



# Tribal Lands and Environment:

## A National Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response, Contaminated Sites and Underground Storage Tanks

August 24-26, 2010

US Grant Hotel ~ San Diego, California



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### Forum Booklet



*The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), The National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Steering Committee and USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) are proud to bring you the 2010 Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response, Contaminated Sites, and Underground Storage Tanks.*

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# About the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum

The 2010 Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response, Contaminated Sites, and Underground Storage Tanks is a joint effort between the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), The National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Steering Committee and USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). This is the first annual forum for environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, State/Local/Federal agencies, and other interested parties to meet, share knowledge and learn from one another how to improve the management and protection of public land and health. Opportunities for discussion of budget and policy issues as well as technical updates and information will be available throughout the Forum. Additionally, training sessions, tribe-to-tribe sharing, educational outreach projects, and many more sessions will enhance both learning and networking among attendees. The Tribal Lands Forum is made possible by funding from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

## Forum Staff

On-site support staff are available to assist you during the Forum and will be available at the registration table located in the Presidential Ballroom Foyer. Gary Elthie, ITEP, can be reached by cell phone at 928-607-4715 during the Forum for matters related to A/V equipment or computer support.

## Registration and Thursday Meetings/Trainings

The Forum Registration Table is available Monday from 4:00pm to 6:00pm, Tuesday from 7:30am to 8:30am, and Wednesday from 8:00am to 8:30am in the Presidential Ballroom Foyer. Registration for trainings and meetings on Thursday, August 26, was available online prior to the Forum, however, sign-up sheets will be available at the Registration Table for those with additional space.

## Raffle

Raffle drawings will be held during the closing reception on Wednesday evening from 5:00pm to 6:30 pm. Each attendee will receive one ticket when they sign in at the Registration Table.

## Photographs

Photographs will be taken during this publicly-sponsored event. Photos will be used for outreach by ITEP in the form of publications, websites, brochures, and other media.

## Website for Forum Materials

After the Forum, please visit ITEP's Tribal Lands Forum website to download pictures, presentations, handouts and other materials from the Forum. A networking list of all attendees will also be available on this website. [http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/natl\\_confr.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/natl_confr.asp)

## Evaluations

Evaluations will be conducted online after the Forum. Requests to complete evaluations will be emailed to all participants. You will also be able to access the evaluation through the Tribal Lands Forum website at [http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/natl\\_confr.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/natl_confr.asp)

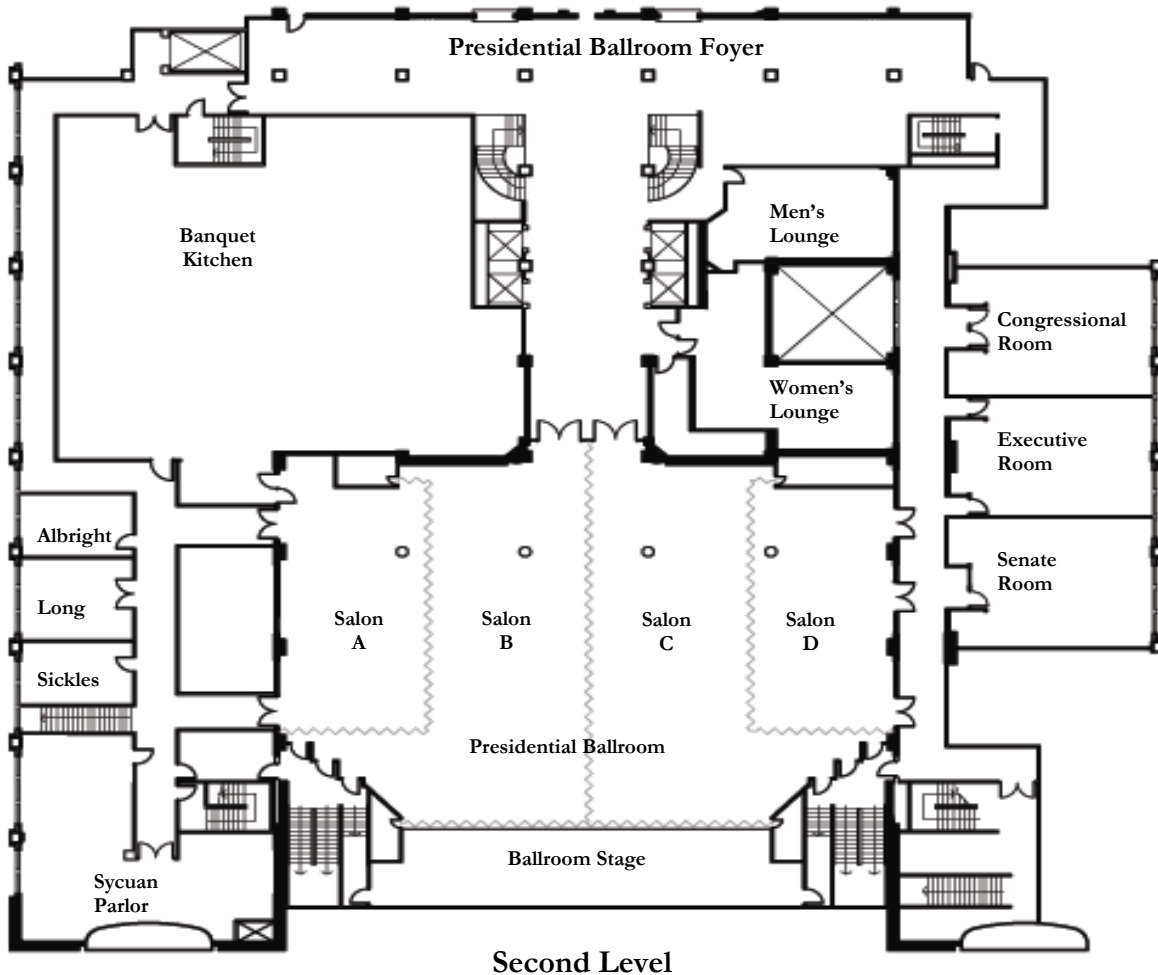




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History begins thousands of years ago with the Kumeyaay Tribes of Indians who lived peacefully and quietly in small villages throughout the San Diego region from areas of Baja to north of Escondido and including what is now downtown San Diego. The Kumeyaay first encountered Europeans with the arrival of Juan Cabrillo who anchored his ship in San Diego Bay in 1542 before setting off to the north for exploration of a wild and untamed California. Life for these local tribes grew steadily worse as Spanish acquisition approached and the eventual Mexican-American wars of 1848 decreased their population from 30,000 to 3,000. By 1850, treaties had been negotiated with 18 California Tribes to set aside land but were never ratified by the United States Senate as a result of opposition by the State of California. In 1875, President Ulysses S. Grant passed an executive order setting aside 640 acres of land in Dehesa Valley in East County for the Kumeyaay Tribes. In 1891, the United States government officially recognized the sovereign status of these California Indian tribes by passing the "Act for the Relief of the Mission Indians". The Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Indians purchased the hotel on December 3, 2003, returning this unique parcel of land to its original ancestors.





# About ITEP

## The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)



The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) was created to act as a catalyst among tribal governments, research and technical resources at Northern Arizona University (NAU), various federal, state and local governments, and the private sector, in support of environmental protection of Native American natural resources. ITEP was established at NAU in 1992, and accomplishes its mission through several programs.

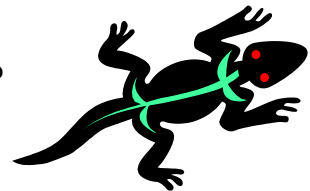
### **Waste Management**

Working with our federal partners, as well as tribes throughout Indian Country and Alaska, ITEP has developed two distinct programs focused on a broad range of waste management activities. The Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP) is funded by USDA and provides training and direct assistance to tribal professionals working in the field of solid waste. The Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) is funded by USEPA and has a broader mandate. TWRAP provides training and assistance, in additional areas of concern, such as solid waste, brownfields, contaminated sites, hazardous materials, underground storage tanks, and emergency response. TWRAP also provides targeted assistance to Alaskan Native Villages.

### **Air Quality**

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) provides training and educational outreach for tribal environmental staff all over the United States, including Alaska. The various projects and services highlighted below help the AIAQTP to accomplish the following goals:

- Assist in the building of tribal capacity for air quality management
- Provide high-quality, up-to-date training that is immediately relevant to tribes
- Enhance communication skills to promote collaboration and networking



### **Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center**

One of the key components of ITEP's air quality program is the Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center was created through a partnership between Tribes, ITEP and the US EPA. It is the first technical training center designed specifically to meet the needs of tribes involved in air quality management and offers an array of training and support services to tribal air professionals.

### **Climate Change**

ITEP has developed a resource and training program to address tribal climate change issues. ITEP's efforts strive to help tribes to better understand climate change and to develop strategies for dealing with changing climate patterns through adaptation and mitigation, and emphasizes both science and traditional knowledge.

### **Education and Outreach**

The purpose of the Environmental Education Outreach Program (EEOP) is to interest Native American students in environmental careers and to assist schools in improving environmental science literacy.

### **Resources**

ITEP provides a large number of resources for tribes on a variety of environmental issues. Many of these resources have been collected from federal agencies, non-profit organizations, and other tribes. The resource clearinghouse is an invaluable asset to tribes as they develop their environmental program capacity.

ITEP programs rely heavily on tribal input and participation. Tribal environmental professionals are recruited as instructors, researchers, advocates and collaborators, where their expertise and experience serves as a valuable resource and contributes significantly to ITEP's success.





## The Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program

In 2008 ITEP began a new project, in cooperation with the USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER), called the Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP).



The activities of this program are divided into seven specific tasks:

**Task One:** Establish a national tribal steering committee, composed of tribal professionals working in the fields of waste management, contaminated sites (including Superfund and federal facilities), Underground Storage Tanks (USTs), brownfields, and emergency response programs. After a selection committee, composed of tribal professionals, OSWER staff, and ITEP personnel, reviewed all of the applications, a new steering committee of tribal professionals was established in 2009. This steering committee works closely with ITEP on all tasks associated with this program.

**Task Two:** Development and delivery of an annual national tribal forum, focused on waste management, USTs, brownfields, contaminated sites, and emergency response. You are currently attending the first one! We hope you find this forum interesting and helpful and look forward to your comments on how we can make next year's forum even better.

**Task Three:** Development and delivery of four training courses a year. Two of these courses will take place in Alaska and two will take place in the Lower 48 States. These courses are specifically for tribal professionals working in the fields covered by this program. They will feature instructors from tribal programs, federal offices, and ITEP, and will include a mix of lecture, small group activities, and tribal case studies.

**Task Four:** Develop three case studies of Superfund sites affecting tribal lands. We are working with research staff at Northern Arizona University to identify three key Superfund sites that can be utilized as case studies to assist other tribes facing similar situations. This year we are focusing on the Tar Creek site in Oklahoma.

**Task Five:** Evaluation of the Native American Exposure and Risk Assessment Model as well as other risk assessment models that may be of assistance to tribes.

**Task Six:** Creation of an online resource library to help tribes find research and studies on hazardous substances affecting tribal communities.

**Task Seven:** Conduct continuous outreach to tribes. ITEP has established a website for the program and also sends an electronic newsletter via email four times a year. We attend numerous tribal conferences throughout the year in order to talk one on one with tribal professionals and learn what their priorities and concerns are. We also reach out at our courses and seek any additional opportunities to network with tribal professionals working in the front lines to protect our land and communities.

## The TWRAP National Steering Committee are:

Danford Wadsworth, Hopi Tribe – Chair  
Katherine Kruse, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community – Vice Chair  
Sherry Bishop, Fort Belknap Indian Community  
Dino Chavarria, Pueblo of Santa Clara  
Tim Kent, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma  
Virginia LeClere, Prairie Band of Potawatomi  
Danny Joe Stensgar, Colville Confederated Tribes  
Ronald Wassillie, Newhalen Tribal Council in Alaska  
Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

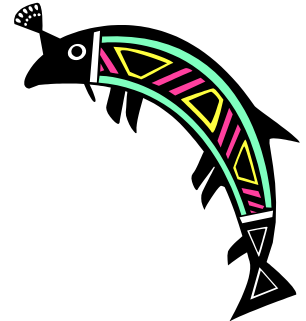




# Agenda ~ At a Glance

## Tuesday, August 24 - Day One: Plenary Sessions

- 7:30-8:30 AM Registration and Coffee (Registration is also available from 4:00-6:00pm on Monday.)
- 8:30-9:30 AM Welcoming Remarks
- 9:30-10:00 AM Break
- 10:00-12:00 PM US EPA and Tribal Plenary Panel
- 12:00-1:30 PM Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30-3:00 PM Tribal Success Stories
- 3:00-3:30 PM Break
- 3:30-4:30 PM Federal Resources Panel
- 4:30-5:30 PM Ice Cream Social: Federal staff will be available to talk about funding and resources.



