



"The Official Newsletter of the Inter-Tribal Environmental Council"

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MEMBER TRIBES**

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe
- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribe
- Apache Tribe
- Caddo Nation
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Fort Sill Apache
- Iowa Tribe
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Kaw Nation
- Kialegee Tribal Town
- Kickapoo Tribe
- Kiowa Tribe
- Miami Tribe
- Modoc Tribe
- Muscogee (Creek) Nation
- Osage Nation
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe
- Ottawa Tribe
- Pawnee Nation
- Peoria Tribe
- Ponca Tribe
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Quapaw Tribe
- Sac & Fox Nation
- Seminole Nation
- Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- Shawnee Tribe
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Tonkawa Tribe
- Wichita & Affiliated Tribes
- Wyandotte Nation
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- Zuni Tribe

23rd Annual ITEC Conference

The 23rd Annual Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Conference was held on July 24-26, 2018 at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Catoosa, OK. The Opening Ceremony started with the presentation of colors being posted by the Cherokee Nation Color Guard. Opening songs were performed by Cheyenne Arapaho Tradition Not Addiction Youth Group.

Sara Hill, Secretary of Natural Resources of the Cherokee Nation, provided the welcome. Key note speakers were Jennifer Loren with Osiyo, Voices of the Cherokee People television show and Darren Brown with Cheyenne & Arapaho Television. ITEC staff provided various ITEC program updates during the Annual ITEC Meeting. Breakout sessions included topics such as Conservation, Species of Interest, Air, Pesticides, Work Place Safety, Brownfields, Underground Storage Tanks, Forestry and various other topics.

There were approximately 215 attendees that included representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Tribes, various tribal organizations, federal and state agencies, environmental consultants and environmental organizations. Equipment manufacturers displayed exhibitor booths at the conference.





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ATTAINS

This has been a busy Fiscal Year for the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project. The Pilot Tribes have been working on the Program Inputs, Assessment Processes and the Final Water Quality Reporting. Currently there are 15 Tribes in Regions 5, 6, and 9 participating in the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project, partnering with EPA Headquarters and Regional Project Officers. A current objective is to test whether ATTAINS can serve as an alternate reporting mechanism for Tribal water quality assessment reporting.

During the 21st Annual Tribal Environmental Summit, EPA Region 6 Staff provided an EPA ATTAINS Update and Dr. Rebecca Bond with the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma provided a presentation detailing the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma's experience working with ATTAINS. There were a lot of good discussions between the Region 6 EPA Staff, Dr. Bond and the participants.

At the 23rd Annual ITEC Conference there was an ATTAINS Session with Micah Isaacs, with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, discussing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's overview and experience working with ATTAINS. Teresa Turner, with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, provided a presentation on the Otoe-Missouria Tribe's Water Program and experience working with ATTAINS.

In addition, there was an ATTAINS Session during the Tribal Lands Forum which focused on the ATTAINS Tribal Water Quality Reporting Tool with speakers Lydia Scheer with ITEP, Micah Isaacs with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Micco Emarthla with the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. The focus was a year in review with Tribes piloting the use of the ATTAINS system to determine if Tribes can use it to electronically submit water quality assessment reports.

NEXT Steps: ITEP will perform a Methodology Study and ITEC will establish a Tribal Mentoring Program. Another ATTAINS Training will be held in the Fall in conjunction with the Region 6 RTOC Meeting to take place in Oklahoma. The Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project will reflect on the program and determine if/how to roll it out nationally to other Tribes.

For more information on the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot project, please contact Laura Shumway with EPA or Lydia Scheer with ITEP. For additional information on the Tribal ATTAINS Mentoring Program, please contact Jason White with ITEC.





RTOC MEETING

Regional Tribal Operations Committee meetings were held July 10-11, 2018 at the Doubletree by Hilton Albuquerque, in Albuquerque, NM. Approximately 27 Tribes and several EPA representatives attended. Topics of discussion included: divisional updates, updated EPA TAS Website, water infrastructure resources, study on the management of wastewater from oil and gas extraction, lead and copper rule/3Ts of reducing lead in drinking water in schools, GPA Guidance evaluation, update on the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center, Center for Native American Environmental Health Equity Research, and Tribal Youth Summer Environmental Camp Students.



VAPOR INTRUSION TRAINING

A Vapor Intrusion Training presented by Hartman Environmental was held at the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs office on September 13, 2018. There were 28 participants from the Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town, Cherokee Nation, Delaware Tribe, Choctaw Nation, Sac & Sox Nation, and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality. This training covered an overview of vapor intrusion, review of federal & state guidances, key Vapor Intrusion principles, methods to assess vapor intrusion, soil, gas sampling methods, analytical methods, mitigation and case histories.





PHASE I TRAINING

A Phase I Assessment Training was held at the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs office on September 11-12, 2018. There were 11 participants from the Peoria Tribe, Sac & Fox Nation, Choctaw Nation, Cherokee Nation, Muscogee Creek Nation, Apache Tribe and Alabama-Quassarte Tribal Town. This training discussed the principles of an environmental site assessment, records review, preparing for site reconnaissance, and a recap of site reconnaissance methods.



INDOOR AIR TRAINING

An Indoor Air Solutions Training was held at the Pueblo of Pojoaque Environmental Programs office on August 29, 2018. There were 21 participants from the Pueblo of Pojoaque, Pueblo of Sandia, Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council, Pueblo of Taos, Pueblo of Santa Clara, Pueblo of Santa Ana, Pueblo of Zia and Pueblo of Santo Domingo. This training discussed radon, radon testing kits and demonstration, mold, demonstration of mold kits, asbestos, demonstration of asbestos testing protocol/sampling forms, lead-based paint, lead testing demonstration and report completion, and lead certification.





TRAINING

Upcoming ITEC Trainings:

Risk Communication Training in Oklahoma - October 11, 2018 - EPA region 6 will be presenting this training that will cover the concept of risk communication, seven rules of risk communication, public meeting, risk perceptions, Covello's Core Concepts, and message mapping.



More information about training will be sent out at a later date.

For more information about ITEC trainings contact:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT INFORMATION
September 26-28, 2018	Oklahoma Brownfields Conference 2018, Oklahoma City, OK	https://www.eiseverywhere.com/ehome/oklahomabrownfields2018/Home/
October 11, 2018	Risk Communication Training, Catoosa, Ok	https://www.itecmembers.org
October 16-18, 2018	Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium, Catoosa, OK	https://www.itecmembers.org

Save the date!

**Tribal Children's Environmental
Health Symposium**

October 16-18, 2018

Hard Rock Hotel & Casino
777 West Cherokee Street
Catoosa, Ok 74015



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The Cherokee Nation Environmental Program (CNEP) publishes ITEC News each quarter. The mission statement is to protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources, and their environment as it relates to air, land and water. To accomplish this mission, ITEC provides technical support, environmental services, and assistance in developing Tribal environmental programs to the member Tribes.

The viewpoints contained in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the USEPA or the CNEP/ITEC. Free and open discussion of all environmentally related issues is strongly encouraged. We also encourage submission of letters, comments, and articles from readers so as to promote a greater awareness among our people about environmental issues and to foster the free exchange of information, technology, and culturally relevant values of Tribal people.

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