

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
03/23/22
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (16)

- Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Ryan Evans, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Phil Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Breanna Knudsen, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Tony McCandless, Gila River Indian Community
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Brenda Pusher-Begay, White Mountain Apache Tribe
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe

Tribal Organizations (2)

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

EPA (5)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP

Other (3)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Jennifer Glennon, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Mehrdad Khatibi, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Reported in advance as absent (2)

- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Jasmine Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes facilitated the roll call

3. EPA Updates

Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OCSP reported that the Risk Assessment workgroup sent a document to everyone regarding a pilot project in which they are seeking a Tribe or coalition of Tribes that has data on tribal use of sustenance foods and cultural materials. The project would entail meeting with the OPP/Health Effects Division twice a month to help fill in gaps in their modeling system to capture the level of exposure in Tribal areas where pesticides may be applied. The program will be very adaptive depending on the participating Tribe and assist in providing Tribal-specific dietary/exposure information in EPA's risk assessments.

Amanda Hauff, EPA/OCSP forwarded an email from the Office of Research and Development (ORD) inviting Tribes to participate in a 2nd consultation opportunity on chemical safety for the Sustainability, Health and Environment Risk Assessment National Research program. In addition, the National Tribal Caucus is working on a mid-year revision to their budget & priorities recommendation document, and Amanda and Jasmine will take notes and report out.

Rachel will send out a reminder about a consultation opportunity for the National Primary drinking water regulations and PFAS. Comments will be taken until April 16.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

a. Spring Meeting Update: Mark Daniels, ITEP reviewed the registration website that ITEP set up for the meeting. He will send the link and requested that everyone register even if you are attending virtually so that we can have an accurate list of participants. Mark will also be sending out a draft Agenda in the next few days.

b. Website Stats: In February there were 413 views from 137 users, and year-to-date there have been 896 views from 270 users.

5. NTC Updates: Meyo Marrufo was not on the call today

6. Joe H. Report-out from R10 TELS Conference

Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation attended the Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit and was glad to speak on behalf of the TPPC and the Tribes that have been provided assistance. Mark, Jasmine and Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe, made a pitch for representation on the TPPC from Alaska as they have pesticide issues within the soil and various structures.

7. David Anderson's question about private vs. commercial applicator licenses:

David was not on the call today to discuss this although Jasmine mentioned that if you take the EPA C&T training and are a Tribal member who works for the Tribal government, you are essentially a commercial applicator with a private license.

8. PFAS White Paper presentation

Jasmine said the paper includes information on how people can test for PFAS and where to send the tests. They are creating a list of unnecessary plastic packaging and looking at solutions such as activated charcoal and (expensive) filtration systems at wastewater treatment plants, including water quality standards.

9. Direct Implementation (DI) Document Discussion

Emily Ryan, EPA discussed the one pager they are putting together and what information to highlight and the targeted audience. The TPPC has mentioned wanting to outline the benefits of a cooperative agreement and demystifying the process, as well as maintaining Tribal sovereignty. Jasmine brought up some concerns and issues with DI such as the illegal use of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) on tribal lands prior to the implementation of the federal Certification & Training plan. The DI workgroup plans to allow time at the April meeting for a DI work session.

10. Other

Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes mentioned unannounced EPA inspections on Tribal lands being included with a recent training. Helene Ambrosino, EPA thinks this may have been part of a refresher training entitled 'Conducting Civil Inspections in Indian Country'. She will look into this issue and contact the group who developed the training to resolve the issue of what EPA inspectors have the authority to do in Indian Country.

Mark provided a link to a document that has a lot of good information about the federal C&T plan (including how to opt out):

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-02/documents/supplemental-information-tribal-certification-plan-outline.pdf>

11. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, May 18, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST (the April call is cancelled as it falls in the middle of our Spring meeting)