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This guide provides a compilation of organizations that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Indian Program works with in various capacities. These organizations are categorized into two types: National/Regional EPA-Supported Organizations and National/Regional Indian Organizations. It is a working document intended to be changed as new information becomes available.

The National/Regional EPA Organizations are those groups that have been established by EPA to serve as work groups or advisory groups.

There are over 150 tribal organizations throughout the country that address environmental and natural resource issues. The section on National/Regional Indian Organizations is an illustrative selection of some of these organizations.

Much of the information provided in this document is from a Resource Guide used for EPA's Working Effectively with Tribal Governments Training. Additional information was gathered from the websites of the listed organizations.

**A. NATIONAL/REGIONAL
EPA-SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS**

American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC)

The American Indian Advisory Council (AIAC) is a Special Emphasis Program Council organized under the Office of Civil Rights. The central purpose of AIAC is to serve as an advisory group to the Administrator of EPA to recommend actions that address concerns of American Indians in the EPA workforce, and of the Indian tribes. Membership is open to all employees of EPA.

Contact:

Jean Belille, EPA Region 8, (303) 312-6556

Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA)

The Forum on State and Tribal Toxics Action (FOSTTA) was established in spring of 1991 as a partnership between OPPT and state and tribal leaders to increase understanding and improve collaboration on toxics and pollution prevention issues among the states, tribes, and EPA. FOSTTA is comprised of members from state and tribal communities who have an interest in pollution prevention programs and toxics issues and meets three times a year. The FOSTTA Tribal Affairs Project was created in 1997. In 2002, the Environmental Council of States (ECOS), in partnership with the National Tribal Environmental Council, was awarded a five-year cooperative agreement to manage FOSTTA. The FOSTTA web site is at: <http://www.ecos.org/section/projects/?id=653>.

Contacts:

Margaret Sealey
Environmental Council of the States
(202) 624-3662

Mary Lauterbach
EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
(202) 564-8821

Indian Program Policy Council (IPPC)

The Indian Program Policy Council adopted a charter on October 30, 2003 and replaced the Senior Indian Program Managers Group. The IPPC was created to advise and support the Agency on major policy and implementation issues affecting EPA programs and activities in order to enhance protection of the environment and human health in Indian country, and other Tribal areas including in Alaska (ICOTA). The IPPC also serves as a vehicle to exchange information between EPA Headquarters and regions and was established to help the Agency meet the Administrator's high expectations for progress on strengthening the Agency's Indian Program.

IPPC is co-chaired by Office of Water (OW) and Region TOC representatives and is comprised of two groups, the Council itself and a Steering Committee. The Council consists of cross-Agency senior management who are representatives on the Tribal Operations Committee or their SES designee. The Steering Committee, which was created by the Council, consists of a representative from each program office. The IPPC may also establish subgroups to focus on specific projects or issues.

The Council meets four times a year while the Steering Committee meets monthly or more frequently if needed.

Co-Chair: Mike Shapiro
Deputy Assistant Administrator
Office of Water
(202) 564-5700

Co-Chair: A. Stanley Meiburg
Deputy Regional Administrator
EPA Region 4
(404) 562-8357

Steering Committee Chair: Carol Jorgensen, Director
American Indian Environmental Office

National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC)

The National Environmental Justice Advisory Council (NEJAC) was chartered as a Federal Advisory Committee in 1993. The Council has 26 representatives, including the Designated Federal Officer. The Council is made up of representatives from seven key environmental justice constituencies including community-based groups, business and industry, academic and educational institutions, tribal governments, state and local governments, and nongovernmental organizations.

The Council had seven standing subcommittees; one of which was the Indigenous Peoples Subcommittee. These subcommittees are no longer active; however, NEJAC continues to work with indigenous grassroots groups and environmental organizations, tribal business and industry, academia, and state government to address environmental justice and developing recommendations for bringing about environmental justice in Indian country. The Council plans for Workgroups on an as-needed basis.