## Wednesday Morning, August 25 - Day Two: Breakout Sessions

### 8:00-8:30 AM Registration and Coffee

### 8:30-10:00 AM Break-Out Sessions

Solid and Hazardous Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Creating &amp; Operating a Sustainable Solid Waste Program</li> <li>♦ Sustainable Landfill Equipment and Solid Waste Collection Program</li> </ul>
Contaminated Sites / Renewable Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mining Sites</li> <li>♦ Taking on Climate Change: Renewable Energy Projects at the Pueblo of Jemez</li> </ul>
Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ USTs for Us: How to Design and Implement a Successful UST Management Plan</li> <li>♦ Case Study: Cleanup of the Burnham Mine Diesel Spill Burnham, New Mexico</li> </ul>
Cross Media / National Policy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ EPA Policy on Consultation &amp; Coordination with Indian Tribes</li> </ul>
Cross Media / Community Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Successes in Tribal Partnerships</li> <li>♦ Shiprock EPA Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Project</li> </ul>

### 10:30-12:00 PM Break-Out Sessions

Solid and Hazardous Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Illegal Dumping "Cause, Effect and Prosecution"</li> <li>♦ Open Dump Inventory: Issues and Implications</li> </ul>
Contaminated Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ The Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program</li> </ul>
Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Obtaining Federal Credentials in Indian Country</li> <li>♦ Model Demonstration of a Leaking Underground Storage Tank</li> </ul>
Emergency Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Radiation Emergencies – Preparing for Response</li> </ul>
Greening Casinos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Green Casinos: The Path to Maximizing Sustainability and Profits</li> <li>♦ The Effects of Recycling on Our Air: Pechanga Resort and Casino's Green Team Case Study</li> </ul>



# Agenda ~ At a Glance



## Wednesday Afternoon, August 25 - Day Two: Breakout Sessions

### 1:30-3:00 PM Break-Out Sessions

Solid Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Implementing Solid Waste Fee Structures: Nondalton, Alaska Case Study</li> <li>♦ Developing Your Fee Structure</li> </ul>
Contaminated Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Quapaw Tribe's Role in the Facilitation of the OU4 ROD at Tar Creek Superfund Site</li> <li>♦ Reasonably Foreseeable Future Land Use (RFFLU) on the Spokane Indian Reservation</li> </ul>
Green Cleanup / Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Incorporating Green Approaches in Cleanup Activities</li> <li>♦ Green Remediation and LUST Sites in Region 8 in Indian Country</li> </ul>
Brownfields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Land Revitalization: Innovative Uses of the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program</li> </ul>
Cross Media	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Community Engagement and Collaboration for Sustainable Communities</li> </ul>

### 3:30-5:00 PM Break-Out Sessions

Recycling & House- hold Hazardous Waste / Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Be a Recycle Ranger</li> <li>♦ Storing Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling in Rural Alaska - Igiugig</li> </ul>
Contaminated Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Protecting Our Native Waters through Monitoring and Assessment</li> <li>♦ Hydrogeological Characterization and Modeling at Tar Creek Superfund Site</li> </ul>
Program Management: Emergency Response / Solid Waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Multi-Jurisdiction Emergency Response and Clean-up Tabletop Exercise</li> <li>♦ Managing a Multifaceted Solid Waste Program</li> </ul>
Brownfields	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Tribal Petroleum Brownfields</li> </ul>
Mining	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>♦ Mining 101: Managing the Environmental and Socioeconomic Impacts of Modern Hard Rock Mining &amp; Discussion of Upcoming Rulemaking</li> </ul>

### 5:00-6:30 PM Evening Reception ~ Native American PowWow Drum Group: Green River Closing Remarks, Poster Presentations, and Raffle

## Thursday, August 26 - Day Three: Trainings and Meetings

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) 8-Hr Refresher
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Hazardous Substance Awareness Training (1/2-day HAZWOPER - no certification)
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Establishment of a 128(a) Tribal Response Program
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Solid Waste Education - Talkin' Trash
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Tribal Superfund Working Group Meeting
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	EPA Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Grant Programs for Tribes - How to Write Award-Winning Applications
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Responsible Disposal of Appliances and Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning systems (MVACs): Helps Ozone Layer and Climate Systems
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Identification & Initial Assessment of Mobile Methamphetamines Labs on Tribal Lands



# Detailed Agenda ~ Tuesday, August 24

Time	Topic	Location
7:30 - 8:30 am	<b>Registration &amp; Coffee</b>	<b>Presidential Ballroom Foyer</b>
	Registration is also available from 4:00pm to 6:00 pm on Monday evening.	
8:30 - 9:30 am	<b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<b>Presidential Ballroom</b>
	Daniel J. Tucker, Chairman, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation Mehrdad Khatibi, Interim Director, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Danford Wadsworth, Hopi Tribe, Steering Committee Chair, Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)	
10:00 - 12:00 pm	<b>US EPA and Tribal Plenary Panel</b>	<b>Presidential Ballroom</b>
	<b>Details:</b> A panel of experts, with experience in both the federal and tribal arenas, will discuss US EPA goals and tribal priorities across Indian Country, as well as answer questions submitted by attendees prior to the forum. For more information on the panelists, please see the biography section of the forum booklet. <b>Panelists:</b> Mathy Stanislaus, Assistant Administrator, US EPA OSWER Jared Blumenfeld, Administrator, US EPA Region 9 Michelle DePass, Assistant Administrator, US EPA Office of International and Tribal Affairs Dean Suagee, Hobbs Straus Dean & Walker LLP James W. Ransom, JWR Consulting John Persell, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe <b>Moderator:</b> Bill Auberle, Northern Arizona University	
12:00 - 1:30 pm	<b>Lunch - On Your Own</b>	
1:30 - 3:00 pm	<b>Tribal Success Stories</b>	<b>Presidential Ballroom</b>
	<b>Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community Brownfields Assessment Project</b> <b>Details:</b> Overview of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Environmental Protection & Natural Resources Department, including their Solid and Hazardous Waste Programs as well as an overview of their current Brownsfield project. A video highlighting the cleanup work done by SRPMIC will be shown. <b>Presenter:</b> Ondrea Barber, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community	



### **Successful Solid Waste Demonstration Projects in Rural Alaska**

**Details:** Taking a look back at successful 2009 Tribal demonstration projects in rural Alaska, there are exemplary projects that could be replicated or modified by Tribes within Alaska or elsewhere. Attendees will be provided a detailed account of recycling education and outreach projects in Cordova and Tetlin.

**Presenter:** AJ Salkoski, Rural Alaska Community Action Program

**Moderator:** Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo

# Detailed Agenda ~ Tuesday, August 24



**Mathy V. Stanislaus**  
**Assistant Administrator, USEPA**  
**Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response**



Mr. Stanislaus joins the Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Tribal Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response, Contaminated Sites and USTs to address tribal program issues and relationships between EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) and tribal governments.

Mathy Stanislaus began work as Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response after being confirmed by the U.S. Senate on June 8, 2009.

As Assistant Administrator for OSWER, Mr. Stanislaus is responsible for EPA's programs on hazardous and solid waste management, hazardous waste cleanup including RCRA corrective action, Superfund and federal facilities cleanup and redevelopment, Brownfields, oil spill prevention and response, chemical accident prevention and preparedness, underground storage tanks, and emergency response.

Prior to assuming the position of Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, Mr. Stanislaus co-founded, and co-directed the New Partners for Community Revitalization, a NY not-for-profit organization whose mission is to advance the renewal of New York's low and moderate income neighborhoods and communities of color through the redevelopment of Brownfields sites. In collaboration with community, commercial, government and nonprofit partners, Mr. Stanislaus led the development of policies, programs and projects aimed at achieving the remediation and sustainable reuse of Brownfields sites in New York. He is a former counsel for EPA's Region 2, senior environmental associate in the environmental department of the law firm Huber Lawrence & Abell and director of environmental compliance for an environmental consulting firm. He has served on the board of the NYC Environmental Justice Alliance.

Mr. Stanislaus has also been an advisor to other federal government agencies, Congress and the United Nations on a variety of environmental issues. He chaired a workgroup of the United States Environmental Protection Agency in 1997 that investigated the clustering of waste transfer stations in low income and communities of color throughout the United States. In June 1994, as a member of United Nations Environment Programme - Environmental Advisory Council, he served as counsel to the United Nations' summit that examined environmental issues affecting New York's indigenous communities of the Haudosaunee Confederacy, as part of United Nations' International Year of the Indigenous Communities.

Time	Topic	Location
<b>3:30 - 4:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Federal Resources Panel</b>  <b>Details:</b> During the Federal Agency Resources Panel plenary session, representatives associated with several different federal agencies will share information about their programs pertaining to solid &amp; hazardous waste management, contaminated sites, emergency response, and/or related environmental management programs. The session will include a panel discussion to help tribal representatives in the audience make connections between available federal resources and specific tribal program needs, and where to go for further information.</p> <p><b>Panelists:</b>                      Tom Clawson, US Department of Energy, Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program                      David Lloyd, Director, US EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization                      Jacqueline Ponti-Lazaruk, Assistant Administrator, USDA Water and Environment Programs                      Jonathon Rash, District Engineer, Indian Health Service                      David Sanborn, Senior Tribal Liaison, US Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary of Defense</p>	<b>Presidential Ballroom</b>
<b>4:30 - 5:30 pm</b>	<p><b>Ice Cream Social</b>  <b>Details:</b> Federal staff will be available to talk about funding and resources.</p>	<b>Presidential Ballroom Foyer</b>



# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25

8:00 ~ 8:30 am ..... Registration and Coffee ..... 8:00 ~ 8:30 am  
~ Presidential Ballroom Foyer ~

8:30 ~ 10:00 am ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 8:30 ~ 10:00 am

## Solid and Hazardous Waste

~ Presidential Salon B~

**Title:** Creating & Operating a Sustainable Solid Waste Program

**Details:** The participants will learn about a successful model for developing and executing a solid waste management program. In addition to presenting information about the model, examples of how the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe has used the model to sustain their program will be included. After the presentations, the participants will have a definition for sustainability, know how to use the model either to develop their own program or make improvements to their existing programs.

**Presenter:** Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

**Title:** Sustainable Landfill Equipment and Solid Waste Collection Program

**Details:** This session will present the economics of acquiring, renting, and/or buying landfill equipment and the importance of maintaining it. We will discuss why it is important to establish a collection program, including the benefits of minimizing the traffic in and out of the landfill and site control by having a trained person placing the waste in the correct places the first time.

**Presenter:** Ted Jacobson, Senior Service American Inc., Senior Environmental Employment Programs (SSAI/SEE), Alaska

**Moderator:** Tim Kent, Quapaw Tribe

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## Contaminated Sites / Renewable Energy

~ Presidential Salon D~

**Title:** RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mining Sites

**Details:** This presentation will explore EPA's initiative, RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Lands and Mining Sites. The presentation will include a discussion of the tools and resources that will assist in the development of renewable energy projects at EPA-tracked sites such as brownfields, mining sites and other underutilized properties on tribal lands. These facilities can help tribes contribute to a more sustainable energy future, meet state renewable portfolio standards (RPS), create local green jobs, and result in the clean up and reuse of underutilized brownfield property. This presentation will also provide a case study of EPA and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) efforts to develop a solar project on McKinley Mine, which is on Navajo Nation land in New Mexico. Coal production was suspended in 2009, and remediation efforts are currently underway. The presentation will provide information on how EPA and NTUA are advancing the project.

**Presenters:** Brigid Lowery, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Andria Benner, EPA Region 9; Terry Battiest, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

**Title:** Taking On Climate Change: Renewable Energy Projects at the Pueblo of Jemez

**Details:** Governor Madalena will discuss the impacts of climate change on the culture of the Jemez People and their response in the form of tribally-owned, commercial-scale renewable energy projects.

**Presenter:** Joshua Madalena, Governor of Jemez Pueblo

**Moderator:** Brigid Lowery, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response



# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25



8:30 - 10:00 am ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 8:30 - 10:00 am

## Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

~ Executive Room ~

**Title:** USTs for Us: How to Design and Implement a Successful UST Management Plan

**Details:** Participants will be given an introduction to a UST system: the equipment, regulatory requirements and best practices to achieve and maintain compliance with EPA and tribal UST regulations. Binders will be available to participants to assist in keeping track of required UST paperwork. Participants will receive introductory training on safety, how to design and implement a compliance management plan for their UST facility through hands-on activity and information will be available on additional resources. Discussion will include the new EPA UST regulations and how they will affect tribes. Participants are encouraged to bring their specific UST questions. No prior knowledge of UST systems is required and if participants have experiences or expertise in the field we can all learn from them!

