

National Pollution Prevention P2 and Tribal January 16, 2007 Call Notes

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Agenda

Brainstorm P2 and Tribal Session Discussion
Feedback on Draft Tribal Survey

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NPPR is in the process of revitalizing and enhancing its workgroups and networking groups. Some ways in which that work is being done is to research funding vehicles to support their work, market the progress of the groups through communication vehicles, and better integrate them into the planning of and implementation during the Summits. For 2007 each group has a designated 90 minute session wed morning of the Summit to discuss/present a topic(s) identified by the group.

Question: Is there travel scholarship funding? Answer: NPPR is in the process of seeking funding through two vehicles from EPA. NPPR hopes to hear soon. In the mean time all groups are asked to continue planning for the Summit and for their specific session. The group asked to relay the message to NPPR that full travel scholarships will be needed for many of the tribal contacts. Information for the Summit is available at www.environmentalsummit.org . The registration is \$375 and \$148 a night for hotel

Around the Call on session ideas (environmental needs and concerns)

Mike: Tribal portal - how to use it better, what is the value to the provider, inputting more quality resources, collaborative marketing on its use and application. more ownership nationally (persistent and consistent)

Monte: Construction and demolition; recycling – updates, what are the steps, what processes and program are in place for recycled materials. Buildings are demolished and new ones constructed and there is not plan in place for excess material. Catherine suggested contacting Charles Redoor, US EPA OSW and Ken suggested logging on to the US EPA Construction Compliance Assistance Center.

Brian: Sharing experiences on what other tribes are doing to prevent and eliminate pollution. Small reservations do not have the same issues as larger tribes. For example, do other tribes have a dumping site used by construction companies.

Kate: Green building is always of interest to tribes which includes construction and demolition, funding opportunities, bring in experts to discuss various areas of green building such as energy star. Water conversation

Elizabeth: Sharing problems and solutions

Linda: Enhance Tribal participation in grant programs - how to support it? For example is there a need for training. Question: Would the grants writing training for small business at the Summit be helpful? Answer” If it is routine grant writing and not specific to tribal needs then it will not be helpful.

Ken: Provide information and resources from EPA that is relevant to the discussion topic identified.

Chris: Household hazardous waste collection in tribal communities. .

Charlie: Construction and demolition issues. Currently we are comparing the Environmental Assessment Worksheet with tribal building codes and how to make it more robust. Some of the areas of concern include demolition, renewable energy, solid waste issues from the new transfer station. In addition the meth reduction and cleanup.

Tom: Green building. There will be a Midwest EPA and HUD Tribal Green Summit in March. Sharing what is going on among and across the tribal governments.

Catherine: Tribal energy programs including wind energy. Tom proposed Lizana Pierce as a presenter on tribal energy programs and Bob Goff where a tower is in place on tribal land.

Ed: From attending the November 2006 EPA R9 tribal conference two general themes came from smaller tribes (e.g. 50-200 members) which are addition information on how to better manage solid waste and health clinics waste and P2. Jo suggested perhaps coordinating with the local government group on P2 training for tribal and local government staff.

Michelle: From a tour of all the Pueblos and other Tribes in New Mexico the top issues identified are: consistent: state and tribal policies (e.g. notification by state to Pueblo of a spill, how to respond in case of a spill, etc), illegal dumping, practices and funding for meth cleanup, enforcement policy for illegal dumping.

Kim: Will check with US EPA Region but as an immediate response areas of concern are illegal meth labs, construction and demolition, and illegal dumping. There needs to be training for the tribes on contamination impacts from open

dumping and the importance of what is important to tribes in preserving their land through this prevention and clean up approaches.

Chris: Issues through New Mexico include health care clinics. Chris has done work to educate on preventive and clean up practices and believes that adopting the H2E model will help.

Feedback from Draft Survey

Question 1. Provide examples for each item on list.

Remove big boxes and number of boxes-optically it is intimidating.

Add in P2 methodology assessment.

Community-based P2 assessment survey or as part of an EMS

Question 2 What does meth exposure mean? For example is it how to prevent exposure, how to clean it up, is in house or in the field (illegal dumping)

Include training, grants, financial development on the list

General Comments: The questions are not designed for states. May need to modify questions depending on the audience responding. Eliminate sub questions.

Overview: Provide information upfront on the purpose of the survey and who should be responding.