Charles Lee, Designated Federal Official, NEJAC, (202) 564-2597

Daniel Gogal, Tribal Coordinator, Office of Environmental Justice, (202) 564-2576

National Indian Law Workgroup (NILWG)

The National Indian Law Work Group (NILWG) is the counterpart to the National Indian Work Group. It addresses legal issues that arise in the course of developing and implementing the Agency's Indian Program. The NILWG is composed of lawyers from EPA's regional counsel and program offices, the Office of General Counsel, the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, and from the Department of Justice and the Department of the Interior who work on federal Indian law issues. The group also includes policy staff from AIEO and other EPA offices. NILWG meets once a month via teleconference to discuss pressing or nationally significant Indian law issues related to environmental protection and to exchange information on common issues and problems. Also, NILWG usually meets face-to-face once each year.

Contacts:

Tod Siegal, Office of General Counsel, (202) 564-5552

Barbara Wester, Office of Regional Counsel, EPA Region 5, (312) 353-8514

National Indian Workgroup (NIWG)

The role of the National Indian Work Group (NIWG) was initially defined in the 1984 Indian Policy Implementation Guidance. The NIWG is chaired by the Director of the American Indian Environmental Office and is composed of representatives from regional and program offices, generally the Indian Coordinator. NIWG was established to facilitate and coordinate efforts to identify and resolve policy and programmatic barriers to working directly with Indian tribes; implement comprehensive tribal environmental programs; identify priority tribal projects; and perform other services in support of the Agency managers in implementing the Indian policy. NIWG holds regular biweekly conference calls and usually meets at least once each year.

Chairperson: Carol Jorgensen, Director
American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)
(202) 564-0303

National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC)

The National Pollution Prevention and Toxics Advisory Committee (NPPTAC or Committee) is the national advisory body to provide advice, information and recommendations on the overall policy and operation of programs managed by EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT), in performing its duties and responsibilities under the Toxics Substances Control Act (TSCA) and the Pollution Prevention Act (PPA). The Committee provides a forum for public discussion and the development of independent advice to the EPA Administrator by taking advantage of the experience, strengths and responsibilities of a broad range of Agency constituents and stakeholders. In addition, Federal Agency representatives or national experts serve as technical advisors to the NPPTAC.

Membership: The NPPTAC is composed of fifteen (15) members, with balanced representation from industry, non-governmental organizations, States and Tribes, academia and other institutions, with knowledge and experience with risk management, risk communication, and pollution prevention programs. The NPPTAC holds meetings, analyzes issues and makes necessary recommendations. The Committee is expected to meet at least three times per year. Technical advisors, while not members of the Committee, provide information and advice about their federal agencies' policies and positions as needed by the NPPTAC during discussions.

The NPPTAC web site is at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/npptac>.

Contacts:

John Alter
EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
(202) 564-8074

Aresia Williams
EPA Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics
(202) 564-0308

National Tribal Air Association (NTAA)

The National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) is a tribal air quality organization dedicated to insuring that Tribes themselves set priorities and determine mechanisms for interacting with other governments on air issues. The mission of the NTAA is to collectively advance air quality management policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians. NTAA is housed at the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) in Albuquerque, NM. For more information, visit the Web site at: <http://www.ntatribalair.org>.

Contacts:

Steve Hartsfield
National Tribal Environmental Council
(505) 242-2175 ext.106

Darrel Harmon
EPA Office of Air and Radiation
(202) 564-7416

Address: NTEC, 2501 Rio Grand Boulevard NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87104

National Tribal Water Council

In late 2006, the Office of Water (OW) provided funding to establish and administer a national Tribal Water Council (TWC). The TWC is a tribal technical resource and program and policy dialogue and development group. It focuses on protecting the aquatic resources of Indian country by supporting tribal implementation of the requirements of the Clean Water Act and the Safe Drinking Water Act as well as by encouraging tribes to enter into partnerships with other stakeholders and to engage in voluntary water resource protection. The organization provides a recognized means for tribes to provide EPA with input on national water protection policies and initiatives, and assures that the tribal voice will continue to have a strong influence on long term strategies adopted by the Office of Water.

