

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
01/21/26
Call Notes – Final

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1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation led the roll call.

Tribes (21)

- Amanda Holm, White Earth Nation
- Andrew Sonnier, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
- Ann Wyatt, Klawock Cooperative Association
- April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation
- Brian Parker, Gila River Indian Community
- Camilo Perez, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Chris Ollie, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Curry Blankenship, Muscogee Nation
- Daniel Hoyt, Gila River Indian Community
- David Lewis, Yavapai-Apache Nation
- Erica Taylor, Cherokee Nation
- Jaclyn Listo, Tohono O'odham Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Nation
- Jasmine Courville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Steve Anderson, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

Tribal Organizations (2)

- Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

EPA (3)

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

Other (1)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

3. EPA Updates

- Linsey Walsh, EPA/ OCSPP shared an update that the Assistant Administrator for the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Doug Troutman, was officially confirmed. Linsey mentioned that he did not have a plan for how they are going to be engaging with the tribes and tribal communities, but he would like a briefing and wants to talk about it as he is interested in pursuing it.
- Jasmine Corville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes asked if Doug would be able to make it to the March meeting to provide a briefing. Linsey said she will ask Doug and see if he can join. Linsey will also ask Ed Messina and/or Liz Vizard from the Office of Pesticide Programs to see if they can join as well.
- Renee asked if Linsey has shared the Status of Pesticides in Indian Country Report with him. She has not shared it with Doug, but she has shared it with the American Indian Environment Office. She also shared the trainings TPPC has put on, the website, the white papers, and the comment letters with the American Indian Environmental Office. She will try to make sure Doug sees the report.
- Emma Cross, EPA/OECA shared they have a new Assistant Administrator, Jeff Hall, who was recently confirmed by Congress. She will extend the invitation to him as well for the March meeting but there is no guarantee he will attend. Emma wanted to clarify what the group wanted to see in terms of the Integrated Compliance Information System (ICIS) data they requested so that she can better prepare for the March meeting. Jasmine noted she would like to see how many times the EPA has gone into Indian Country or has had inspectors of any sort in Indian Country, whether they be state or EPA or tribal inspectors. She noted that they want to get a feel for the general coverage, and she knows every one of those tribes might not have a cooperative agreement, but they might call a complaint into EPA, and EPA may respond to those. Jasmine noted it would be helpful for their organization because they do try to track that, and they do try to do outreach and those sorts of things to those areas.
- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals mentioned a presentation on what the tribal enforcement process looks like, how that works, and the responsibilities of the tribe versus EPA might be worthwhile as that was a request they had a while back.
- Emma will take all this information back to management as they prepare for the March meeting and work on their presentation.
- Emma wanted to follow up on the question about the inspections without cooperative agreements. Jasmine asked if it would be possible to get an updated letter stating that the EPA is giving them authority to do inspections on their behalf.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

a. Executive Committee Election Update

Mark announced the election results and congratulated those elected. Renee is the new Chair of the TPPC; Nina Harper, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians will continue as the Vice

Chair; Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Nation is the Region 8 representative; Tacy Jenson, Gila River Indian Community is the Region 9 representative; Cricket Herrera, Yakama Nation is the Region 10 representative; and the four at-large representatives are Africa Dorame-Avalos, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation, and Jessica Raspitha, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe. There are still some empty positions they are hoping to fill.

b. Spring Meeting Updates

Mark spoke about the spring meeting and mentioned flights will be booked soon and he will be sending an email out shortly regarding that. Folks who want to attend the Association of American Pesticide Control Officers (AAPCO) meeting prior to the TPPC meeting should be on the lookout for an email from Mark with details.

5. Tribal Caucus Report-out

No report given.

6. Workgroup Report-out

No report given.

7. NTC Updates

- Gerald was not on the call to give an update. Mark mentioned reaching out to Tabitha Langston, the new NTC chair, to see if she wants to assign someone to give updates at the TPPC monthly calls. Dave Lewis, Yavapai-Apache Nation, said that he was appointed to the NTC for the state of Arizona last year, and he has been taking meeting notes since he joined in October. He is willing to share his notes with the group. He mentioned that there have not been many updates lately on anything specific to pesticides. He mentioned a few regulations that have been reversed or rolled back, including the Clean Water Act definition of "Waters of the US" (WOTUS) and the removal of the Council on Environmental Quality's (CEQ) implementing regulations for the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

- Nina asked if Linsey could ask AAPCO if they have any questions for the tribes and if so, if they could provide a copy of the questions ahead of the March meeting. Linsey will ask AAPCO but also asked if anyone had questions for AAPCO that she could report back to them. **Please email Linsey if you have questions for AAPCO.**
- Jasmine asked for an update on the revised modules for the EPA's private applicator training for restricted-use pesticides in Indian Country. Jasmine also mentioned the PFAS national conference is coming up, and there is some funding available if anyone is interested in attending. Jasmine asked if there was an Endangered Species Act (ESA) session for the March conference. In response to the ESA question, Linsey mentioned she can reach out to Natalie Bray, who spoke with the group last time. **If there is anything specific they would like Natalie to speak about, let Linsey know.**
- Nina asked when the next agenda building meeting will be and if others can be invited to participate. Linsey and Mark will invite Nina and Renee to their meeting tomorrow.

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 1-4: AAPCO Spring Meeting (<https://aapco.org/2015/07/31/aapco-2/>)
- March 4-6: TPPC Spring Meeting (<https://tppcwebsite.org/meetings/#upcomingmeetings>)
- March 17-20: Worker Standard Protection PIRT
(<https://www.nasda.org/nasda-foundation/nasda-foundation-epa-pirt/worker-protection-pesticide-inspection-and-investigation-training-2/>)
- May 19-21: ESA Compliance Workshop (<https://www.nasda.org/nasda-foundation/nasda-foundation-epa-pirt/>)