

Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee
Monthly Conference Call
09/21/22
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

Tribes (16)

- David Anderson, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
- Les Benedict, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Dwight Carlston, Gila River Indian Community
- Eric Gjevre, Coeur d'Alene Indian Tribe
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Daniel Hoyt, Gila River Indian Community
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Sheldon Jones, Navajo Nation
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Breanna Knudsen, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Jeremy Phillips, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation

Tribal Organizations (2)

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

EPA (6)

- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA
- Tyler Barber, EPA/OECA
- Vanessa Emerson, EPA
- Sherrie Kinard, EPA/Region 8
- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP

Other (2)

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

1. Tribal Caucus

2. Welcome/Introductions

Mark Daniels, ITEP facilitated the roll call and welcomed everyone.

3. EPA Updates

Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP reported out on the OCSP 1-on-1 with the National Tribal Caucus (NTC) from last week. The NTC is interested in getting more information about human health and the environment and the FIFRA cost analysis.

Linsey Walsh, EPA/OCSP reported that the final National Program Guidance's (NPGs) and the Response to Comments for OSCPP and OECA have been posted. She provided the following links regarding priorities for 2023, EPA's strategic plan, and the 6 recipients of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program with projects focused on IPM. These grantees could potentially be good resources to collaborate with and include University of Vermont, University of West Virginia, University of Tennessee, University of Florida, Purdue and Oregon State.

<https://www.epa.gov/planandbudget/national-program-guidances-npgs>

<https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2022-03/fy-2022-2026-epa-strategic-plan.pdf>

<https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-awards-grants-advance-smart-sensible-and-sustainable-pest-control-agriculture>

<https://www.regulations.gov/document/EPA-HQ-OPP-2006-0766-0150>

Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians mentioned that the TPPC would like the opportunity to enter comments on NPG's and Program Guidance documents. Mehrdad Khatibi, ITEP asked if there is a set time frame for when these are made available. Linsey responded that for the next NPG Planning for 2025 and 2026, they will be posted in April, 2024 with a consultation period during the summer of 2024.

4. Pesticide Devices: Compliance, Efficacy, and False Claim Concerns, Sherrie Kinard, EPA Region 8.

[Link to Presentation](#)

Sherrie Kinard from EPA Region 8 provided an informative overview of air purifiers and pesticide devices used to mitigate pests, including bacteria and viruses. She explained the difference between a device and pesticide and that during the pandemic numerous products were emerging claiming to disinfect the air and kill viruses. This cannot be done with air purifiers as they only filter particulates from the air, not sanitize. This created a false sense of security along with potential harm from UV light exposure. Basically, if devices are used, there still needs to be a traditional form of disinfection used as well.

5. TPPC Administrator Updates

Mark reminded everyone of the TPPC Fall meeting on Oct. 18-20 that will be held at the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community in Phoenix. The agenda will be finalized soon and in

person attendees can look forward to a field trip on Thursday, Oct. 20 after the close of the conference. Mark also mentioned the annual coordinator evaluation survey that is due by Friday Sept. 23.

For August, the website had 552 views from 129 users and Year-to-Date has 3,923 views from 1,122 users.

6. Tribal Caucus Report-out

Nina reported that a main concern for the council are bodies of water on the White Earth Nation and how pesticide application is affecting wild rice and aquatic grass. This will be brought up to the NTC and at the Fall TPPC meeting. Jeremy discussed some issues Tribes are having with federal credentials regarding mixing of pesticides and monitoring pesticide applications. Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe is dealing with this issue across lands in both Arizona and California. Jeremy also mentioned an issue in Region 9 surrounding a need for a QAPP when a Tribe is not receiving funding.

7. Next TPPC Conference Call: Wednesday, November 16, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. EST (October call is canceled due to the TPPC Fall meeting taking place that week)

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