

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
11/16/22
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (13)

- Dwight Carlston, Gila River Indian Community
- Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Phil Jackson, Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Tacy Jenson, Gila River Indian Community
- Breanna Knudsen, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Bob Shimek, White Earth Tribal College
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation

Tribal Organizations (1)

- Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Caucus

EPA (5)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Loren LaPointe, EPA/OCSP
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP
- Cindy Wire, EPA/OCSP

Other (4)

- Mark Daniels, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Jennifer Glennon, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Mehrdad Khatibi, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals
- Eric Descheenie, Strategic Planning Consultant

Reported in advance as absent (2)

- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association

Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians led the roll call and welcomed everyone.

3. EPA Updates

Linsey Walsh, EPA mentioned that they are planning the biannual National Pesticide Program Managers meeting to be held in person in December. This is for regional pesticide program and enforcement staff to discuss issues in each region. Jasmine Courville-Brown, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and Mark Daniels, ITEP will attend to present on the TPPC.

Linsey asked if EPA should mail out hard copy letters to Tribes (in addition to email) with the announcement about the release of the Federal Certification Plan for Applicators in Indian Country. TPPC members requested that they do so, to ensure that all Tribal governments receive it.

Jasmine asked if any EPA Programs will change with the addition of new staff. Linsey and Cindy Wire, EPA aren't aware of additional staff being hired at this time.

4. TPPC Administrator Updates

- a. Fall Meeting Follow Up: Thank you for everyone who attended the Fall TPPC meeting. Information from the meeting is posted on the website. If anyone needs travel reimbursement, please submit your forms.
- b. December EC Call Reschedule: the meeting will be moved to December 14 to avoid conflict with the winter holidays.
- c. Spring Meeting: Please let Mark know if you plan to attend the AAPCO meeting March 6-8. In the past this has been scheduled so that people traveling to DC can attend both meetings.
- d. TPPC Website Stats: October had 373 views & 138 users. YTD saw 4777 views & 1355 users.

Mehrdad Khatibi, ITEP mentioned that he attended the RTOC meeting for Regions 7 & 8 in October and there was interest from Tribes in Region 7 to join the TPPC. This would be good to follow up with and invite interested Tribes to the Spring meeting.

Jasmine mentioned that Julian Atrilinguk Jacobs from National Tribal Emergency Management Council (NTEMC) and Disaster Relief for Alaska would like to be the Alaska representative and they are working on getting that arranged.

5. EPA Fiscal Year 2023 Funding, and Tribal Funding in General

Cindy Wire, EPA/OCSPP provided a summary of recent funding for EPA from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). OCSPP's portion of the funding is for \$1 million over 5 years to establish a Pollution Prevention Grant Program. Funds from the IRA for EPA is \$41.5 billion for 6 new programs however use of the money is very prescribed.

Both the BIL and IRA are dedicated to climate change and focusing on disadvantaged communities.

Unfortunately, there are no new funds for pesticide programs and the best approach for Tribes to help funnel more funds to pesticide programs is to work through RTOC's (Regional Tribal Operations Committee), because calls from the regions may have more sway over those who allocate funding.

Bob Shimek, White Earth Tribal & Community College asked if Tribes are able seek foundation funding for pesticide work. Yes, and that might be easier than government grants as foundation grants can be used as match when applying for federal funding.

6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

Nina reported that the group met with Strategic Planning Consultant Eric Descheenie during the Tribal Caucus and together planned a series of 5 meetings in the next few months to keep momentum on this process.

If the TPPC wants to do a Drift Catcher project this could have great potential for some of the new EJ funding.

7. NTC Updates

Meyo Marrufo, National Tribal Caucus suggested that Tribes start planning projects for EJ funding that will be coming. In January they will be meeting with the TPGs and NTOC in preparation for an April Meeting about their next priorities and budget request document.

Meyo asked the group what they think about a National RTOC meeting in 2025, the last one occurred in 2002.

8. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics

Jasmine would like to meet with Linsey prior to the Spring TPPC meeting to discuss priorities that will be presented to EPA senior leadership.

Tacy Jenson, Gila River Indian Community mentioned that their new Pesticide Code was passed today!

9. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, December 14, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST