

Tribal State Liaison Program



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- History
- People Involved
 - Gerry Emm (Pyramid Lake)
 - Clancy Tenley (EPA Region 9)
 - Allen Biaggi Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP)
- First Natives Impacted by Mining Meeting

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■ Initiative

- EPA Region 9 Tribal Program
- January 2003 ITCN submitted workplan to EPA
- August 2003 EPA GAP grant awarded in the amount of \$95,346.00
- Submitted application for FY 2004 EPA GAP grant



Role

- ☞ Enhance the communication and understanding between the Tribes and the NDEP, where environmental interests are present.
- ☞ Coordinate the development of written protocols as they relate to tribal sovereignty and environmental issues, defining the roles and responsibilities of the State.
- ☞ Assist NDEP and tribal staff in expediting assessment and clean-up operations at mine sites.
- ☞ Liaison is not here to speak for Tribes

FY 2003 Workplan



- Tasks
 - To Consult with interested Nevada Tribes to develop coordination protocols.
 - Specific issues will be addressed
 - Document that will direct the NDEP how to coordinate with Tribes on their specific issues
 - Develop list “areas of concern” on environmental issues that may have impact to Tribes along with Environmental Staff.

Workplan

- Develop methods needed to enhance and improve communication between NDEP and Tribes
 - Tribal/NDEP contact directories
- Review/provide comments on any new environmental projects impacting Tribes or trust lands.
- Draft/review MOA/MOU’s between agencies, Tribes and industry.
 - Underground Storage Tanks (State Petroleum Fund)
- Seek additional funding sources for liaison position

FY 2004 Workplan

- Complete Coordination Protocols and update as needed
- Develop methods needed to enhance and improve communication between NDEP and Tribes
 - Conduct (2) *Working Effectively with Tribes* workshops
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Conduct annual meeting between the Tribes and NDEP

NDEP Scope

- 8 Bureaus
 - Water Quality Planning
 - Water Pollution Control
 - Air Quality Planning
 - Air Quality Pollution Control
 - Waste Management
 - Federal Facilities
 - Mining and Reclamation
 - Corrective Actions

MOU Signing Event

- MOU signed between ITCN/NDEP
February 6, 2004
 - MOU document
 - States Nevada Tribes through ITCN will work with NDEP on environmental issues
 - Highlights Nevada mines such as Yerington Anaconda/Rio Tinto Minesites
 - Promote and protect health of the land and environment through management coordination between the Tribes and the State of Nevada

Conclusion