Contacts:

Karen Rudek
Tribal Program Coordinator
EPA Office of Water
(202) 564-0472

Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC)

The formation of Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) at each EPA region with federally recognized tribes is to facilitate communications regarding tribal environmental matters within the regions. RTOC and its members help the regional offices institutionalize the Agency's Indian Policy and serve as an important liaison on regional and national environmental issues that impact Indian country, between Native American tribes, EPA's Regional Offices, EPA's national program offices, and the Tribal Operations Committee. The RTOC helps maintain open and consistent communication among tribes, and between tribes and EPA management.

In addition, RTOC members participate on regional and national workgroups providing unique tribal perspectives on environmental needs and provide advice during the planning stages of new initiatives.

Membership: Membership of RTOC varies by Region. Region 2 does not have an RTOC. The Indian nations in Region 2 have an annual meeting with EPA senior leaders.

Tribal Operations Committee (TOC)

In order to improve communications and build stronger partnerships with the tribes, the Agency established the Tribal Operations Committee (TOC) in February 1994. The TOC comprises of 19 tribal leaders (the Tribal Caucus) and EPA's Senior Leadership Team, including the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, and the Assistant and Regional Administrators. The TOC is co-chaired by the EPA Administrator and the Chairperson of the TOC Tribal Caucus. The TOC meets on a regular basis to discuss implementation of the environmental protection programs for which EPA and the tribes share responsibility as co-regulators. All tribes are encouraged to communicate with the members of the TOC Tribal Caucus. Although the TOC is an important and effective vehicle for enhancing communications between EPA and the tribes, it is not a substitute for Agency consultation with individual tribes in accordance with the Administration policy of working with Indian tribes on a government-to-government basis.

Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)

The Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) Tribal Program organized the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) in late 1999. TPPC is a tribal technical resource and program and policy dialogue and development group, focused on pesticide issues and concerns. It meets twice a year and provides a vehicle through which tribes can voice opinions on national pesticide policies and raise tribal pesticide issues to federal attention. The TPPC is a strong partner with the EPA to ensure that tribes will continue to provide a major impetus for the long-term strategic direction taken by the Office of Prevention, Pesticide, and Toxic Substances (OPPTS) Tribal Program as it strives to build tribal capacity and produce an Agency pesticide strategy that is responsive to tribal needs and concerns. In addition, the TPPC serves as a technical resource pool for tribes in Indian country.

Membership: The TPPC is composed of authorized representatives from federally recognized tribes and Indian nations and intertribal organizations. Authorization must be in writing by a letter from either the Tribal Chairperson or a letter or resolution from the Tribal Council or similar governing body. At this time there are 42 authorized representatives, including some authorized alternates. Thirty-two tribes or Indian nations have authorized representatives.

Contacts:

The Authorized Representative is the elected TPPC Chairperson.
Irving Provost, Director of Pesticide Enforcement for the Oglala Sioux Tribe,
(605) 867-5624

The Administrative Contact is the Coordinator of the TPPC.
Lillian A. Wilmore of Native Ecology Initiative, (617) 232-5742

Tribal Science Council (TSC)

The Tribal Science Council provides a forum for interaction between Tribal and Agency representatives of mutual benefit and responsibility to work collaboratively on environmental scientific issues.

Membership: Membership in the TSC consists of a single tribal representative from each of the nine EPA Regions with federally recognized tribes, an additional tribal representative designated in Region 10 to represent Alaska Native communities, and a single Agency representative from each Headquarters program office and region. Agency representatives are designated by Assistant Administrators from the EPA program office and regions. Tribal representatives are nominated by their Regional Tribal Operations Committees through the National Tribal Operations Committee.

Executive Secretary: Monica Rodia, EPA Office of Research & Development,
(202) 564-8322

Officers: David Nelson, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Co-Chair, (605) 964-6558
Roland Hemmett, EPA Region 2, Co-Chair, (732) 321-6755

B. NATIONAL/REGIONAL INDIAN ORGANIZATIONS

Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians: In 1953 tribal leaders in the Northwest formed the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians, and dedicated it to tribal sovereignty and self-determination. Today, ATNI is a nonprofit organization representing Northwest tribal governments from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, Northern California and Western Montana. ATNI is an organization whose foundation is composed of the people it is meant to serve -- the Indian peoples. Representatives from the member tribes set the policy and direction through committees by way of resolutions during yearly meetings. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.atntribes.org> or call (503) 249-5770.

