

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
5/18/22
Call Notes – Final

Join by Zoom: <https://nau.zoom.us/j/89303644703>
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Meeting ID: 893 0364 4703
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Roll call:

Tribes (8)

- Earl Bautista, Tohono O’odham Nation
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Tracy Horst, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma
- Sheldon Jones, Navajo Nation
- Andrea Mitchell, Cocopah Indian Tribe
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Julie Simpson, Nez Perce Tribe

Tribal Organizations (2)

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Caucus

EPA (10)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Aidan Black, EPA/OPP
- Sarah Finnegan, EPA/AIEO
- Jennifer Park, EPA/OPP
- Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Carolyn Schroeder, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, 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 (3)

- Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Mark Daniels facilitated the roll call.

3. EPA Updates (Rachel, Emily, Amanda, Blake, Helene, Loren)

Rachel Ricciardi, EPA/OCSPP conducted the quarterly training for private applicators of RUP's in Indian Country on May 11-12.

- a. [EPA's Federal Certification Training for Private Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides \(RUP\) within Indian Country](#) = May 11-12, 2022.
- b. TPPC listserv email (sent 4/18) announced the publication of the *EPA Federal Certification of Applicators of RUPs within Indian Country FAQs* one-pager. Please visit EPA's website at the [Federal Certification to Apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country](#) homepage to access the FAQ one-pager. It can be found under the "Related Information" box on the right-hand side of the website, or the direct link is [EPA Federal Certification of Applicators of RUPs within Indian Country FAQs](#).
- c. OCSPP's Tribal Team provides a list of current federal private and commercial RUP applicators on EPA's website. The latest updated lists/reports were posted mid-April to EPA's website at [Applicators Certified under the EPA Plan](#).

More information:

<https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country>

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

- a. Status of Pesticides Report Copyright Resolution: this issue has been resolved and the TPPC will be able to revise the original document so long as we include a statement that the original was produced by UC Davis. Images will need to be new or receive permission when using them again.
- b. Website visits: April had 450 views from 138 users and Year-to-Date there have been 1,818 views from 523 users.

5. AIEO Updates on GAP Guidance Indicators (Sarah Finnegan, EPA/Office of International and Tribal Affairs/American Indian Environmental Office)

[Slide Presentation](#)

Sarah Finnegan gave a presentation on Performance Management Indicators in which she provided information on capacity indicators and what is needed to demonstrate an environmental program for GAP work plans. She covered the 2022 changes and improvements in GAP guidance and components of ETEP's (EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans). They will be utilizing data from these Tribal resources to enhance reporting responsibility. There is a new EPA GAP hub for data which will be used to advocate for additional funding. The changes will still follow the existing 5-year cycle and there will not be an increase in administrative work for Tribes.

<https://tcots.epa.gov/ords/tcotspub/f?p=106:5::1462::::>

6. NTC Updates (Meyo Marrufo)

During the Tribal Caucus Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Council and Guidivile Rancheria, gave an update on the Budget and Priorities document draft for FY2024, which will request increased funds for Tribal Pesticide Programs.

7. PERC-med Overview (Diana Simmes, UC Davis)

[Slide Presentation](#)

Diana Simmes, Pesticide Medical Education Director for PERC-Med, provided a summary of the program and outlined the goal of helping healthcare providers to recognize and treat pesticide-related health conditions through educational resources and technical assistance. This is not routinely included in healthcare training for providers. She presented some of the educational resources they have made available online and requested any input on how they can improve resources for healthcare providers working on Tribal lands.

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PERC-med homepage with reporting map:

<https://pesticideresources.org>

Clinician Champion Network:

<https://pesticideresources.org/med/champion.html>

Recognizing Acute Pesticide Poisoning in Children infographic:

<https://pesticideresources.org/med/resources/acute-poison-child.pdf>

Paraquat Poisoning info sheet:

<https://pesticideresources.org/med/resources/paraquat.pdf>

Recognition and Management of Pesticide Poisonings (RMPP):

<https://pesticideresources.org/med/resources/rmpp.html>

8. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST

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