

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council**  
**Full Council Meeting, November 2-4, 2021**

**Evaluation Summary**

**SUMMARY STATISTICS**

- Number of evaluations sent out\*: 31; number returned: 3; return rate: 10%
- Returns: Tribal (3)

**WAS THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING ADEQUATE AND DID IT MEET YOUR EXPECTATIONS?**

- The agenda was heavy with federal agency presentations. Although good information, I would have liked to have seen greater involvement from the tribes.
- Yes, the agenda was robust and contained a varied assortment of relevant topics.
- Yes

**WHAT COULD THE TPPC MEETING PLANNERS HAVE DONE TO MAKE THIS MEETING MORE USEFUL TO YOU?**

- A more structured hot topics session or tribal caucus. This is dependent upon the participating tribes, however often discussions stray from being pesticide related.
- The TPPC meeting planners did a great job. The meeting would have been more useful if EPA had provided more discussion, insights, information, etc.
- I thought the planners did a great job. There were several areas covered on a variety of topics.

**FOR FUTURE MEETINGS, PLEASE SUGGEST TOPICS / SPEAKERS WHO YOU FEEL COULD HELP IMPROVE THE AGENDA.**

- Suggest inviting folks from industry (Syngenta, Bayer Crop Science, BASF, Dow, etc.) or large end use operators (Orkin, Terminix, etc.) They would likely have perspectives many tribes do not hear from, at least not in a non-regulatory role. There appears to be bias (unfortunately, slowly approaching activism) in the TPPC membership against industry and it would be nice to hear about their processes, projects or research which work towards addressing some of the concerns expressed with pesticides and the environment. Lastly, more topics intended to aid in a tribe's ability to grow capacity are needed.
- Someone from EPA who can speak on budgets and how they allocate money to Tribes.
- Treaty Rights/Sovereignty

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\* Due to the virtual nature of the meeting, surveys were sent to the whole TPPC listserv. The number shown here reflects the number of meeting participants who received the evaluations.

### **HOW WILL THIS MEETING STRENGTHEN YOUR CAPABILITY TO BETTER IMPLEMENT YOUR PROGRAM?**

- As with past meetings, hearing from other's tribes' successes and lessons learned is always helpful if relatable to a local challenge. These are of greater value to me than general awareness type presentations when it comes to day in day out operations. I do not know how valuable a discussion or presentation on PFAS may be for a tribe who faces challenges managing their work plan (if one of the 19 cooperative agreements) or has difficulties working with their EPA partners.
- Input from other programs on what is or is not working for them. Education on different areas of the grant. Increase knowledge/ability on items that are in the workplan.

### **DID THE VIRTUAL FORMAT WORK FOR YOU? ANY SUGGESTIONS TO MAKE IT BETTER IF WE HAVE TO DO ANOTHER VIRTUAL MEETING?**

- Virtual was fine for me as I took the opportunity to pick and choose presentations of interest. However, I do not believe this is the intent as this is not a conference but a meeting. A virtual format in this manner, I would suspect there was a lot less than the desired attentive participant interactions. This may also have been a function of the topics as well. Recommend for future meetings, the agenda reflect each participating tribe who would provide a 30-45 min presentation of their local efforts, project, challenges, success story, or case study. The tribes should take center stage.
- I enjoy the virtual format.
- The virtual format worked very well. One suggestion would be a half hour before and half hour after of visiting/get to know each other sessions that are voluntary to attend but would be beneficial for everyone in an emotional/mental/social way.

### **PLEASE COMMENT ON THE CUSTOMER SERVICE PROVIDED BY ITEP.**

- ITEP has done a fine job facilitating this meeting as well as the election.
- ITEP provides excellent customer services and has been on top of everything from the moment they started working with the TPPC.
- The people at ITEP are wonderful. They keep everything running smooth and are a wonderful contribution. They are great people to work with.