Membership: 54 Tribes

Executive Director: Lyn Dennis

Address: 1827 NE 44th Avenue, Suite 130
Portland, OR 97213

Alaska Inter-Tribal Council: The Alaska Inter-Tribal Council is a statewide, tribally governed non-profit organization that advocates in support of tribal governments throughout the state. The Council promotes indigenous self-determination by providing technical assistance to tribal governments, facilitating inter-governmental and inter-agency communication and collaboration, offering public education regarding Alaska Native cultures and tribal governments, and advocating on behalf of tribal initiatives and self-governance. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.aitc.org> or call (907) 563-9334, or (800) 995-9334.

Membership: 231 Tribes

Chairman of Executive Council: Ian Erlich

Executive Director: Steve Sumida (acting)

Environmental Coordinator: Anne Jourdan

Address: 1569 S. Bragaw Street, Suite 102, Anchorage, AK 99508

American Indian Science and Engineering Society: The American Indian Science and Engineering Society is a private, nonprofit organization that nurtures building of community by bridging science and technology with traditional native values. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.aises.org> or call (505) 765-1052.

Executive Director: Pamala Silas

Address: P.O. Box 9828, Albuquerque, NM 87119-9828

California Indian Basketweavers Association: The California Indian Basketweavers Association's mission is to preserve, promote, and perpetuate California Indian basketweaving traditions while providing a healthy physical, social, spiritual, and economic environment for basketweavers. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.ciba.org> or call (530) 272-5500.

Membership: There are two categories –
Voting Member - California Indian Descent and practice traditional basketry
California Indian Associate Member - Supporters

Executive Director: Shannon Brawley

Officers: There is an eleven-member board of directors.
Lucy Parker, Chairperson

Address: California Indian Basketweavers Association, P.O. Box 1348,
Woodland, CA 95776

Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority: The Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority manages and regulates the 1836 treaty fishery for the Bay Mills Indian Community, Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, and the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://1836cora.org/> or call (906) 632-0043.

Membership: 5 Tribes

Contact: Jennifer M. Dale, Public Information Officer

Address: 179 W. Three Mile Rd.
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission: The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission was created in 1977 to coordinate the management and protection of the tribes' treaty fishery resource and to implement the tribes' fishery policies and objectives in the Columbia Basin. The CRITFC staff consists primarily of biologists, attorneys, and other professionals who provide legal and technical assistance to the tribes on issues relating to protection, enhancement, and sustainable use of the fishery resources in the Columbia River Basin. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.critfc.org> or call (503) 238-0667.

Membership: The governing body of CRITFC, the Commission, consists of the Fish and Wildlife Committees of Warm Springs, Yakama, Umatilla and Nez Perce Tribes located in Oregon, Washington, and Idaho.

Executive Director: Olney Patt, Jr.

Officers: CRITFC officers are elected to a one-year term.

Address: 729 NE Oregon Street, Suite 200, Portland, Oregon 97232

Council of Energy Resource Tribes: The Council of Energy Resource Tribes promotes the general welfare of member tribes through the protection, conservation, control and prudent management of their oil, coal, natural gas, uranium, and other resources. Activities include giving on-site technical assistance to tribes in energy resource management, conducting programs to enhance tribal planning and management capacities, and sponsoring workshops. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.certreearth.com> or call (303) 282-7576.

Membership: 53 tribes in U.S. and 4 First Nations in Canada

Executive Director: A. David Lester

Officers: Elected leader of all 57 tribes

Address: 695 S. Colorado Blvd, Suite 10, Denver, Colorado 80246

The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission: The Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission provides technical assistance to its 11 member tribes in the conservation and management of fish, wildlife, and other natural resources throughout the Great Lakes region, thereby ensuring access to traditional pursuits of the Chippewa people. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.glifwc.org> or call (715) 682-6619.

Membership: GLIFWC member tribes are:

Michigan - Bay Mills Indian Community, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and Lac Vieux Desert band.

Wisconsin - Bad River, Lac Courte Oreilles, Lac du Flambeau, Mole Lake/Sokaogon, Red Cliff and St. Croix bands.