**Presenters:** Pinu'u Stout and Jeremy Yepa, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council

**Title:** Case Study: Clean up of the Burnham Mine Diesel Spill Burnham, New Mexico

**Details:** This session will provide an overview on the diesel spill that contaminated the groundwater and the coal in Burnham, New Mexico. Previous methods of cleanup were not aggressive and a different approach was implemented after negotiations with the coal company. Participants will learn the process of site evaluation, negotiations of clean-up levels, remedial methods, and community acceptance.

**Presenter:** Henry Haven, Jr., Navajo Nation

**Moderator:** Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo

## Cross Media / National Policy

~ Presidential Salon A ~

**Title:** EPA Policy on Consultation & Coordination with Indian Tribes

**Details:** EPA is currently developing an Agency-wide Tribal Consultation and Coordination Policy in order to fulfill the recent directive from President Obama (Nov. 5, 2009 memo) and to fully comply with Executive Order 13175. EPA's Policy will ensure consistency, transparency and accountability in the consultation process across the Agency. This session will offer a panel discussion that highlights the national policy as well as OSWER specific plans. We will invite comments and feedback from all Tribes.

**Presenter:** Dianne Briggs, EPA American Indian Environmental Office

**Moderator:** Felicia Wright, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

## Cross Media / Community Engagement

~ Presidential Salon C ~

**Title:** Successes in Tribal Partnerships

**Details:** The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Office of Environmental Technical Assistance will present on Successful Tribal Partnerships we had through collaborations with various entities on different programs and projects for Tribal Solid Waste Issues.

**Presenters:** Sage Deon and Margaret Chavez, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council

**Title:** Shiprock EPA Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Project

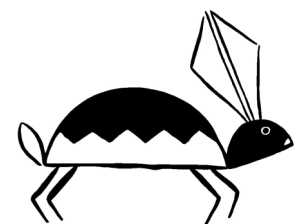
**Details:** Diné College – Shiprock Campus, Diné Environmental Institute received a USEPA grant, in partnership with the Diné Policy Institute. Stakeholders were engaged in a collaborative dialogue to identify environmental toxins and their impacts to the Shiprock community. These Stakeholders included health care providers, regulatory agencies, agricultural interests, remedial programs, political officials and nonprofit organizations, as well as other entities with vested interests in the Community such as power plant operators, oil and gas companies and other energy providers. The goal of the project was to create an effective, long-term partnership which can take action, mobilize resources and, through additional funding and voluntary actions, improve the environmental quality of the Community.

Unique to this project is the integration of Western research and educational practices with traditional Navajo values, Natural, Traditional, Customary, and Common laws (as found in the Navajo Nation Tribal Code,) and principles to make recommendations to Navajo Nation policy-makers. The Diné Policy Institute is instrumental in presenting training and guidance on the use of culturally sensitive information and integrating Diné educational philosophy into the project.

The usage of students in assisting in the research and assessment of the issues identified by the Stakeholders was a key component of the project. Their ongoing assistance will enable us to develop a cohesive summary of environmental and health concerns to determine risks to the Community.

**Presenter:** Perry Charley, Diné College

**Moderator:** Virginia LeClere, Prairie Band of Potawatomi







# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25

10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

## Solid and Hazardous Waste

~ Presidential Salon B~

**Title:** Illegal Dumping “Cause, Effect and Prosecution”

**Details:** Participants will learn of the issues of illegal dumping throughout Indian lands and the threat it poses to Native People, our Cultural sites, livestock, wild animals, the land and waterways. The expected outcome will be for the participants to learn and share causes and effects of illegal dumping, ways to control illegal dumping within their communities, changing behavior and attitude towards trash and recycling and making contact with solid waste professionals to assist in this ongoing battle to save our lands.

**Presenters:** Corp. Richard Sichling and Sgt. Sheldon Johns, Gila River Police Department

**Title:** Open Dump Inventory: Issues and Implications

**Details:** A new draft report by Indian Health Services identifies over 3500 open dumps reported by the 572 federally recognized tribes and villages, and the number could be growing. This number is three times what was reported in a similar report over 10 years ago. With not near enough funding to adequately address open dumps nationally even 7 generations will never see the closure of all the open dumps. This session will discuss the implications of the pending report to Congress and steps for tribes to consider in response to the inventory.

**Presenters:** Charles Bearfighter Reddoor, EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery; Captain Dana Baer, Indian Health Service; Kami Snowden, Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network

**Moderator:** Tim Kent, Quapaw Tribe

## Contaminated Sites

~ Presidential Salon A~

**Title:** The Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program

**Details:** The Navajo Nation encompasses approximately 27,000 square miles in the states of New Mexico, Arizona and Utah. The Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program (NAMLRP) has been active in environmental stewardships through our Abandoned Mine Land (AML) reclamation and a cooperative agreement with the Department of Energy on the Uranium Mills Tailings Remediation Act (UMTRA) sites. Our program is also active in the infrastructure and economic development through our Public Facilities Program (PFP) where we assist the local and chapter communities.

NAMLRP, Navajo Nation Division of Natural Resources, under the authority of the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act (SMCRA) of 1977, Department of Interior, is authorized to address Navajo Tribal Trust Lands that have been impacted by past mineral mining activities. A major eligibility factor is that these lands must have been abandoned prior to August 3, 1977 and/or left in an inadequate reclamation status.

We will give a presentation on our reclamation efforts, plans for our upcoming long-term monitoring of the mine sites, request for further technical and technology assistance and partnerships.

**Presenters:** Melvin H. Yazzie and Rose M. Grey, Navajo Nation

**Moderator:** Janice Sims, EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

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# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25



10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 10:30 am ~ 12:00 pm

## Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

~ Executive Room ~

**Title:** Obtaining Federal Credentials in Indian Country  
**Details:** Tom McClure, the Underground Storage Tank/Leaking Underground Storage Tank (UST/LUST) Program Manager for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, currently inspects all UST facilities on behalf of the US EPA. Mr. McClure will discuss the process he went through to obtain federal inspection credentials for USTs and how this has aided him in protecting tribal land.

**Presenter:** Tom McClure, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation

**Title:** Model Demonstration of a Leaking Underground Storage Tank

**Details:** Janet M. White Bull-Frazier, the EPA/DER UST Coordinator for the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, will present a model demonstration of a Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST). Ms. White Bull-Frazier uses this model as a very effective tool in community education and outreach, helping tribal members understand the risks associated with LUSTs.

**Presenter:** Janet M. White Bull-Frazier, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

**Moderator:** Bill Lienesch, EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks

## Emergency Response

~ Presidential Salon D ~

**Title:** Radiation Emergencies – Preparing for Response  
**Details:** Responding to an emergency where radioactive materials are present or to a transportation accident with radioactive materials involved can be a frightening experience for responders who are unfamiliar with the possible hazards involved. This session will begin with basic information on radiation, the types of radiological materials you might encounter in your community, then continues with materials that are commonly transported; the hazards they pose; and signs that alert you to the presence of radioactive materials. The session will also include discussions and hands-on demonstrations on how to package, treat, and transport patients that are radiologically contaminated or have been irradiated. Model Procedures and Planning Guidance will also be provided to participants. No prior knowledge or skills are required to attend this session.

**Presenter:** Tom Clawson, US DOE, Transportation Emergency Preparedness Program

**Moderator:** Nick Nichols, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

## Greening Casinos

~ Presidential Salon C ~

**Title:** Green Casinos: The Path to Maximizing Sustainability and Profits

**Details:** The session will highlight the benefits of operating a green casino that maximizes both sustainability and profit. Green casinos incorporate a variety of green building concepts and operation techniques that maximize energy savings and indoor air quality, minimize garbage, food waste, and water use, and provide a healthy environment for both workers and customers. The session will provide participants an introduction to conducting environmental assessments for casino operations as well as identifying pollution prevention strategies in both the planning and operation phases.

**Presenter:** Heather White, EPA Region 9

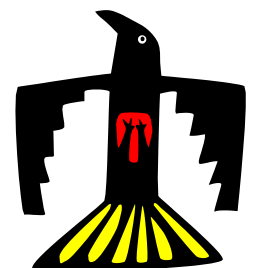
**Title:** The Effects of Recycling on Our Air: Pechanga Resort and Casino's Green Team Case Study

**Details:** The presentation discusses the effects of global warming and how recycling can prevent those effects/emissions. A case study of the Pechanga Resort and Casino's Green Team's Recycling project is presented along with education and outreach ideas. The presentation offers information on how to start a program and obstacles that may occur.

**Presenters:** Syndi Smallwood and Helen Waquiu Salazar, Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians

**Moderator:** Virginia LeClere, Prairie Band of Potawatomi

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# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25

1:30 ~ 3:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

## Contaminated Sites ~ Executive Room~

**Title:** The Quapaw Tribe's Role in the Facilitation of the OU4 ROD at Tar Creek Superfund Site  
**Details:** This case study examines the Tribe's role as the primary stakeholder in the cleanup and long-term land-use decisions that have been made regarding the Tar Creek site. It also summarizes the evolution of the Tribe's role from neglected stakeholder to the stakeholder that eventually helped drive the cleanup goals and overall remedy chosen for the mining-affected land at the Site.

Bill Auberle and Dr. Karen Jarratt-Snider will provide a brief update on how the Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program is working with the Quapaw Tribe to present details of the project to other Tribes that will assist them with progress on future Superfund projects.

**Presenters:** Tim Kent, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma; Bill Auberle and Dr. Karen Jarratt-Snider, Northern Arizona University

**Title:** Reasonably Foreseeable Future Land Use (RFFLU) on the Spokane Indian Reservation

**Details:** The talk will describe how RFFLU and Tribal Government involvement shaped the ROD for the Midnite Uranium Mine, Spokane Indian Reservation, Washington.

**Presenter:** Dr. Fred Kirschner, AESE, Inc.

**Moderators:** Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo and Jason White, Inter-Tribal Environmental Council

## Solid Waste ~ Presidential Salon B ~

**Title:** Implementing Solid Waste Fee Structures: Nondalton, Alaska Case Study

**Details:** This session includes the ordinance processes from conception to policy for solid waste services applied in Nondalton, Alaska. This example utilizes the approach of combining utilities on a priority basis to enforce the collection of solid waste user fees. This includes the applied and current fee structure utilized in Nondalton.

**Presenter:** DaWayne Constantine, Summit Consulting Services, Inc.

**Title:** Developing Your Fee Structure

**Details:** This session will include an overview of specific budget items you will want to consider when developing your fee structure.

**Presenter:** Ted Jacobson, Senior Service American Inc., Senior Environmental Employment Programs (SSAI/SEE), Alaska

**Moderator:** Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

## Cross Media / Community Engagement ~ Presidential Salon A~

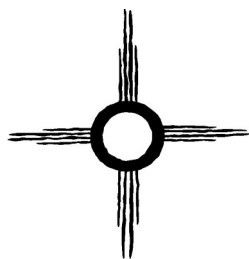
**Title:** Community Engagement and Collaboration for Sustainable Communities

**Details:** This session will focus on three different, but related, EPA initiatives that are aimed at improving community awareness, health, and participation related to environmental risks and EPA's site cleanup and waste regulatory programs. The panel will discuss how tribes can participate in and benefit from activities planned under OSWER's Community Engagement Initiative, the Federal Partnership for Sustainable Communities (HUD, DOT and EPA initiated federal partnership to include other agencies), and an Environmental Justice Collaborative Approach. The session will highlight how tribal government and stakeholder coordination and collaboration can enhance the environment, public health, and other quality of life issues of interest to tribes.

**Presenters:** Ellen Manges, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Felicia Wright, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response; Daniel Gogal, EPA Office of Environmental Justice

**Moderator:** Daniel Gogal, EPA Office of Environmental Justice

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# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25



1:30 ~ 3:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 1:30 ~ 3:00 pm

## Green Cleanup / Underground Storage Tanks (USTs)

~ Presidential Salon D~

**Title:** Incorporating Green Approaches in Cleanup Activities

**Details:** Green Remediation is: considering all environmental effects of remedy implementation and incorporating options to minimize the environmental footprints of a cleanup. OSWER issued a Green Cleanup Policy in the Fall of 2009. This session will introduce participants to concepts of Green Cleanups, bring them up to date on the policies and tools that have become available for their use (such as best management practices factsheets, information on potential for using renewable energy in various locations, etc), and provide several examples of green approaches (including examples on tribal lands). The session will include a few project managers that have worked at sites incorporating green cleanup approaches, and there will be time designated for discussion and questions and answers at the end.

