

**Tribal Pesticide Program Council Executive Committee**  
**Monthly Conference Call**  
04/19/23  
Call Notes – Final

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Roll call:

**Tribes (15)**

- Brittani Clairmont, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Camilo Perez, Quechan Indian Tribe
- Dorla Tartsah, Kiowa Tribe
- Dwight Carlston, Gila River Indian Community
- Forrest Funmaker, HoChunk Nation
- Gerald Wagner, Blackfoot Tribe
- James Jackson, Muscogee Creek Nation
- James Williams, Muscogee Creek Nation
- Jefferson Biakeddy, Navajo Nation
- Jessica Raspitha, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Jim Mossett, Three Affiliated Tribes
- Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation
- Sheldon Jones, Navajo Nation
- Tacy Jensen, Gila River Indian Community

**EPA (2)**

- Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSP
- Helene Ambrosino, EPA/OECA

**Other (2)**

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

**Reported in advance as absent (5)**

- Diania Caudell, California Indian Basketweavers Association
- Jasmine Courville, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
- Joe Herrera, Yakama Nation
- Nina Hapner, Kashia Band of Pomo Indians
- Ted Puetz, Ak-Chin Indian Community

**1. Tribal Caucus**

**2. Welcome/Introductions**

Renee Keezer, White Earth Nation, welcomed everyone and facilitated the roll call.

### 3. New PERC-med Tribal Pesticide Resource (Diana Simmes, UC Davis/OSU)

Diana Simmes gave a presentation on a new resource from the Pesticide Educational Resources Collaborative – Medical (PERC-med) to help health care providers recognize and treat health conditions caused by pesticide exposure. For more information please see her presentation [here](#). The resource itself can be found at <https://pesticideresources.org/med/> (click on “PERC-med Articles”)

### 4. EPA Updates (Linsey, Emily, Vanessa, Helene)

Emily Ryan, EPA/OCSPP noted that they have an upcoming quarterly training for private applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) under the EPA plan for Indian Country. The training will take place Wednesday May 10 and Thursday May 11, from 10:30-4:30 Eastern. To register send an email to [EPACertplan@epa.gov](mailto:EPACertplan@epa.gov) by May 8, with your full name and training dates (May 10-11). You will receive an email confirming your acceptance in the course and providing information on how to access the training. For more information visit <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-applicator-certification-indian-country/training-private-applicators-under-epa-plan>

### 5. Questions About Expired Products (Emily)

Emily circled back to an issue brought up during our recent Spring meeting regarding Tribes with stocks of expired antimicrobial products that they need to dispose of. She offered to reach out to the relevant states to see what programs they offer to responsibly dispose of such products. She asked if anyone on the call was having this issue, and talked with Renee, Brittani Clairmont (Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes), Jessica Raspitha (Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe), and Jefferson Biakeddy (Navajo Nation) about what their Tribes are dealing with. She also said **she would follow up with an email to the TPPC listserv to catch anyone who wasn't on the call today.**

### 6. TPPC Administrator Updates (Mark, Mehrdad)

- a. Project Assistant Transition: Jennifer Glennon recently left her position with ITEP for a full-time job. We wanted to express our thanks to her for all her hard work for the program over the past couple of years. We're currently working on hiring a replacement for her.
- b. Spring Meeting Followup: All materials from the meeting are now up on the website, including notes and a copy of the agenda with links to all presentations. Mark was recently told by ITEP's financial manager that reimbursement checks for the folks who attended in person should be going out this week.
- c. TPPC Website Visits March:
  - i. 467 visits from 154 users
  - ii. Year-to-date: 1,240 visits from 421 users

### 7. Workgroup Report-out (workgroup members)

Renee gave a quick update on what's going on with the Risk Assessment workgroup and pilot project. The group recently had a kickoff meeting with folks from EPA's Health Effects Division (HED) and decided on some preliminary datasets White Earth will gather and send to HED.

Brittani gave an update on the pollinator workgroup, and shared the pollinator guide Ed Spevak of the St. Louis Zoo put together for their area. Dwight Carlston, Gila River Indian Community asked if she could share it with the group, and she shared a link with guides for several different areas

around the country (<https://www.pollinator.org/bee-guides>). Mark also noted that he is working with Ed and Melanie Kirby from the Institute of American Indian Arts on a two-part training webinar series to be delivered during this fiscal year.

**8. Tribal Caucus Report-out**

n/a

**9. NTC Updates (Meyo Marrufo)**

n/a

**10. Other Issues/Concerns/Hot Topics (All)**

Brittani noted that she did a port of entry inspection with EPA last month. She didn't know if other folks have done this, but she found it very interesting to see how it works, and wanted to share with the group. After fielding questions from a couple of TPPC members, Brittani suggested perhaps we could have a presentation on it at a future call or meeting. Brittani said she would reach out to her Region 8 EPA representative to see if she or a colleague would be willing to do this.

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