Minnesota - Fond du Lac and Mille Lacs bands.

Executive Administrator: James Zorn

Officers: Elected leaders of member tribes

Address: P.O. BOX 9, 100 Maple Street, Odanah, WI 54861

Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force: The Haudenosaunee Environmental Task Force (HETF) is an inter-tribal consortia that addresses environmental matters for the Iroquois Confederacy. HETF is composed of delegates (Haudenosaunee leaders, environmental technicians, and scientists) chosen by each of the Haudenosaunee Nations. These individuals are from the 4 federally recognized nations of Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga, and Tonawanda-Seneca as well as from the 2 non-federally recognized nations of Mohawk and Oneida and are committed to identifying environmental problems in their communities and working to find solutions to them. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.hetfonline.org> or call (518) 358-3381

Membership: Cayuga, Tuscarora, Onondaga, and Tonawanda-Seneca, Mohawk and Oneida Nations.

Director: Joyce King, Mohawk Nation, P.O. Box 366, Rooseveltown, New York 13683

Indigenous Environmental Network: The Indigenous Environmental Network is governed by a national council of indigenous grassroots organizations and individuals. The services provided by the IEN National Office include a national clearinghouse on environmental issues; a resource and referral network for technical information and fact sheets; national/regional/local education on grassroots organizing, training, and strategic development; annual conference planning; and information dissemination on indigenous grassroots environmental groups and tribal government environmental programs. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.ienearth.org> or call (218) 751-4967.

Director: Tom Goldtooth

Officers (Board of Directors):

- Manual Pino, founder and member of the Laguna-Acoma for a Safe Environment, a tribal community-based organization working on uranium contamination on Pueblo tribal communities in New Mexico.
- Gloria Decorah Toyebo, Sokaogan Defense Committee, a member of a tribal community-based group working to stop hard rock mining in Wisconsin.
- Bineshi Albert, a previous founding member and youth representative of IEN and currently a co-coordinator of Sage Council, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Sage Council is working on the protection of the sacred Petroglyph.

Address: PO Box 485, Bemidji, MN 56619

Indigenous Waters Network: Indigenous Water Network (IWN) is a grassroots efforts led by tribal people and supported on an organizational basis by the River Network. IWN has been organized to address tribal issues related to water with a focus on protecting water resources, cultural uses and traditional values of water as well as help tribal governments establish scientifically based tribal water codes. River Network is a national river conservation organization whose mission is to help people understand, protect and restore rivers and their watersheds. River Network supports and empowers the efforts of community-based watershed protection groups and tribes working for watershed protection at the local, state and regional scales. For more information, call (505) 412-2245.

IWN

Coordinator: Jolene Catron

Address: P.O. Box 2031, Ft. Washakie, WY 82514

River Network (National Headquarters)

520 SW 6th Avenue #1130, Portland, OR 97204

503-241-3506 or 1-800-423-6747

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals: The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals was created to act as a catalyst among tribal governments; research and technical resources at Northern Arizona University (NAU); various federal, state and local governments; and the private sector, in support of environmental protection of Native American natural resources. ITEP was established at NAU in 1992, in cooperation with USEPA and seeks to assist Indian Tribes in the management of their environmental resources through effective training and education programs. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/> or call (928) 523-9555.

Interim Director: Mehrdad Khatibi

Address: Northern Arizona University, PO Box 15004, Flagstaff, AZ 86011; or NAU DuBois Center/ITEP, McConnell Circle, Bldg 64, RM 32, Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Intertribal Agriculture Council: The Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council's mission is to pursue and promote the conservation, development and use of agricultural resources in Indian country. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.indianaglink.com> or call (406) 259-3525.

Executive Director: Ross Racine

Officers: Richard Bowers, Seminole Tribe of Florida, President
Harlan Beaulieu, Red Lake Chippewa Tribe, Vice-President
Zachary Ducheneaux, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Secretary
Robert Miller, Creek Nation of Oklahoma, Treasurer
Raynell Miller, Walker River Paiute Tribe, California-Nevada Area
Alonzo Coby, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Portland Area

Address: 100 North 27th Street, Suite 500, Billings, MT 59101

Intertribal Bison Cooperative: The Inter-Tribal Bison Cooperative provides technical support to tribal bison management operations and helps tribes acquire, care, and develop these animals. The cultural significance of bison to Native Americans is a significant factor in the ITBC's advocacy of tribal management of bison. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.intertribalbison.com> or call (605) 394-9730.

