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Region 6 RTOC Meeting

ITEC 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 Tribe
Iowa Tribe
Jicarilla Apache Nation
Kaw Nation
Kialegee Tribal Town
Kickapoo Tribe
Kiowa Tribe
Miami Tribe
Modoc Tribe
Muscogee 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 Nation
Sac & Fox Nation
Seneca-Cayuga Nation
Shawnee Tribe
Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
Tonkawa Tribe
United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees
Wichita & Affiliated Tribes
Wyandotte Nation
Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
Zuni Tribe



The Regional Tribal Operations Committee meetings were held July 9-10, 2025 at the Laguna Pueblo in Albuquerque, New Mexico. There were 71 in attendance for the Tribal Caucus and 89 for the RTOC meeting from EPA and 37 Tribes and Pueblos from throughout Region 6. Topics of discussion included: LANL, NEPA Update, SAFETEA,

NTC and TPPC removal EPA Proposals, Tar Creek Apprenticeship Program, and Tribal Leaders Concerns and remarks. Meetings also included OITA/AEIO Updates, NTOC Updates and EPA Region 6 Division Reports from staff. The meetings ended with action item updates and scheduling for the fall Caucus/RTOC and the Spring meeting.





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Wyandotte Environmental Festival

by Kathy Welch



The Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department hosted its 14th Annual Environmental Festival on May 9, 2025. There were a total of 457 students and 35 teachers in attendance from Wyandotte Public Schools, grades pre k – 8th grades.

There were 17 booths, with 32 booth workers, of which 11 were from local tribes. The tribes represented were Eastern Shawnee, Miami, Modoc, Ottawa, Peoria, Quapaw, Seneca Cayuga, and Wyandotte.

The remaining 6 booths were from state and community entities, they were OCC, NRCS, GRDA, FWS, Friends of Wildcat Glades, and Communities Unlimited.

There were a total of 25 Wyandotte Nation employee volunteers that helped with registration, shuttling students from the buses, cooking and serving the noon meal that was provided for the booth workers and with clean up afterwards.

The Environmental Department looks forward to this event and for the past 14 years it has continued to grow. The Wyandotte Schools look forward to their students attending and learning about the various environmental issues and concerns from the surrounding area.





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Tribal Environmental Summit 2025



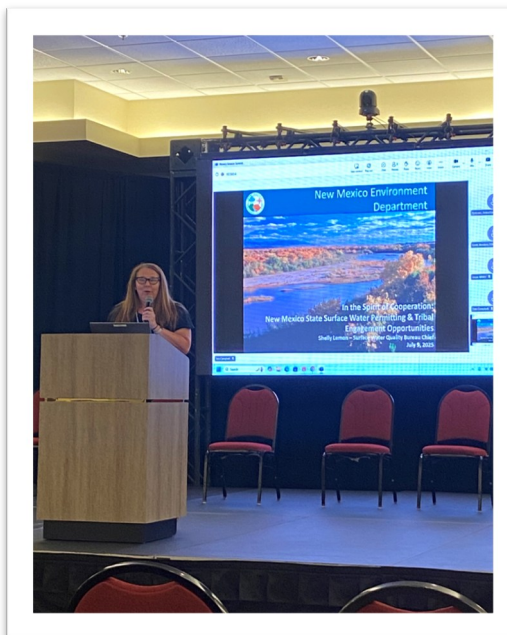
The 28th Annual Tribal Environmental Summit was held on July 9-11, 2023 at the Laguna Pueblo in Albuquerque New Mexico. The General Assembly opened with the presentation of colors being posted by the Jicarilla Apache Color Guard and the Laguna Eagle Drum Group. Opening remarks were presented by Greg Jojola Laguna Pueblo.

Mark Mitchell, Former Pueblo of Tesuque Governor, provided the keynote address. Plenary speakers were Randy Gee EPA Region 6 Tribal Affairs Director and Tabitha Langston National Tribal Operations Committee Chair.

Shelly Lemon, New Mexico Environmental Department, gave an opening presentation on Water Permitting and Tribal Engagement Opportunities discussing how the Tribes and state will work together on future surface water issues.

There was a full day on Thursday July 10, 2025 that included 12 sessions of speakers on a wide range of environmental topics important to Tribal participants. The final day was completed with a closing plenary session conducted by the EPA Region 6 Office of Tribal Affairs. This session covered topics for Tribal GAP grantees in Region 6.

There were approximately 150 attendees which included representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Tribes, various tribal organizations, environmental consultants and environmental organizations. Equipment manufacturers also displayed their products and services at this years' Summit..





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Upcoming Events:

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the
Date!**



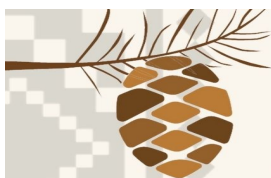
**Speakers
Needed!**

29TH ANNUAL ITEC CONFERENCE

AUGUST 12-14, 2025
HARD ROCK HOTEL & CASINO
TULSA, OK
Registration Information coming soon!

**Would you like to present or suggest
a presentation topic?**

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SAVE THE DATE
AUGUST 18-21, 2025
TRIBAL LANDS & ENVIRONMENT FORUM



MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

In-Person attendance: \$175.00
Virtual attendance: \$25.00

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Registration for the fall Environmental Management Certificate Course available!

Come join expert instructors for a week-long course offered in person at OSU Tulsa or virtually via Zoom! The Early Bird rate is available until October 2nd. Don't miss out on saving \$\$\$

Register NOW!



Environmental Management Certificate Program

TOPICS INCLUDE Hazardous Materials Management (RCRA) • Transportation of Hazardous Materials (DOT) Industrial Hygiene, Safety and OSHA Regulations • Clean Air Act & Amendments • Emergency Planning Remediation and Treatment • Water Quality Acts • Environmental Audits and Site Assessment • Remediation

Course Details

The program provides topics relevant in assisting with preparation for professional certification exams, particularly the CHMM. Our EMC Program is approved by the IHMM (Institute of Hazardous Materials Management) as a CHMM (Certified Hazardous Materials Manager) Exam Blueprint Prep Course. The CHMM is a popular exam and credential for anyone within the environmental management field.

The Environmental Management Certificate program is prepared and presented by industry experts, including Michael Thayer, Ph.D., CHMM; Damon Wright, CHMM; Robert Scudder, Ph.D., CIH, CSP, CIT; and Marla Myers, Dangerous Goods Consultant and Training Manager at Viking Packing Specialist

This program offers professional development for varying levels of participants, from established senior level managers to newly appointed compliance officers.

Date and Location

November 17-21, 2025 in North Hall Room 222
Oklahoma State University-Tulsa
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Available via in-person or live virtual training

Registration

Registration includes course materials and light refreshment.

Registration **on or before** October 1, 2025: \$1,599
Registration after October 2nd, 2025: \$2,399

Register today at
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The Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs (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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