TECO (Tribal Environmental Coalition in Oklahoma) Update

Since the last RTOC Meeting, TECO has had two virtual meetings. The first meeting was January 19th, 2021 and the second meeting was held on March 16th, 2021.

The January 19th Virtual Meeting focused on presentations from:

- Deborah Dotson, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, provided a presentation on "The Eastern Shawnee Tribe's Environmental Outreach and Activities During a Pandemic".
- Jann Hayman, Osage Nation, provided a presentation on the "Osage Nation's Response to Food Insecurity During Pandemic".
- Curtis Hicks and Ira Hight, EPA Grant Team, and Nelly Smith and Sam Reynolds, EPA Tribal Clean Water Act Grant Team provided presentations on "EPA Tribal Grant Work During the Pandemic".
- Dr. Carol Crouch, USDA/NRCS, provided a presentation on "USDA COVID-19 Update, StrikeForce Funding, and the 2020 NRCS American Indian Alaska Native Heritage Poster".

The March 16th Virtual Meeting focused on presentations from:

- Todd Barnell, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), provided a presentation on "ITEP's Mentoring Project and Discussion".
- Monica Murie, Indian Health Service (IHS), provided a presentation on "Indian Health Service's Operation and Maintenance Data Systems (OMDS)".
- Roger Hancock, US EPA Region 6 Tribal Solid Waste Grant Team, provided a presentation on "EPA Tribal Solid Waste Program Overview".
- Dr. Kirsten de Beurs, The University of Oklahoma, Department of Geography and Environmental Sustainability, provided a presentation on "Google Earth Engine for Tribal Environmental Analysis – A Workshop Proposal".
- Wayne Isaacs, Cherokee Nation and Theresa Kerrigan, Sustainable Tulsa, provided a presentation on "Sustainable Tulsa".

*** Updates are conducted during each meeting from the following representatives:

- US EPA Region 6 Office of Communities, Tribes, and Environmental Assessment – Randy Gee, US EPA Region 6
- National Tribal Operations Committee – Polly Edwards, Caddo Nation
- Tribal Science Council – Craig Kreman, Quapaw Nation
- National Tribal Air Association – Craig Kreman, Quapaw Nation
- Tribal Pesticide Program Council – Larry Scrapper, Cherokee Nation
- Oklahoma Kill Response Management Team – Dale Miller, Sac & Fox Nation