Membership: ITBC has a membership of 42 tribes with a collective herd of over 8,000 bison.

Executive Director: Mike Fox (Interim)

Officers: Governed by a Board of Directors, which is comprised of one tribal representative from each member tribe.

Address: 1560 Concourse Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona: The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona was formed in 1953. In 1975 it established the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) to provide a united effort to promote Indian self-reliance through public policy development. ITCA provides an independent capacity to obtain, analyze, and disseminate information vital to Indian community development. The 20 member tribes of ITCA are the highest elected tribal officials, tribal chairpersons, presidents, and governors. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.itcaonline.com> or call (602) 258-4822.

Membership: ITCA has a membership of 20 tribes.

Executive Director: John R. Lewis

Officers:

- Raphael Bear, *President of Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation*, President
- Leonard Rivers, *Vice-President of Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community* First Vice-President
- Herminia Frias, *Chairwoman of Pascua YaquiKaibab-Paiute Tribe*, Second Vice-President

Address: 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004

Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan: The Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan (MITC) provides a forum for member tribes and advocates for development of programs and policies on improvement of economy, education, and quality of life for Michigan native Americans. Additionally, MITC provides technical assistance to member tribes including development of tribal laws and regulations. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.itcmi.org> or call (906) 632-6896.

Membership: 12 Tribes.

- Bay Mills Indian Community
- Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians
- Hannahville Indian Community
- Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi
- Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
- Lac Vieux Desert Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians
- Little River Bands of Ottawa Indians
- Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians
- Match-E-Be-Nash Potawatomi (Gun Lake)
- Potawatomi Indian Nation
- Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe
- Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians

Executive Director: Sharon Teeple

Environmental Services Manager: Dwight Sargent

Address: 2956 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Inter-Tribal Environmental Council of Oklahoma: The Inter-Tribal Environmental Council of Oklahoma was formed in October 1992 by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between 20 Oklahoma tribes and EPA Region 6. Since that time other tribes have joined and the current membership includes 41 tribes in Oklahoma, New Mexico, and Texas. ITEC provides environmental management for air, land, and water resources to the member tribes. For more information, visit the Web site at www.itecmembers.org or call (918) 458-5498.

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

Director: Nancy John

Address: P.O. Box 948, Tahlequah, OK 74465-0948

Intertribal Timber Council: The Intertribal Timber Council advocates the conservation, enhancement and development of tribal timber resources for the benefit of tribal members. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.itcnet.org> or call (503) 282-4296.

Membership: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
 Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
 Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
 Hoopa Valley Tribe
 Makah Tribe
 Nez Perce Tribe
 Quinalt Indian Nation
 Tanana Chiefs Conference
 White Mountain Apache Tribe
 Yakama Nation

Program Manager: Joann Reynolds

Officers: Nolan C. Colegrove, Sr., Hoopa Valley Tribe, President
 Frank Johnny Endfield, Jr., White Mountain Apache Tribe, Vice-President
 Reggie Atkins, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Secretary
 Alfred Ketzler, Jr., Tanana Chiefs Conference, Inc., Treasurer

Address: 1112 NE 21st Avenue, Portland, OR 97232

Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance: The Maine Indian Basketmakers Alliance (MIBA), established in 1993, is a nonprofit Native American arts service organization focused on preserving and extending the art of basketmaking within Maine's Native American community. MIBA seeks to preserve the ancient tradition of ash and sweetgrass basketmaking among the Maliseet, Micmac, Passamaquoddy and Penobscot tribes. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.maineindianbaskets.org>, call (207) 827-0391, or contact by email at miba@gwi.net.

Address: P.O. Box 3253, Old Town, ME 04468

Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes: The Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes (MAST) consists of tribes from Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, and Iowa. MAST formed to work pro-actively on common political and administrative issues and to advance, protect, preserve and enhance their mutual interests, sovereignty, and cultural way of life. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.m-a-s-t.org>, or call (715) 793-4386.