**Presenters:** Sara Rasmussen, EPA RCRA Corrective Action Program; Others TBA

**Title:** Green Remediation and LUST Sites in Region 8 in Indian Country

**Details:** EPA Region 8 is testing a green remediation technology based on Microbial Fuel Cell (MFC) technology. In conventional applications, MFCs generate electricity by harnessing bacterial metabolism to generate electrons and directing their flow from an anode to a cathode. In the proposed application, an anode is created in the subsurface and a cathode is created on the surface by installing a conductive metal rod and wire between the surface and groundwater interface. The circuit is completed when bacteria metabolize hydrocarbons, release electrons to the anode, and the electrons flow to the cathode where they combine with oxygen to produce a small amount of water. With this approach, a perpetual electron acceptor is left in the field to promote the biodegradation of contaminants. Since most bioremediation projects are electron acceptor limited, this is a way to provide electron acceptors without having to inject an oxygen releasing compound or operating a mechanical air injection system. Results from laboratory and field testing at a petroleum contaminated site will be presented. The participants will benefit from knowledge of this green remediation technology to apply at other remediation sites in Indian Country.

**Presenters:** Janice Pearson, EPA R8; Randy Bettelyoun, Oglala Sioux Tribe

**Moderator:** Bill Lienesch, EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks

## Brownfields

~ Presidential Salon C~

**Title:** Land Revitalization: Innovative Uses of the Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program

**Details:** The purpose of the session is to demonstrate how the Targeted Brownfields Assessment (TBA) can be used on tribal lands to support land reuse decision making. Case studies will be presented to show innovative uses of the TBA to address contaminated or adversely impacted land. Attendees will gain a fuller understanding of how Brownfields assessments are done to support land reuse, redevelopment, or ecological revitalization. This session is open to anyone who has an interest in turning blighted property into a viable economic or environmental community asset. By interacting with the presenter(s), the attendee will have the opportunity to discuss site specific issues to determine the feasibility of the program's usage for blighted property in that community. Attendees are encouraged to bring their ideas for discussion. When the session is over, the attendee will have learned how to access the TBA program resources to put contaminated or perceived contaminated property back into beneficial reuse.

**Presenters:** Carolyn J. Douglas, M.S. and Glenn Kistner, EPA R9; Janet Bollmann, Gila River Indian Community; Matt Beirne, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

**Moderator:** Janice Sims, EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

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# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25

3:30 ~ 5:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 3:30 ~ 5:00 pm

## Program Management: Emergency Response / Solid Waste ~ Presidential Salon C~

**Title:** Multi-Jurisdiction Emergency Response and Clean-up Tabletop Exercise

**Details:** On May 6, 2010, the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe, along with the EPA and the Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, will conduct a multi-jurisdictional Emergency Response and Hazardous Materials Cleanup Tabletop exercise. This exercise will include invitees from tribal, state and federal agencies, including the EPA, the Mille Lacs Band DNR/E, the Mille Lacs Band Emergency Response, the Mille Lacs Band TERC, US Fish and Wildlife, Aitkin County Sheriff's Office, McGregor Fire Department, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Services, Minnesota Department of Health, US Coast Guard, Aitkin County Public Health, and many others. This proposed panel will allow the Mille Lacs Band to present how multi-jurisdictional cooperation can be effective in Indian Country during emergency preparedness. This panel will discuss the lessons learned by all parties during this tabletop exercise as well as show how to incorporate exercises of a similar nature into an Emergency Response Program. This will be a beginner discussion with no limits on skills needed for participants.

**Presenter:** Jammie Thomas-Rasset and Monte Fronk, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians

**Title:** Managing a Multifaceted Solid Waste Program

**Details:** Gerald Wagner will provide the audience an overview of what it takes to manage and operate a solid waste program, including how to write a budget, the need for an Integrated Solid Waste Management Program, starting a recycling program, the in's and out's of dealing with Federal, State, and local agencies, code development, and fee schedules. The participants will learn that solid waste problems were not created overnight and you will not be able to solve them overnight. With the right knowledge and resources they will be able to manage solid waste issues on their respective lands and know they are not alone in their struggles to manage the sometimes overwhelming monster known as trash.

**Presenter:** Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Nation

**Moderator:** Charles Reddoor, EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery



## Contaminated Sites ~ Executive Room~

**Title:** Protecting our Native Waters through Monitoring and Assessment

**Details:** Ms. White Eagle has been monitoring physical habitats and benthic macroinvertebrate data in order to determine the most effective methods to preserve cultural and spiritual values on her reservation. She will discuss how the Fort Peck Assiniboine Sioux Tribes have fully integrated cultural priorities in their approaches to protecting tribal lands and waters.

**Presenter:** Sandra White Eagle, Fort Peck Assiniboine-Sioux Tribes

**Title:** Hydrogeological Characterization and Modeling at Tar Creek Superfund Site

**Details:** This session will present the approach to modeling groundwater flow through mining networks and surrounding aquifers at Tar Creek Superfund site; modeling results; conceptual models; how computer modeling can help a Tribe better understand the dynamics of hydrogeology and flow of contaminated water.

**Presenter:** James A. Luedecke, Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma

**Moderator:** Bob Myers, EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response

## Mining ~ Presidential Salon A~

**Title:** Mining 101: Managing the Environmental and Socio-economic Impacts of Modern Hard Rock Mining & Discussion of Upcoming Rulemaking

**Details:** EPA will conduct a Mining 101 session which will describe the actual and anticipated environmental and socioeconomic impacts associated with operating gold, copper and uranium mining. We will discuss the range of options to mitigate some of the impacts. We will introduce best practices. We will present information by mine type and will frequently work with the audience to seek their practical experience with each type of mine. We will assure that enough time is given at the end of each sub session to answer questions.

**Presenters:** Stephen Hoffman, USEPA National Mining Team and John Hillenbrand, EPA R9 Superfund

**Moderator:** Stephen Hoffman, USEPA National Mining Team

# Detailed Agenda ~ Wednesday, August 25



3:30 ~ 5:00 pm ..... Breakout Sessions ..... 3:30 ~ 5:00 pm

## Recycling & Household Hazardous Waste / Outreach

~ Presidential Salon B~

**Title:** Be a Recycle Ranger

**Details:** The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Office of Environmental Technical Assistance will present on their newly developed Recycle Ranger curriculum that they are using to increase recycling in Pueblo and Tribal communities. The session will provide the audience education on recycling and becoming a Recycle Ranger for their Tribal Community.

**Presenter:** Sage Deon, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council

**Title:** Storing Household Hazardous Waste and Recycling in Rural Alaska - Igiugig

**Details:** The handling and proper storage/recycling of household hazardous wastes (HHW) are an ongoing challenge and concern in rural Alaska. Among the most dangerous of HHW being burned is light bulbs containing mercury. Mercury does not disappear when exposed to the ecosystem. Most Alaskan villages are located on or near water sheds and mercury being disposed in open landfills ends up in fish, birds and other large mammals that are then eaten by subsistence users. Understanding what exactly are HHW's and the effect they have on our natural resources is the first step in preserving our land. Once we are educated on the effects and have the drive to learn more and educate our community, the longer we can preserve and protect the lives of our Alaskan Native people and the plants and animals we eat for survival. Igiugig Village Council currently has an extremely active recycling program. With funds from EPA, Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling, and donations from local airlines, we are capable of recycling and backhauling aluminum, lead acid and alkaline batteries, e-waste and household hazardous wastes. This not only lengthens the life of our landfill, but keeps the surrounding groundwater cleaner as well. Those who listen to my presentation will better understand the challenges we face in rural Alaska.

**Presenter:** Christina Salmon-Wassillie, Igiugig Tribal Village Council

**Moderator:** Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe

## Brownfields

~ Presidential Salon D~

**Title:** Tribal Petroleum Brownfields

**Details:** EPA would like to expand the pool of tribal applicants for petroleum brownfields grants with the hope that more tribes can receive petroleum brownfields funding and increase revitalization of abandoned gas station sites in Indian country. This session will 1) Present the unique nature of petroleum brownfields in Indian Country, 2) Define the unique challenges of redevelopment in Indian Country, and 3) Identify solutions to meeting the challenges.

**Presenters:** Victoria Flowers, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin; Bill Lienesch, EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks; Tom McClure, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation; Janice Sims, EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization

**Moderator:** Victoria Flowers, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

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5:00 ~ 6:30p m ..... Evening Reception ..... 5:00 ~ 6:30 pm

~ The Palm Court ~

Native American PowWow Drum Group: Green River  
Closing Remarks, Poster Presentations, and Raffle





# Detailed Agenda ~ Thursday, August 26

Time	Topic	Location
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	<b>HAZWOPER 8-Hour Refresher</b>	<b>Presidential Salon C</b>
	<p><b>Details:</b> Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) 8-Hour Refresher: This training meets the requirements for eight hours of annual refresher training for workers at hazardous waste sites. This course is designed for general site workers who may be exposed to hazardous substances or health hazards. Topics will include HAZWOPER regulations, safety and health plans, hazardous chemicals, safety hazards, air monitoring, site control, decontamination, and personal protective equipment.</p> <p>The format for the first four hours of training is for individuals who are likely to witness or discover a hazardous substance release and who have been trained to initiate an emergency response sequence by notifying the proper authorities. These individuals would take no further action after notification. This is geared for those individuals who are engaged in emergency response no matter where it occurs, except that it does not cover those who are engaged in operations involving hazardous substances at controlled or uncontrolled designated hazardous waste sites (EPA NPL, Superfund, RCRA sites, etc.).</p> <p>To be certified for HAZWOPER 8-hour Refresher, <u>participants must attend all day and bring proof of completing the 40 Hour HAZWOPER course or proof of the most recent 8-hour Refresher.</u></p> <p><b>Instructors:</b> Jim Biddle and L.T. Green, Northern Arizona University</p>	
9:00 am– 5:00 pm	<b>Establishing a 128(a) Tribal Response Program</b>	<b>Presidential Salon D</b>
	<p><b>Details:</b> This training will present the basic elements, requirements and purpose of the 128(a) Tribal Response Program (TRP) and the initial steps in establishing a Tribal Response Program to address brownfields and other releases of hazardous substances in Indian Country. Tribal staff members will assist in presenting the materials and share their experiences. This training will also be useful to tribes that are currently establishing and implementing a TRP. Participants are encouraged to share their experiences as well.</p> <p>Topics will include: 1) Purpose and Scope of the TRP, 2) The 4 Basic Elements of the TRP, 3) The Public Record and Institutional Controls, and 4) Establishing a TRP.</p> <p><b>Instructors:</b> Mickey Hartnett, Midwest Assistance Program          Jeff Catches Enemy, TRP Technician, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, SD          Cynthia Antelope, TRP Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, ND          Janet Frazier, UST Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ft. Yates, ND          Philip Lenoir, Tribal EPA C&amp;E Officer, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa, Belcourt, ND          Lyle Gwin, TRP Coordinator, Three Affiliated Tribes, Ft. Berthold, ND          Sherry Bishop, TRP Coordinator, Ft. Belknap Indian Community, Harlem, MT</p>	
9:00 am– 5:00 pm	<b>Solid Waste Education—Talkin’ Trash</b>	<b>Presidential Salon B</b>
	<p><b>Details:</b> Each individual generates trash and makes decisions about what to do with the trash, therefore to completely address trash, education of the community members is an essential component. This all-day session will introduce educational activities in composting, source reduction, recycling, and protection of land and water. The session will include an introduction to curriculum and science kits that are available to help tribal environmental professionals or educators implement a solid waste education program or in other words – trash talking. All curriculum and science kits will help educators teach to the national and state science standards.</p> <p>Some sample curricular materials include: 1) Environmental Protection - Native American Lands, A Cultural Approach to Integrated Environmental Studies Grades 1 to 12, 2) Science Education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP) – Waste Disposal: Computers and The Environment, 3) Science Education for Public Understanding Program (SEPUP) - Chemistry, Health, Environmental and Me (CHEM), 4) Additional EPA materials, and 5) Additional ADEQ materials.</p> <p><b>Instructor:</b> Mansel Nelson, Tribal Environmental Education Outreach Program Senior Program Coordinator, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals</p>	



