Mark and he will send a template letter to you which you then get signed by someone in your tribal leadership to authorize you as a member of the TPPC.

5. Tribal Caucus Report-out

- The questions/concerns Jasmine reported above to the EPA representatives was the focus of the Tribal Caucus and there is nothing else to report out.

6. Workgroup Report-out

- **Policy Workgroup:** Mark mentioned one thing they are looking at is the EPA consultation currently open for formaldehyde. It closes in December, so they are planning to put a letter together for that.
- **Risk Assessment Workgroup:** Mark reported that they are still on hiatus and need to have a meeting regarding the future of this workgroup and whether it will continue and in what form. Since the pilot project is on hold, the group needs to discuss what the vision is moving forward.
- **Pollinator Workgroup:** Melanie Kirby reported that there is discussion on the Pollinator Protection Plan efforts and connecting folks who are working on one. She mentioned they have some funding from USDA's National Institute for Food and Agriculture for educational outreach, and it needs to be used by January 27th so she is hoping it can be put towards a TPPC pollinator workshop at some point.

7. NTC Updates

- No updates reported.

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

- The Association of Structural Pest Control Regulatory Officials (ASPCRO) is doing a webinar training for inspectors. It seems it is more structural training and non-ag focused. Mark sent the email to TPPC so you can reference that for more information.

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, November 19*, 2025, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

* There will be no monthly call in October due to the TPPC's Fall meeting that month