

**Tribal Superfund Working Group (TSFWG) Meeting**  
**2015 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum**  
August 20, 2015

Attendance

- Todd Barnell, ITEP
- Julie Jurkowski, ITEP
- Melissa Witkowski, Grand Traverse Band-Michigan
- Lauren Barnes, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Greg Jojola, Laguna Pueblo
- Andrew Baca, EPA HQ AEIO
- Christen Lee, Wyandotte Nation
- Jason White, Cherokee Nation/ITEC
- Doug Ammon, EPA HQ OSRTI
- Christine Poore, EPA HQ OSRTI
- Anne Dailey, EPA HQ OSRTI
- Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo
- Mary Cooke, USEPA HQ FFRRO
- Charlotte Bertrand, EPA HQ FFRRO
- Jim Woolford, USEPA HQ OSRTI
- Tim Kent, Quapaw Tribe
- Craig Kreman, Quapaw Tribe
- John Prohaska, Bad River Band
- Mary LaFrance, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Amberdawn LaFrance, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe
- Susan Hanson, Shoshone-Bannock Tribe
- Diane Stevenson, Cherokee Nation/ITEC
- LaDonna Turner, EPA-R6
- Ben Lesser, EPA OSWER ORCR
- Amy Garcia, Pueblo of Laguna
- Janice Sims, EPA OITA AEIO
- Souta Calling Last, Blackfeet/ITCA

Welcome and Opening Remarks

- The group went around and introduced themselves, their positions/affiliations, and gave a quick synopsis of the Superfund issues they are dealing with.
- Jim Woolford announced some upcoming trainings including the NARPM conference being held in mid-October and a March 2016 GIS training. He also discussed the new vapor intrusion guidance document that has been released.
- Charlotte Bertrand talked about the number of Federal Facility (FF) sites listed on the NPL. She mentioned that 30% of all Superfund acreage are FF and that there is a need for transparency in federal facility cleanups.

ITEP Assistance Activities

- Todd Barnell gave a short description of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) history, the history of the Tribal

Superfund Working Group (TSFWG), and how the two will be working together.

- There was a discussion of what upcoming site visits will look like: multi-day trips to a Superfund site (with travel stipends provided) that will include trainings about SF related issues as requested by the TSFWG. A survey was distributed to allow the TSFWG to offer site suggestions, trainings suggestions, and best months for the visit.
- Julie Jurkowski presented the TSFWG website. Each page was quickly gone through and discussed and a request for information was made to the group about additions/modifications they would like to see.

### Case Studies

- Intergenerational Tribal Outreach Strategy Development, Amy Garcia and Greg Jojola, Pueblo of Laguna. Greg gave a summary of the Jack Pile Mine site. Uranium was mined on over 2,800 acres in the area with the mine closing in the early 1980's. The Pueblo has received only about 10% of the money they have requested for clean-up. Amy talked a bit about some of the challenges with community engagement including a language barrier with elders. Amy talked about EPA's presence in the community and how the community needs to know that EPA is staying in order to build trust. There is a Superfund 101/Superfund Fundamentals workshop that is made to deliver to communities.
- Federal Facilities in Alaska, Alex James, Yakutat Tlingit Tribe. Funding from 128a can be shifted and money from the Native American Lands Environment Mitigation Program (NALEMP) money can be used for these projects. There was good discussion from the group on using Environmental Justice grant money, tribal response program funding, NALEMP money, etc to accomplish certain tasks (such as gathering baseline data).

### Open Discussion

- Discussion about fish consumption values and their inaccuracy, especially for Alaskan populations.
- Dino Chavarra talked about treaty rights and the history of the New Mexico Pueblos.