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Time	Topic	Location
8:00 am- 12:00 pm	<b>Tribal Superfund Working Group Meeting</b> <b>Details:</b> The Tribal Superfund Working Group provides a forum for tribes and EPA to exchange information on issues arising from Superfund sites on or affecting tribal lands. In the past, the group met over a number of years but has not met recently. This meeting, as part of the ITEP Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, provides an opportunity for tribes to discuss issues together with EPA and look for future opportunities to carry on discussions and interactions regarding Superfund issues. The goals for this meeting are to identify individuals who are interested in participating in the Tribal Superfund Working Group, hear tribal updates regarding various Superfund activities, discuss a few key issues including uranium mining, and prioritize issues for future discussion. <b>Moderator:</b> Bill Auberle, Northern Arizona University	<b>Congressional Room</b>
8:00 am- 12:00 pm	<b>HAZWOPER 8-Hour Refresher (no certification)</b> <b>Details:</b> The first four hours of the Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response (HAZWOPER) 8-Hour Refresher is for individuals who are likely to witness or discover a hazardous substance release and who have been trained to initiate an emergency response sequence by notifying the proper authorities. These individuals would take no further action after notification. This is geared for those individuals that are engaged in emergency response no matter where it occurs, except that it does not cover those who are engaged in operations involving hazardous substances at controlled or uncontrolled designated hazardous waste sites (EPA NPL, Superfund, RCRA sites, etc.). If you are attending the 8:00am – 12:00pm portion of the training only, you will not receive HAZWOPER refresher certification. <b>Instructors:</b> Jim Biddle and L.T. Green, Northern Arizona University	<b>Presidential Salon C</b>
8:00 am- 12:00 pm	<b>UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel</b> <b>Details:</b> The Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support (UST CATS) Program provides a UST Compliance Awareness training for Tribal Personnel. The training targets audience of Tribal Environmental Departments, Division of Natural Resources, Fire Departments, Economic Development, Tribal Council, and other necessary personnel who could make important decisions necessary regarding underground storage tanks on tribal lands or report suspicious USTs impacts. The training topics include: history of USTs, UST federal requirements, definition of USTs, UST ownership, UST compliance, and UST hazards and dangers to the environment and human health. <b>Instructors:</b> Roland T Chester, Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.	<b>Executive Room</b>

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# Detailed Agenda ~ Thursday, August 26

Time	Topic	Location
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	<p><b>EPA Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Grant Programs for Tribes</b></p> <p><b>How to Write Award Winning Applications!</b></p> <p><b>Details:</b> EPA staff and Tribal Representatives will offer grant writing training focused on EPA's Tribal Solid Waste Management Assistance Project (TSWMAP) and Tribal Hazardous Waste Management Assistance (THWMA) Grants.</p> <p>Charles Bearfighter Reddoor will present grant writing tips that will assist tribes with writing stronger and more competitive grant applications. In addition, this presentation will lay out the differences between the solid and hazardous waste grant programs, as well as identify common mistakes that can often lead to a lower application score.</p> <p>Roger Hancock will be going over the TSWMAP Guidelines to help tribes better understand the elements and write a stronger, more competitive proposal to increase their chances of being selected for funding.</p> <p>Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe, will share the grant writing approach and model that she uses to secure funding through grants. Specifically, Laura will discuss how she has used this approach and model to secure funding through EPA's TSWMAP Grant and THWMA Grant funding programs. Participants will receive copies of Laura's successful funded proposals for both programs.</p> <p>Virginia LeClere, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, will present on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's utilization of the TSWMAP Grant and THWMA Grant funding to support a comprehensive solid waste management program. Some of the key accomplishments resulting from the TSWMA, THWMA, and Prairie Band Potawatomi collaboration, include the development of an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, establishment of an open dump characterization process, initiation of a waste disposal and curbside recycling service, and facilitation of hazardous waste management training for the workplace.</p> <p><b>Instructors:</b> Charles Bearfighter Reddoor, National Tribal Program Coordinator, EPA Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery; Roger Hancock, USEPA Region 6; Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe; Virginia LeClere, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation</p>	Presidential Salon A

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8:00 am– 12:00 pm

**Responsible Disposal of Appliances and Motor Vehicle Air Conditioning systems (MVACs): Helps Ozone Layer and Climate Systems**

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**Details:** Disposing of refrigeration equipment such as refrigerators, air conditioners, and motor vehicle air conditioning systems (MVACs), Tribes should be aware that refrigerant-containing appliances may have ozone-depleting substances (ODS) which are high global warming gases (high-GHGs) or ODS substitutes that are also high-GHGs. These substances affect the ozone layer and climate system. This training will cover the regulations, techniques, and equipment needed for the disposal of appliance and MVACs. Some ODS substances are also known as “Freon.” This session will also cover the larger scope of the cause and effect of the release of refrigerants. The first segment of the training will focus on the bigger picture including the Montreal Protocol, Clean Air Act, the science of ozone depletion, alternative refrigerants, current events, newest alternative refrigerants, CO2 and hydrocarbon refrigerants, and sun safety.

The second segment will address the regulations Tribes should be aware of when disposing of your refrigerator or air conditioner. A guest speaker from ESCO Institute, a 608 technician certification organization will lead the training on different types recovery devices for refrigerant removal, recovery techniques, recovery cylinders, safety, shipping and transportation of refrigerants and differences between stationary refrigeration and MVACs. A demonstration on refrigerant removal will also be conducted. The last segment will include training on EPA’s successful Responsible Appliance Disposal (RAD) program. Discussions will focus on safe disposal and end-of-life issues. The training will end with what to expect in the future when disposing of these appliances.

This training is useful to Tribes which work with servicing end-of-life of appliances, cars, refrigerants, air and solid waste issues.

**Instructors:** Monica Shimamura, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Guest Speaker from ESCO Institute

9:00 am- 12:00 pm

**Identification of Mobile Methamphetamine Labs on Tribal Lands**

**Senate Room**

**Details:** This short course is designed to train and educate tribal staff on the identification of clandestine methamphetamine labs that may be, or have been, operating on tribal lands. Discovery of these labs is becoming more frequent for tribes and this session, conducted by a professional drug task force detective, will illustrate the hazards involved and the appropriate responses to the discovery of meth labs. Learn how to recognize the signs of meth labs, using mock lab setups to help protect your community, workers, and environment.

**Instructor:** Curt Boyle, Washington State Patrol, Washington State Patrol Task Force





# Speaker Bios

## **Auberle, William**

William Auberle is a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Engineering, Forestry, and Natural Sciences at Northern Arizona University (NAU). He also serves as Research Director of the Landsward Institute (formerly Ecological Monitoring & Assessment Program). He teaches courses in environmental engineering, engineering design, and environmental laws and regulations. He continuously guides graduate and undergraduate research projects. As Co-Founder of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), Professor Auberle continues to take an active role in ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program, the Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program, and other projects. Professor Auberle maintains an active engineering practice as a Principal of EN3 Professionals, LLC.

## **Barber, Ondrea**

Ondrea Barber is the Manager of the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community's Environmental Protection and Natural Resources Protection Division. She has worked with tribal environmental programs for thirteen years in various capacities. Ms. Barber was responsible for the development of air quality, environmental outreach, lead and renewable energy programs during her time working for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, and also helped develop the air quality program for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation, prior to assuming her current position at SRPMIC. While working with tribal air and environmental programs, she was instrumental in developing numerous networking and training opportunities for Arizona tribes. She has helped to develop codes and pollution control measures for air pollutants, successfully obtained Treatment as a State (TAS) under the Clean Air Act, and is in the process of developing a Tribal Implementation Plan (TIP) for the tribe. Ms. Barber holds a BS in Integrative Studies, with emphases in Life Sciences and American Indian Studies from Arizona State University.

## **Battiest, Terry**

Terry Battiest is a renewable energy specialist for Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and is also working on the McKinley mine site.

## **Beirne, Matt**

Matt Beirne, B.S. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1988), M.S. Wildlife Biology, Michigan State University (1994) has been working with the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe since 1997. Beirne is currently an Environmental Coordinator addressing water system management, environmental management research, and overseeing environmental cleanup in Port Angeles Harbor. The Tribe has a three-party agreement which gives the Tribe concurrence in major decisions. The agreement is based on the fact the Tribe has resources on the site and co-management authority of fishery resources in Port Angeles Harbor.

## **Benner, Andria**

Andria Benner is a Remedial Project Manager (RPM) for EPA

Region 9 in San Francisco. She is working with the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) to explore the option of siting solar on the McKinley mine site.

## **Bettelyoun, Randy**

Randy Bettelyoun has over 15 years experience as an Underground Storage Tank (UST) Technician, as well as experience in UST compliance and Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Remediation. Mr. Bettelyoun works as the UST Program Manager for the Oglala Sioux Tribe and has an A.A. in Business and General Studies from the Oglala Lakota College. Randy received his certification in UST Removal Operations and Inspections Certified through Intertribal Council of Arizona. Since 1997 he oversaw the removal and cleanup of UST sites within Oglala reservation and has acquired not only classroom but also practical experience with the UST field. He also served in the Marine Corps from 1983 thru 1987.

## **Biddle, Jim**

Jim Biddle and L.T. Green provide environmental, health, and safety support for Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Collectively with over 40 years experience, they provide the university with appropriate hazardous waste collection and management support and prepare for proper disposal in accordance with EPA regulations. Also provided is the ability to monitor locations where chemicals are used to ensure the health and safety of exposed individuals and offer corrective action if warranted. Keeping HAZWOPER certification current allows rapid response and cleanup where chemical integrity is compromised during spills, etc. LT likes to fish and hunt during off-hours and Jim is more of a mountain biker.

## **Bishop, Sherry**

Sherry Bishop is an enrolled member of the Gros Ventre Tribe of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation. She has worked for the Fort Belknap Environmental Department since 1999. Sherry has approximately 10 ½ years of experience within the environmental field. Sherry has served the Fort Belknap Indian Community in various capacities within the Environmental Department, with approximately 9 years as the Brownfields Coordinator, 1 year as the Water Quality Specialist, and one-half year each as the Wetlands Coordinator, and as an Environmental Technician. In capacity as the Brownfields Coordinator, Sherry was instrumental in securing a Brownfields Assessment Grant, Brownfields Job Training Grant, a Brownfields Tribal Response Grant for six consecutive years, and an Integrated Solid Waste Cleanup Grant. Sherry has worked for Blaine County Mosquitoes since 1999 on a seasonal basis. She is actively involved in West Nile virus research within the county. In 2009, Sherry received a Bachelor of Science degree from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT in Environmental Studies. She is pursuing graduate studies in Industrial Hygiene online in order to increase her knowledge of contaminants and their effects in the work place. The work that Sherry has performed in the past with Brownfields site assessments, coupled with her studies in



Industrial Hygiene will better equip her and increase her knowledge to better serve her community.

## **Blumenfeld, Jared**

Jared Blumenfeld became Regional Administrator of US EPA Region 9 in January 2010. The Pacific Southwest Region encompasses California, Arizona, Hawaii, Nevada, the Pacific Islands, and over 140 Tribal Nations. Before becoming Regional Administrator, Mr. Blumenfeld was the Director of the San Francisco Department of the Environment where he spent eight years as the primary environmental decision-maker for 28,000 city staff and a \$6.5 billion budget. He also managed the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department which oversaw 242 world-class parks and recreational centers including facilities such as Golden Gate Park, Candlestick Park, and Harding Park PGA golf course. He is a founder of the Business Council on Climate Change, an organization that unites local businesses around the challenge of climate change. His varied experiences also include overseeing the Treasure Island Redevelopment Authority, leading the first United Nations World Environment Day hosted by the United States, directing international initiatives to protect 8 million acres of wildlife habitat and editing an annual report on international environmental case law at Cambridge University. Mr. Blumenfeld received his law degrees at the University of London and the University of California.

## **Bollmann, Janet**

Janet Bollmann, B.S. Chemical Engineering, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ (1995), has 13 years experience overseeing environmental projects with Arizona Department of Environmental Quality and Gila River Indian Community Department of Environmental Quality. Currently, Janet is responsible for oversight of the Underground Storage Tanks Program, assessment and oversight projects under the Brownfields 128(a) Tribal Response Program and Gila River's Voluntary Cleanup Program.

## **Briggs, Dianne**

Dianne Briggs, Associate Director, American Indian Environmental Office has 11+ years with EPA's Tribal Program.

## **Charley, Perry H.**

Perry H. Charley (Diné) has been with Diné College \_ Shiprock Campus since 2000 as the Director of the Uranium Education & Outreach Program, Diné Environmental Institute. A full blooded Navajo, Mr. Charley was born and raised in Northwest New Mexico, on the Navajo Nation. Mr. Charley has over 38 years of technical experiences in performing education, research (environmental, public health & psychosocial impacts), reclamation-remedial activities and legislative activities on impacts from past nuclear industries on Navajo lands. He has served on several US and Navajo EPA advisory committees. From 2002 to 2006, Mr. Charley served on the National Academy of Science's Committee on Improving Practices for Regulating and Managing Low-Activity Radioactive Wastes. He is currently the Principal investigator of sev-

eral research projects through the Diné environmental Institute, one being the Shiprock EPA CARE project.

