



## FEDERAL RESOURCES

### EPA

#### —Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO)

Works with other federal entities to help them develop creative, cost-effective solutions to their environmental problems.

<http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/>  
703 603-0048

#### —American Indian Environmental Office

Coordinates the EPA-wide effort to strengthen health and environmental protection in Indian Country.

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/>  
202 564-0303

#### —EPA Tribal Links

Useful links for EPA tribal Headquarters and Regional contacts, grants, programs, and policies.

<http://www.epa.gov/epahome/tribal.htm>

### OTHER FEDERAL AGENCIES

#### —Department of Defense

The Native American Environmental Tracking System tracks and maintains information on potential impacts to tribal lands from DoD activities.

<https://www.denix.osd.mil/denix/Public/Native/Mitigation/naets.html>  
703 604-1747

#### —Department of Energy

The Office of Environmental Management is committed to the cleanup of nuclear weapon sites near tribes.

<http://web.em.doe.gov/public/tribal/index.html>  
202 586-5944

#### —Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry

The Office of Tribal Affairs assists with tribal-specific environmental health needs resulting from exposure to hazardous waste sites and pollution.

<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/tribal/>  
888-42ATSDR

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information about FFRRO's tribal activities, please visit our Web site at [www.epa.gov/swerffrr/](http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/), or contact FFRRO's tribal coordinator:

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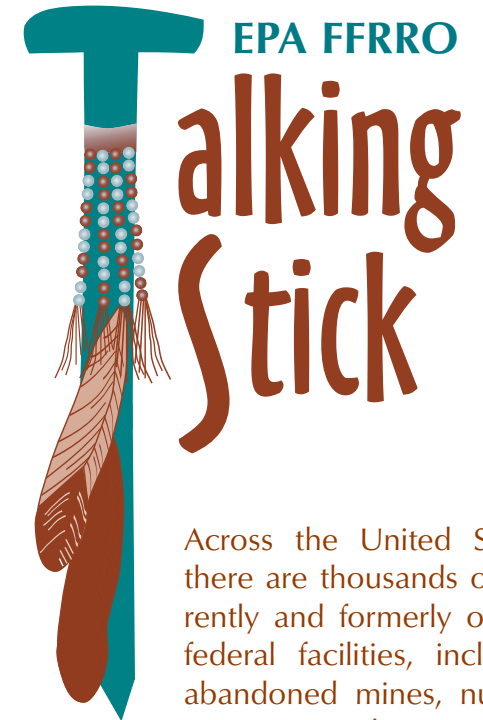


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Across the United States, there are thousands of currently and formerly owned federal facilities, including abandoned mines, nuclear weapons production plants, fuel distribution areas, landfills, and other sites. Some of these sites are contaminated with hazardous waste, ordnance and explosives, radioactive waste, fuels, and other toxic contaminants, and may be located on or near American Indian or Alaskan Native lands.





To overcome the difficulties posed by contamination at these facilities, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office (FFRRO) works closely with the Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DOE), and other federal entities to develop creative, cost-effective solutions to environmental problems. FFRRO's mission is to facilitate faster, more effective, and less costly cleanup and reuse of federal facilities. By focusing on partnering and public involvement, FFRRO and its counterpart offices in EPA Headquarters and Regional Offices have made great strides in improving federal facilities cleanup.

Under various treaties with the U.S. government, tribal governments have a distinct role in the cleanup of federal facilities. Accordingly, EPA works in partnership with tribal governments, both at the facility and national policy-making levels. FFRRO's goals are to:

- Protect the human health and environment of American Indians and Alaskan Native villagers at and near federal facilities;
- Enhance and involve tribes in the cleanup process through meaningful dialogue that respects the unique needs of each tribal community; and
- Develop partnerships that will enhance participation in the environmental decision-making process at federal facilities.

The framework for FFRRO's tribal involvement is designed to address the needs of and mitigate impacts to American Indians, including Alaskan Natives, living on or near federal sites. To better improve the working relationship and involvement of tribes in the cleanup process at federal facilities, FFRRO plans to:

- Partner with tribes on a government-to-government consultation basis consistent with EPA's trust responsibility;
- Enhance tribal capacity-building through grants, technical advice, and training programs;
- Work with other federal agencies to identify and address American Indian lands affected by federal facilities;
- Promote interagency collaboration on tribal policy and resource issues; and
- Enhance communication and outreach to tribes.

### FEDERAL LAND TRANSFER TO TRIBES

Under cleanup statutes or by congressional mandate, DoD base closures often can lead to land transfers to tribes, which would be held in trust by the Department of the Interior's Bureau of Indian Affairs. Affected tribes may have opportunities for economic development or land transfer, as well as access to archeological sites or other cultural resources.

### OUTREACH AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

FFRRO provides funding to the Technical Outreach Services for Communities (TOSC) program for tribal communities through the Haskell Indian Nations University and the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center. TOSC provides culturally appropriate technical assistance to American Indian communities on potential health effects, environmental risks, available cleanup options, and regulatory concerns. FFRRO also financially supports several research grants to American Indian non-profit organizations to assist in identifying and evaluating barriers to and opportunities for tribal participation in federal facility cleanup activities. Contact the Haskell Environmental Research Studies Center at 785 749-8498 or visit the following Web site: [www.hsrc.org/hsrc/html/tosc/](http://www.hsrc.org/hsrc/html/tosc/).

### ORDNANCE AND EXPLOSIVES

FFRRO's commitment to tribal involvement is further illustrated by its collaboration with tribes on several ordnance, explosives, and munitions-related projects. FFRRO continues to develop the following:

- EPA Guidelines for Munitions Response, to assist EPA Regional staff, tribes, and states;
- Handbook on the Management of Ordnance, regarding the technical aspects of munitions sites; and
- Training programs for personnel working on munitions issues.

These efforts emphasize the importance of ensuring that tribes are appropriately involved and informed in munitions responses. Visit FFRRO's munitions Web site at: [www.epa.gov/swerffrr/documents/munitions.htm](http://www.epa.gov/swerffrr/documents/munitions.htm).

### TRIBAL INVOLVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Advisory boards and community groups are key elements in FFRRO's tribal community involvement activities. FFRRO works with DoD and DOE and their respective stakeholders at the local level by providing technical and regulatory input at advisory board meetings and at the national level by developing policies for establishing and maintaining advisory boards. FFRRO supports several types of advisory boards, including:

**DoD's RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARDS (RABs):** Provide a forum through which community members can provide input to DoD's Restoration program. RABs operate at functional, closing, or realigning installations, and Formerly Used Defense Sites where there is a sufficient and sustained community interest.

**DOE'S SITE-SPECIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS:** Involve stakeholders more directly in DOE cleanup decisions.

**SUPERFUND COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUPS:** Serve as the focal point for the exchange of information among stakeholders involved in the cleanup of a Superfund site.