## **Chavarria, Bernardino**

Bernardino Chavarria works as the Assistant Director for the Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Environmental Affairs in Northern New Mexico. The Pueblo faces many environmental issues from illegal dumping, PCB contamination in the Rio Grande and impacts to groundwater from the North Railroad Avenue Plume Superfund site. Mr. Chavarria serves as the Pueblo representative to the North Central Solid Waste Authority and the tribal co-chair alternate for Pueblo Governor Walter Dasheno to the EPA Region 6 Tribal Operations Committee.

## **Chavez, Margaret**

Margaret Chavez is the Senior Environmental Specialist for Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Office of Environmental Technical Assistance. She has almost 20 years in the tribal environmental and natural resources fields. She has experience with indoor air issues, wetlands, NEPA, RCRA (subtitles C, D, and I), CAA, CWA, Brownfields, IGAP, and the SDWA. She has worked extensively on various projects and outreach to all Pueblos and Tribes in NM, as well as Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in El Paso, TX. Her knowledge of Tribal traditions and culture lends to the success of her projects. She also has experience managing mentoring programs and meeting facilitation. She has collaborated with all the Pueblos and Tribes in NM for a Tire Removal Project and Freon Recovery Project, both funded by NMED Solid Waste Bureau. For the Tire Collection, she successfully assisted in the removal of 12,254 tires collected from the NM Pueblos and Tribes.

## **Clawson, Tom**

Tom Clawson has over 24 years experience in Health Physics and radiological training. For the past 15 years, Tom's experience has focused on radiological emergency preparedness and training. Tom has trained thousands of emergency responders and has presented at conferences throughout the United States. Tom currently serves on the NFPA Technical Committee on Hazardous Materials Response Personnel, which has responsibility for NFPA Standards 472 and 473.

## **Constantine, DaWayne**

Mr. Constantine serves as the Rural Community Planning Coordinator for Summit Consulting Services, Inc. He has more than 14 years of experience in rural utility administration and business management in Alaska. Mr. Constantine has extensive management capabilities, the ability to correspond effectively with community leaders, community members, funding agencies, and representatives at a Local, State and Federal level. He also possesses extensive knowledge and experience in the implementation of governance at the City and Tribal level. He has maintained well-rounded professional and personal goals and objectives throughout his career.





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## **Deon, Sage**

Sage Deon is the Environmental Specialist for Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Office of Environmental Technical Assistance. She received her Bachelors of Science Degree in Environmental Sciences from the University of New Mexico. She is currently a Graduate Student in the Water Resources Program at UNM. At ENIPC/OETA, she is responsible for providing technical assistance and outreach on Tribal Solid Waste Issues and Hazardous Wastes information to all Pueblos and Tribes in NM, as well as Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in El Paso, TX. She has collaborated with New Mexico Environment Department Solid Waste Bureau, EPA, IHS, Pueblos, and Tribes for various workshops, trainings and grant writing assistance for the NMED Recycling & Illegal Dump Grant. She is currently the Co-Chair of the ENIPC/OETA Tribal Summer Youth Environmental Camp developed to increase young people's interest in the environmental fields. She is currently a Board Member for the New Mexico Recycling Coalition and promotes source reduction and recycling with the help of the Recycle Ranger curriculum.

## **DePass, Michelle**

Michelle DePass was confirmed by the Senate as the Assistant Administrator, Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA), on April 28, 2009. DePass comes to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) after serving as an Environment and Community Development Program Officer at the Ford Foundation. As Program Officer, she was responsible for supporting the development of sound environmental policies and practices in the local, national and international arenas. As Assistant Administrator, she leads EPA's international program and is responsible for the full range of EPA's international environmental policy development and program implementation. In this capacity, DePass represents the EPA within the United States government and before foreign governments and international organizations on matters relating to environmental foreign affairs. Before her time at the Ford Foundation, DePass taught federal environmental law and policy at the City University of New York, and developed a job training program for aspiring youth in conjunction with the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences. She also served as Executive Director of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance. As Executive Director, she was an advocate to local communities and community organizations in environmental policy negotiations. DePass obtained experience in the regulatory realm as an environmental manager of the City of San Jose. She went on to practice law with the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York as a William Kunstler Racial Justice Fellow. DePass then returned to government as a Senior Policy Advisor at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

## **Douglas, Carolyn J.**

Carolyn J. Douglas, M.S. Environmental Management, University of San Francisco, CA (1986); former Team Leader, Brownfields Program Region 9, former National Priorities List

Coordinator for the Superfund Site Assessment Program Region 9; currently Brownfields/Land Revitalization coordinator and project manager of the region's Targeted Brownfields Program. Douglas has been an Environmental Scientist with the USEPA Region 9 since 1989 and has managed Superfund and Brownfields cooperative agreements with Gila River Indian Community, Navajo Nation, Tohono O'odham Nation, and the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California. She has previous environmental assessment/remediation/compliance experience with the US Navy Public Works Center, Oakland, CA (1987-1989).

## **Flowers, Victoria**

Victoria Flowers has worked for the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin since August of 2004, as an Environmental Specialist in the Brownfields Program. Prior to coming to the Tribe, she worked as an Environmental Consultant – Hydrogeologist, in the private sector. During that time, she conducted Phase I Environmental Assessments and environmental site investigations, developed and implemented remedial action plans for petroleum release, dry cleaner and agricultural chemical release sites, and developed Spill Control and Countermeasures Plans (SPCC) for clients. Since working for the Oneida Tribe of Indians, she has been developing a Tribal Environmental Response Program using the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), Brownfield 128(a) grant funding. With that funding she has developed a robust database that tracks various environmental activities associated with properties that may have an impact on a site's use, its priority ranking for assessment or cleanup, and its threat to the environment. To date, the database tracks approximately 10,000 individual parcels and can compare them against approximately 900 environmental reviews, 400 tanks, and 220 environmental response action sites. This information has led to the development of oversight authorities that have participated in several state and one tribally-led response actions. Oneida's Tribal Response Program is being developed to compliment and enhance the environmental regulatory authorities of the Oneida Nation.

## **Fronk, Monte**

Monte Fronk is a 21-year Tribal public safety veteran having served the members of the 1855 Mille Lacs Reservation in East Central Minnesota for the majority of his career. Monte's public service to the 1855 Mille Lacs Reservation started as Tribal Police Officer and in 2000 when FEMA allowed Tribal Governments to create their own Emergency Management and Response Programs Monte was given the opportunity to continue to serve the Reservation in this new capacity in which Monte's being an Eagle Scout and living the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" served him well. Monte had the honor of being recognized by DHS-FEMA as the first Native American to be certified as an Emergency Manager in the nation. Monte's educational journey includes a Master's degree in Public Safety Executive Leadership from St Cloud State University, Graduate of the FBI's Law Enforcement Ex-





ecutive Development program, a Minnesota certified emergency manager, a licensed peace officer, a certified Minnesota Firefighter Level II, Minnesota and Nationally Registered EMT, Basic Animal Rescue Trained and American Academy of Pediatrics PEPP Instructor.

### **Gogal, Daniel E.**

Mr. Gogal is an Environmental Protection Specialist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Environmental Justice (OEJ), where he has served since June 1992. Mr. Gogal is the Tribal Coordinator for OEJ, as such he has responsibilities for working with American Indian tribes and Alaska Natives villages, as well as tribal grassroots organizations to seek ways to address their environmental and public health concerns. He is the Program Manager for the Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice (IWG) which seeks to coordinate the integration of environmental justice throughout the Federal Government. Mr. Gogal Co-Chairs the Native American Task Force of the IWG, which serves to coordinate federal agencies' efforts to address environmental justice concerns in Indian country and among Alaska Natives. Mr. Gogal created and led a team in the development and implementation of an Alternative Dispute Resolution and Environmental Laws training for tribal governments and tribal grassroots organizations, which resulted in the development of an agreement for enhancing communication and collaboration among the parties.

### **Green, L.T.**

L.T. Green and Jim Biddle provide environmental, health, and safety support for Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona. Collectively with over 40 years experience, they provide the university with appropriate hazardous waste collection and management support and prepare for proper disposal in accordance with EPA regulations. Also provided is the ability to monitor locations where chemicals are used to ensure the health and safety of exposed individuals and offer corrective action if warranted. Keeping HAZWOPER certification current allows rapid response and cleanup where chemical integrity is compromised during spills, etc. LT likes to fish and hunt during off-hours and Jim is more of a mountain biker.

### **Grey, Rose M.**

Rose M. Grey has been with the Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program for over 12 years. She received a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering Technology from Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Phoenix.

### **Hancock, Roger**

Roger Hancock has been an Environmental Scientist/Enforcement Officer, Tribal Solid Waste Coordinator for EPA Region 6 in Dallas, TX for approximately 6 years. He is also starting to conduct tribal Underground Storage Tank inspections. Mr. Hancock has worked for EPA Region 6 for 17 years in the Superfund, RCRA, Nonpoint Source, Wet-

lands, Brownfields and now Solid Waste and UST programs. There are 66 federally recognized tribes in Region 6. He assists Region 6 tribes directly and through the Indian General Assistance Program to develop successful and sustainable solid waste programs. Mr. Hancock graduated cum laude from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in Geology and Business.

### **Hartnett, Mickey**

Mr. Hartnett has 30 years experience in solid/hazardous waste, superfund and brownfields; 25 years with the US EPA and 6 years as a tribal circuit rider in SD, ND, MT and WY.

### **Haven, Henry, Jr.**

Henry Haven Jr. received a B.S. in Geology from Fort Lewis College in 1976, and received a M.S. in Geology from Northern Arizona University in 1997. He worked as a production and exploration geologist with major oil companies in the Four Corners Region in the early 70s and 80s. Currently Mr. Haven is employed as a geologist for the Navajo Nation EPA and working on remediating petroleum contaminated soil and groundwater on the Navajo Nation.

### **Hillenbrand, John**

John Hillenbrand has 15 years of EPA experience as Region 9's Superfund Mining Coordinator and oversees the clean-up of mines in the Region.

### **Hoffman, Stephen**

Stephen Hoffman has 32 years of experience inspecting and regulating hard rock mines. For the last 20 years he has served as the Agency's senior mining technical staff.

### **Jacobson, Ted**

Ted Jacobson, the Senior Service American Inc., Senior Environmental Employment Program (SSAI/SEE), Tribal Solid Waste Liaison / Alaska, provides technical assistance on solid waste management issues statewide. He is also involved with local and tribal government solid waste disposal site permitting, compliance, grant administration, household hazardous waste event, waste reduction/recycling, education, finding resources, and related issues. Ted has 15 years experience as a Landfill Technician, including composting, incineration, recycling, and equipment acquisitions. Ted is also an instructor for Rural Alaska Landfill Operator training.

### **Jarratt-Snider, Karen, Ph.D.**

Karen Jarratt-Snider, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Applied Indigenous Studies at Northern Arizona University. She received her Doctoral degree in Political Science with a emphasis in Public Policy from Northern Arizona University. Her particular areas of research and teaching interests include Indigenous Environmental Justice, Forest Policy and Indigenous Peoples, Federalism-American Indian Intergovernmental Relations, Tribal Administration, Tribal Community-Based Participatory Research Models, Federal Indian Policy and Law, and STEM Education for Indigenous



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Students. Prior to joining the faculty of the Department of Applied Indigenous Studies at Northern Arizona University, Dr. Jarratt-Snider was a member of the faculty in the Department of Southwest Studies and American Indian Studies at Fort Lewis College and the Senior Research Analyst with the American Indian Policy Institute at Arizona State University, where she was engaged in community-based research with indigenous nations throughout Arizona.

## **Johns, Sheldon, Sgt.**

Sgt. Johns has 20 years experience in law enforcement and dealt with illegal dumping for most of his 20 year career implementing innovative deterrent programs and being instrumental in the Civil Trespassing Ordinance for the Gila River Indian community.

## **Johnson, Ben**

Ben Johnson is the Director of Operations for the Petersburg Indian Association, the Tribal body in Petersburg, AK. He has been with the organization for five years, including two years as an AmeriCorps Volunteer. He spent his service creating sustainable community projects including Alaska's only curbside recycling program, a fish waste composting project and a biomass heating initiative. Currently he oversees all aspects of Tribal operations, including grants, fundraising, special projects, economic development, housing and Tribal facilities. He is a two time recipient of the ATCEM Tribal Environmental Leader award as well as a winner of the Alaska Marketplace Competition where he competed with over 200 entrepreneurs for seed money to start the biomass project. He also serves on the State of Alaska Community Service Commission. Ben's education includes degrees in English and Screenwriting. He is currently seeking a master's degree in Rural Development from the University of Alaska, Fairbanks.

## **Kirschner, Frederick E., LG, LHyG**

Dr. Frederick E. Kirschner, LG, LHyG is CEO and senior scientist with AESE, Inc., a small consulting firm providing technical support only to Tribes in toxicology, subsistence exposure scenarios, multipathway/multimedia/multicontaminant risk assessments, contamination of subsistence resources, Superfund cleanup and regulatory oversight, geology, public health, cultural risk, tribal regulatory standards, and related matters. Dr. Kirschner has been working in superfund since 1982 when he was charged, as a stay-in-school employee of Lockheed-EPA-EMSL-LV, with developing the "Atlas of Superfund Sites". Since the mid-to-late 1980's, Dr. Kirschner has specialized in Superfund issues surrounding hard-rock mining sites. In 1991 Dr. Kirschner was selected as a National Academies of Sciences (NAS) "Young Investigator of the Year Program" and worked with 10 NAS colleagues and 10 Ukrainian investigators on issues surrounding the Chernobyl disaster. This group was the first group of westerners to visit the reactor. Today, Dr. Kirschner's work focuses on site characterization, risk assessment, government capacity building, and special needs associated with Tribal-specific human health risk assessments. Dr. Kirschner also is a member of a small group

of hydrogeologists who specialize in forensic work leading to determining pre-mining or pre-release baseline conditions; site characterization; contaminant transport and fate modeling; and performing or reviewing biological and human health risk assessments. Dr. Kirschner is deeply involved in over 10 Superfund Sites that directly affect Native American Tribal governments. This work has been in both the RI/FS and NRDA sides of the projects. During this period, Dr. Kirschner has been a member of a Region 10 BTAG and has written water quality standards and hazardous substances codes that are based on tribal-specific human-health.

## **Kistner, Glenn**

Glenn Kistner, B.S. Geography, Oswego State University, New York and M.A. Environmental Planning, San Francisco State University, CA (1985) has over 22 years experience as a Remedial Project Manager overseeing soil/groundwater investigations and cleanups at National Priorities List (NPL) sites. Currently, Glenn is a Brownfields Coordinator/Project Manager with the Tribal Lead responsibility for competitive Brownfields grants under CERCLA 104(k). He is also the Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) representative for the Region 9 Superfund Program.

## **Kruse, Katherine**

Katherine Kruse is currently serving as the Vice-Chair of the TWRAP Steering Committee. She has been employed with the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (KBIC) since September of 2006 as an Environmental Response Program Specialist. Katherine's responsibilities include coordination and development of the Tribal Response Program (TRP) for KBIC. The TRP incorporates elements of solid waste, hazardous waste, brownfields, and emergency response. Prior to her employment with the Tribe, Katherine completed her Master's Degree at Michigan Technological University in Environmental Policy.

## **LeClere, Virginia**

Virginia LeClere is the Environmental Manager for the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Division of Planning and Environmental Protection. She has been with the Division for 10 years, and prior to her current position as Environmental Manager, specialized in air quality and environmental education/outreach. Virginia is a member of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and a lifelong resident of the reservation. She is an active volunteer, organizer, and participant of various community events and enjoys serving her community in all capacities. Virginia completed her undergraduate studies at Haskell Indian Nations University and Friends University. She received her M.S. in Management from Baker University. She is currently serving as a Tribal Waste and Response Program Steering Committee member.

## **Lienesch, Bill**

Bill Lienesch is the tribal coordinator for EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks (OUST). He has worked for OUST for nearly 20 years and has worked on tribal issues through-



out that time. He has also worked in EPA's water program. In addition, he has taught urban planning at the University of Illinois and was on the government relations staff of a national environmental organization dedicated to the preservation of public lands and historic resources especially those included in the National Park System.

## **David R. Lloyd**

David Lloyd is the Director of the Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization in the EPA Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response. David assumed this position in January of 2006. Prior to this, David held a variety of positions in the areas of private and Government legal practice, real estate operations and development, specializing in sustainable development and reuse. David received his undergraduate degree from George Washington University and a law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1988.

## **Luedecke, James A.**

James A. Luedecke is the Assistant Director of the Quapaw Tribe Environmental Office. He is a member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He holds a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Arkansas where he focused his study and research in the areas of water treatment, wastewater treatment, water resources, and hydrogeology. James has worked for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma for over two years. In addition to working within the Quapaw Tribe Superfund Program, James also manages the Quapaw Tribe Air Quality Monitoring Program which monitors air quality at two locations within the Tar Creek Superfund Site. He currently serves as the EPA Region 6 representative to the National Tribal Air Association's (NTAA) Executive Committee.

## **Lowery, Brigid**

Brigid Lowery is Director of the Center for Program Analysis, Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Center for Program Analysis is the lead office for RE-Powering America's Land.

## **Madalena, Joshua (Jemez)**

Governor Joshua Madalena is the current Governor for the Pueblo of Jemez. He has also served as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Governor. In 2004, he was elected to the Sandoval County Board of County Commissioners, and served as Chairman of the Commission in 2008. As Chairman of the commission, Governor Madalena created the Sandoval Easy Express (SEE): a rural public transportation system. From 2005 to 2007, he was the Manager of the Jemez State Monument, a 14<sup>th</sup> Century ancestral Jemez village, Museum, and Heritage Center. In 1999, he was elected to the Jemez Valley Public School's Board of Education, and served as President of the Board in 2004. Governor Madalena is also an award-winning artist specializing in Jemez Black-on-White pottery a rediscovery of a 300-year-old lost ancient art of the Jemez People. His work is published in numerous magazines/articles. Governor Mada-

lena has two children, one grandchild, and has been married for 19 years. Governor Madalena and his family reside in the Pueblo of Jemez.

## **Manges Ellen**

Ellen is a Senior Advisor for EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response and is leading OSWER's Community Engagement Initiative. She has been an advisor for OSWER since 2002 working on program coordination and Superfund issues. Previous to her work in OSWER, she served as a Remedial Project Manager in EPA Region 9 where she worked closely with the Elem Pomo Tribe at the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Superfund Site in Northern California. Ellen is a native of Western Pennsylvania where she started her career as a Hydrogeologist investigating groundwater contamination problems for the State Department of Environmental Resources.

## **McClure, Tom**

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued federal inspector credentials to Tom McClure of the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Nation. Issuance of the credentials to Mr. McClure, authorizes him to conduct inspections of underground storage tank systems on the Flathead Reservation on behalf of the EPA. The credentials were presented to Mr. McClure at the National Tanks Conference in Sacramento, California. By issuing credentials to Mr. McClure, EPA expects that the increased field presence on the Flathead Reservation will improve compliance with the federal underground storage tank regulations and prevent the release of fuel from tanks to the environment. "Mr. McClure has been working with EPA over the last year and a half to complete the required training, which included on-site inspections with an EPA-credentialed inspector," said Rich Janssen, CSKT Division Manager of Environmental Protection. "Tom will aid in helping owners and operators of underground tanks to remain in compliance and educating them regarding environmental protection." The Flathead Reservation is located in northwest Montana. There are approximately 30 active regulated underground storage tank facilities on the Reservation. In addition to the UST program, Tom McClure also assists with site assessments for the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, EPA and Environmental contractors on current LUST sites located within the exterior boundaries of the Flathead Reservation.

## **Nelson, Mansel**

Mansel has BS in Chemistry and MS in Chemical Engineering. Mansel, has worked with tribal students and tribal educators for over 18 years and has been TEEOP Program Coordinator for twelve years. Mr. Nelson has also conducted workshops for tribal environmental professionals from across the nation. When working with students, Mansel's emphasis is the application of science and technology to local issues. One important local issue is solid waste education or "talking trash". Mansel enjoys teaching about the science of garbage and figur-



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ing out ways to get the community to work together to solve a problem.

## **Pearson, Janice**

Janice Pearson, over 20 years at EPA Region 8, 6 years experience in UST and LUST Remediation, 3 years in CERCLA as a Remedial Project Manager, and 11 years in RCRA Corrective Actions and Compliance.

## **Persell, John S.**

John S. Persell has spent over 30 years as a water quality specialist and environmental policy analyst for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. He is also a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives representing District 4A, which includes portions of Beltrami, Cass and Itasca counties in the northern part of the state. Persell was elected in 2008, running after two-term Rep. Frank Moe opted not to seek re-election. He is currently a member of the House Environment Policy and Oversight Committee, and also serves on the Environment Policy and Oversight Subcommittee for the Game, Fish and Forestry Division, and on the Finance subcommittees for the Energy Finance and Policy Division and the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division, of which he is vice chair. Persell majored in Biology at Bemidji State University in Bemidji, and served in the United States Air Force. He was a member of the Beltrami County Soil and Water Conservation Board, and of the Frohn Township Board of Supervisors. He is a member of the American Legion Honor Guard, and has worked as a mentor in the STEM Program (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) at Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake.

## **Ransom, James W.**

James W. Ransom recently completed his third term as Chief of the St. Regis Mohawk Tribal Council. He has worked for the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe and community of Akwesasne for over 30 years in various capacities. Mr. Ransom has extensive experience on environmental issues. In 1978, he helped start the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe's Environment Program and served as its Director through 1990. He also served as the Director of the Environment Unit for the Assembly of First Nations, the largest Aboriginal organization in Canada. More recently, prior to his election as Tribal Chief, Mr. Ransom served as the first director of the Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force. In that capacity he helped develop culturally appropriate environmental programs for the Cayuga, Onondaga, Tonawanda Seneca and Tuscarora Nations. James W. Ransom is now the Principle Owner of JWR Consulting, specializing in strategic planning, culturally based leadership training and facilitation.

## **Rasmussen, Sara**

Sara Rasmussen has worked in EPA's RCRA program since 1989. Ms. Rasmussen is the team leader for the RCRA Reuse and Brownfields Prevention Initiative in the RCRA Corrective Action Program. She has been active on several of EPA's

green remediation and land revitalization efforts. Ms. Rasmussen has been coordinating with several experts in EPA and State clean up programs to identify innovative and green approaches that can be applied at land revitalization project. Earlier in her EPA career, Ms. Rasmussen managed the development of regulatory, economic and risk analyses and served as a branch manager for an analysis group. In the 1980s, Ms. Rasmussen served several years as senior legislative staff in Congress. She has also worked as consultant, directing science and environmental policy projects at a small firm.

## **Reddoor, Charles**

Charles Bearfighter Reddoor is the National Tribal Program Coordinator for the Federal, State, and Tribal Programs Branch, Program Implementation and Information Division, under EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery (ORCR). He joined ORCR in 2002, where he serves as a member of the ORCR Tribal Team, works on solid and hazardous waste policy and guidance, coordinates tribal solid and hazardous waste activities, grant projects, and program measurement data with other federal agencies. Charles is a member of the Heaton Hunkpapa Sioux of Fort Peck, Montana. He hails from a long lineage of warriors. His Great-Grandfather, Chief Bear Runs Growling led his warriors in the battle against the U.S. Seventh Cavalry during the Battle of the Little Big Horn. His father, Joseph Bearfighter Reddoor an infantryman, was decorated for heroism during battles of World War II, Korea, and the Republic of South Vietnam. Charles served from 1967-1971, in the Republic of South Vietnam, as a reconnaissance team leader of the Long Range Reconnaissance Team, E. Co. 75<sup>th</sup> Rangers, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mobile Strike Force of the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces Group. Charles is married to Marlene Reddoor and currently resides in Arlington, Virginia.

## **Salazar, Helen Waqui**

Helen Waqui Salazar (Jemez/Acoma Pueblo) is the Environmental Specialist for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians in Temecula, California. She has worked for the Tribe for 3 years and has worked with Pechanga's air monitoring system and the Pechanga Resort and Casino's Green Team since their inception. Helen holds a BS in Environmental Economics and Policy from the University of California Berkeley and plans to pursue a MS in Environmental Planning and Management. Helen is currently a Board Member of NAEPC and facilitator of the Tribal Air Monitoring Collaborative in Southern California.

## **Salkoski, AJ**

AJ Salkoski is the Community Development Supervisor at RurAL CAP in Anchorage. AJ earned college degrees in history and political science, as well as a Master's degree in international relations from the University of Indianapolis. He came to Alaska as an AmeriCorps VISTA Leader in 2007 with RurAL CAP's Village Council Management Program and began working as the Environmental Program Coordinator in 2008.





Currently, he is working on solid waste and energy efficiency upgrade projects with nearly 40 communities in rural Alaska. Through funding from the Denali Commission and EPA, AJ has worked with City and Tribal entities to successfully complete projects such as recycling outreach, purchasing heavy equipment for dumpsite clean-ups and extending the life of dumpsites, composting, and purchasing the equipment to create a briquette-making process. He was also involved with the RurAL CAP EnergyWise project to educate and install energy efficiency upgrades to homes in rural Alaska communities.

### **Salmon-Wassillie, Christina**

Christina has been involved in the environmental field since 1998, 9<sup>th</sup> grade. She started as an Intern for Igiugig's IGAP program and has had a strong passion for the protection and preservation of her native lands ever since. Being raised in a remote Alaskan community, Christina has a close connection with the land we live off of. She is going on three years as her community's Environmental Program Director and was just approved for another three year grant.

### **Sanborn, David**

David Sanborn is the Senior Tribal Liaison for the U.S. Department of Defense in the Office of the Deputy Under-Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment). He is responsible for the development and implementation of the DoD American Indian and Alaska Native Policy and advising DoD on issues relating to Native Americans. Mr. Sanborn serves as the Chairperson of the DoD Native American Integrated Product Team, consisting of representatives of DoD Components who meet regularly to coordinate policy and program issues relative to Native Americans. Mr. Sanborn is also responsible for management of the DoD Native American Lands Environmental Mitigation Program (NALEMP), a multi-million dollar program to mitigate environmental impacts on Indian lands resulting from past DoD activities. DoD implements NALEMP through cooperative agreements between DoD and tribal governments, thereby creating a partnership between DoD and the tribes. Cooperative agreements enable a tribe to have a viable role in addressing DoD environmental impacts on their lands. He is also responsible for the Native American Management System for Environmental Information, the American Indian and Alaska Native Cultural Communications Course and conducting Native American outreach activities on behalf of the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Mr. Sanborn has extensive experience working with Federally-recognized tribes on American Indian and Alaska Native issues. Previously at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian he worked in the Public Programs department in the planning and design of special projects and initiatives for the Director. These projects involved consultation and coordination with Native American leaders in tribal governments, academia, policy advocacy, the arts and cultural resources. He also served as project coordinator for the National Native Languages Archive Repository Project and served on the planning commit-

tee of the Seminars and Symposia Program. He graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst with a Bachelor of Science in Biology in 1997. Mr. Sanborn is an enrolled member of the Penobscot Indian Nation of Maine.

### **Shimamura, Monica**

Monica Shimamura is an environmental scientist at the United States Environmental Protection Agency in the Office of Air and Radiation, Stratospheric Protection Division. Over the past three years she has collaborated with various Agencies, stakeholders, and Regional EPA offices to implement the domestic side of the international environmental treaty known as the *Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer* through the Clean Air Act (CAA). She currently works as the Significant New Alternatives Policy (SNAP) Program coordinator, manages the 608 technician program, and is writing a rule on hydrocarbon refrigerants. Prior to joining the Stratospheric Protection Division, Monica served as an air enforcement officer in Region 2 EPA, a regional office in New York. In the Air Compliance Branch, she specialized in asbestos inspections and enforced regulations for the Toxic Substance Control Act (TSCA) and the CAA. Previously, Monica worked at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center in the Marine Invasions Laboratory and at the Land Trust Alliance, a non-profit for land conservation. Monica has a B.S. in environmental science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and a M.S. in environmental science and policy from John's Hopkins University. She has lived in United Kingdom, Australia, Japan, Belize, Maryland, and now resides in Washington DC. In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, attending music performances, horseback riding, and snowboarding.

### **Sichling, Richard, Corp.**

Corp. Sichling has 9 years experience working with the Ranger Division dealing with illegal dumping issues and prosecuting violators throughout the Gila River Indian Community and has done multiple presentations on illegal dumping and its effects on Indian Country.

### **Sims, Janice**

Janice Sims is an environmental scientist with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization working as the State and Tribal Program coordinator. Before this, she worked in the EPA's Office of Solid Waste on national paper recycling issues, implementing the voluntary program WasteWise, and local government waste strategies. Prior to her work at EPA, she was an independent consultant for Romania Ministry of the Environment for several years drafting national integrated waste management strategies, policies and regulations. Before working for nearly four years in Eastern Europe, Janice was an air quality regulator in North Carolina enforcing local, state and national air quality standards. She is certified as a qualified environmental professional (QEP) through the Institute of Professional Environmental Practice (IPEP).





# Speaker Bios

## **Smallwood, Syndi (Cherokee)**

Syndi Smallwood is the Environmental Director for the Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians in Temecula, California. She has worked for the Tribe for 6 years and was previously the Executive Director for the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC) for 5 years. Pechanga's air monitoring system has been operating for 2 years. Syndi holds a BA in Anthropology with a minor in Native American Studies from Humboldt State University and is currently working on an MS in Environmental Management and Policy with an emphasis in Natural Resources through the University of Denver. Ms. Smallwood is the Region 9 RTOC Tribal Co-chair for the Air and Budget Workgroups, Vice President of NAEPC, National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Executive Committee Member, and TAMS Steering Committee Member.

## **Snowden, Kami**

Kami Snowden has worked in the solid waste and environmental fields over 20 years having been the Director of Solid Waste for a Washington State rural county where she was in charge of establishing and operating the solid waste programs, overseeing a landfill and the construction and operation of transfer stations. She also established the recycling and hazardous waste programs that continue to thrive today. Kami began working as the Executive Director for the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN) in 2001. As Executive Director for TSWAN, she is responsible for the administrative work in planning and directing organizational structure, developing and implementing environmental programs and trainings authorized by TSWAN, and being the communicative conduit for the organization.

## **Stout, Pinu'u**

Pinu'u Stout is an engineer and in her fourth year of working with Tribal UST facilities. The Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council (ENIPC) Office of Environmental Technical Assistance (OETA) UST Program provides Compliance and Technical Assistance to 34 UST Facilities on 22 Pueblos and Tribes in New Mexico and Texas. Through the work and dedication of many individuals the program has seen a 111% increase in compliance rates from when the program began in 2006 to present.

## **Suagee, Dean**

Dean Suagee is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. He was motivated to become a lawyer and practice Indian law by his knowledge of history, awareness of damage being inflicted on the natural world, and a basic sense of justice. Specializing in environmental and natural resources law and cultural heritage preservation, he joined Hobbs Straus in 1988 as an associate, and has been of counsel since 1993. Dean has worked with tribal officials and staff to build environmental and cultural resource regulatory programs — programs that function within the overall framework of federal law and in accordance with the fundamental principle of

tribal sovereignty. He is a leading practitioner in the development of tribal environmental policy acts, in the implementation of tribal cultural resources laws, and in the use of rule-making by tribal governments. Dean has considerable experience in implementing federal legislation relating to environmental protection and cultural resources, and advocacy of tribal interests in the framework of federal laws. A prolific writer, Dean has authored numerous articles for law journals on environmental protection, cultural resources, religious freedom, renewable energy, and the emerging international law of the rights of indigenous peoples. From 1998-2002, he served as director of the First Nations Environmental Law Program at Vermont Law School, where he taught Indian Country environmental law and directed a legal clinic. Dean is a frequently featured speaker at conferences and instructor for continuing legal education programs. An active member of the American Bar Association (ABA) Section on Environment, Energy, and Resources, he is chair of the Native American Resources Committee and a member of the editorial board of *Natural Resources and Environment*, an ABA quarterly journal. Dean has served on two federal advisory committees: the National Environmental Conflict Advisory Committee, chartered by the U.S. Institute on Environmental Conflict Resolution, and the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee of the National Environmental Justice Advisory Committee, chartered by the Environmental Protection Agency. In the 1980s, while on staff at the National Congress of American Indians, Dean was a member of the Average Savage Review, a group that performed musical political satire. He continues to dabble in musical political satire and also enjoys canoeing, kayaking, gardening, and cycling.

## **Thomas-Rasset, Jammie**

Jammie Thomas-Rasset has been the Brownfields Coordinator for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians, located in Onamia, Minnesota, for 7 years. She originally started working within the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Indians Real Estate Department as a Realty Specialist for almost 2 years before the tribe's Department of Natural Resources and Environment started a Brownfields 128(a) Program. She has a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, with an emphasis on Marketing, from St. Cloud State University.

## **Wadsworth, Danford**

My name is Danford Wadsworth, Chairperson for the Tribal Waste Response and Assistance Program (TWRAP) and I am a member of the Hopi Tribe located in northeastern Arizona. I am 4/4 Hopi and come from the Village of Shungopavi (Soo gnoo pavi). I belong to the Water/Corn Clan from my mother's side and my father is of the Bear Clan also from Shungopavi. My background is in Computer Programming from Arizona Tech. Currently, I serve as the Manager of the Hopi Solid Waste Management Program which includes the Hopi Community Landfill and Refuse Collections operations. Prior to being a manager I served as an Engineering Technician, Dam Safety Officer and Watershed Representative for



the Hopi Tribe's Office of Range Management and a Water Specialist for the Hopi Water Resources Program. I also served as an Engineering Tech/Project Manager for the Indian Health Service, Office of Environmental Health for approximately 12 years prior to working for the Hopi Tribe. I have been involved with environmental programs for a majority of my career and enjoy all aspects of it. As TWRAP Chairperson, I would like to hear the concerns of all tribes, and Indian nations across the country on how the Tribal Waste, Response, and Assistance Program can assist with the needs of Indian Country. I look forward to working with all Tribes and hope to hear from you. Thank you/Kwah Kwah.

### **Wagner, Gerald**

Mr. Wagner has been the Director of the Blackfeet Tribe's Environmental Programs for the last sixteen years. He has been an active member of the Tribal Caucus for the past fourteen years. Mr. Wagner has been the Goal Three lead "Land Preservation and Restoration" for the last eight years. He has managed the Blackfeet Tribe's Solid Waste Program for ten of the last sixteen years. He has also been a NTC representative to the EPA National RCRA Directors group for the last three years.

### **Weber, Laura**

Laura has over 20 years experience in the solid waste field. Fifteen years of this experience has been with the St. Regis Mohawk Tribe. She developed the Tribe's solid waste management program and is instrumental with the execution of the program. She has raised over \$1,000,000 for St. Regis Mohawk Tribe in grant funding. Laura holds a M.S. in Civil and Environmental Engineering.

### **White, Heather**

Heather White has been employed at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 9 San Francisco office for over 8 years. Heather currently serves as the supervisor for the Tribal Solid Waste Team within the Office of Pollution Prevention and Solid Waste. The Tribal Solid Waste Team works with tribes and tribal organizations within the states of Arizona, California, and Nevada to develop sustainable and culturally appropriate solid waste management programs. Before joining EPA, Heather worked for the City of San Jose Environmental Services Department on a variety of solid waste and energy related issues.

### **White Eagle, Sandra**

Ms. White Eagle has been employed with Fort Peck Tribes – Office of Environmental Protection for sixteen years as the CWA 106 Coordinator. She has monitored and assessed 16 permanent baseline sites, worked on BMP 319 project for foraging on range land, off site watering on Little Porcupine Creek, and is currently participating in a watershed project of the Lower Poplar River watershed, Big Muddy Creek Watershed and Brine Pollution project.

### **Wright, Felicia**

Felicia Wright has been working on tribal issues in EPA for fifteen years. She currently serves as the National Tribal Program Coordinator for the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response at EPA, in direct support of the Assistant Administrator. Prior to this position, she served as tribal coordinator in both the Superfund and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) programs. Outside of the tribal arena, she worked in OSWER's cleanup programs in the areas of Superfund site assessment, RCRA corrective action, facility siting and permitting, and public involvement since 1989. She has an M.S. in Environmental Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech, and a B.S. in Geology from the University of Kansas.

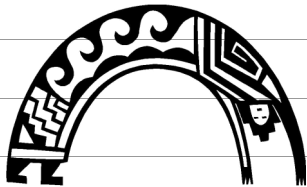
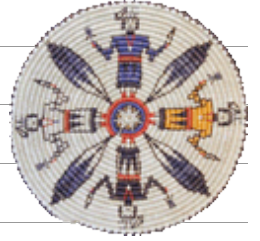
### **Yazzie, Melvin H.**

Melvin H. Yazzie has been working with Navajo Abandoned Mine Lands Reclamation Program for over 20 years. Education, Bachelor of Science in Mining Engineering from the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, Socorro, New Mexico.

### **Yepa, Jeremy**

Jeremy Yepa is the program manager for the Geographic Underground Storage Tank Information (GUSTI) Program. The Eight Northern Indian Pueblo Council (ENIPC) Office of Environmental Technical Assistance (OETA) GUSTI program is in its inaugural year. The GUSTI program provides risk assessment and prevention education to all 34 UST facilities on 22 Pueblos and Tribes in New Mexico and Texas.







# Notes





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