Membership: 35 tribes

Executive Director: Scott Vele, scott.vele@mohican.com

Address: P.O. Box 70, Bowler, WI 54416

The Midwest Treaty Network: The Midwest Treaty Network was founded in 1989 as an alliance of Indian and non-Indian groups supporting Native American sovereignty in the western Great Lakes region. The MTN works with numerous tribes and tribal organizations throughout the region on issues of cultural respect including sacred site protection, opposition to spiritual exploitation and cultural trivialization (e.g., Indian mascots issues), support for environmental protection and land claims, and building cultural and economic ties between Native and non-Native communities. While founded in the context of the Chippewa (Ojibwe) treaty struggle, it is concerned generally with defending and strengthening Native cultures and nationhood, protecting Mother Earth, and fighting racism and other forms of domination throughout our region. The Network has taken a stand against economic and political pressure on indigenous nations to give up their rights. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.treatyland.com/> or call (715) 295-0018, or (920) 496-5360.

Officers: Christine Munson (Oneida/Steven Point)
Laura Manthe (Oneida Nation)
Matt Stewart (Ojibwe/Lacrosse)

Address: P.O. Box 43, Oneida, WI 54155

The Midwest Tribal Aquaculture Network (MTAN): The Midwest Tribal Aquaculture Network is composed of Tribal Fish Hatchery Biologists who are interested in promoting fish-rearing techniques for Tribal hatchery programs. The primary means of assisting tribal hatchery employees is by sharing information through the organization's quarterly newsletter. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://midwest.fws.gov/ashland/mtan/mtanhome.html> or call the contacts listed below.

Contacts:

Elizabeth W. Greiff, St. Croix Tribal Natural Resources Department, (715) 349-2195
Frank G. Stone, US Fish and Wildlife Service Ashland FRO, (715) 682-6185 (ext 202)

Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition: Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition is based in Rapid City, South Dakota and is composed of 22 member tribes in the Missouri River Basin. Four other tribes (Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Iowa Tribe of Kansas) that are non-members are also located within the Missouri River Basin. Mni Sose was formally organized and recognized by the Missouri River Basin Indian Tribes in January of 1993. The Coalition's objectives are to strengthen tribal capabilities necessary to manage, control, and protect tribal water resources and to implement tribal environmental programs. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.mnisose.org> or call (605) 343-6054.

Membership:

Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe	Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake
Chippewa Cree Tribe	Traverse Reservation
Spirit Lake Tribe	Three Affiliated Tribes of Fort Berthold
Fort Belknap Indian Community	Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa
Assinboine & Sioux Tribes of Fort Peck	Indians
Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas	Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Lower Brule Sioux Tribe	Yankton Sioux Tribe
Northern Cheyenne Tribe	Blackfeet Tribe
Omaha Tribe of Nebraska	Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe
Ponca Tribe of Nebraska	Crow Tribe
Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation	Wind River Reservation (Eastern
Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri	Shoshone & Northern Arapaho Tribes)
Santee Sioux Nation	

Executive Director: Tony Provost

Executive Committee:

Tony Provost, Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa, President
Don Pilcher, Sac and Fox Nation, Vice-President
Rhonda Azure, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Treasurer
Boyd Gourneau, Lower Brule Sioux Tribe, Secretary

Address: P.O. Box 2890, Rapid City, SD 57709-2890
629 Quincy Street, Suite 205, Rapid City, SD 57701

National Congress of American Indians: The National Congress of American Indians, founded in 1944, is the oldest, largest, and most representative national Indian organization, serving more than three quarters of the American Indian and Alaska Native population. NCAI is organized as a representative congress of consensus on national priority issues. NCAI issues and activities include protection of Indian cultural resources and religious freedom, promotion of Indian economic opportunity, and support of environmental protection and natural resources. Over the past few years, NCAI has passed numerous resolutions supporting various environmental issues. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.ncai.org> or call (202) 466-7767. Membership: NCAI has grown over the years from its modest beginnings of 100 people to include 250 member tribes from throughout the United States. Executive Director: Jacqueline Johnson

Executive Committee: NCAI has a 16-member executive committee. The President is Joe Garcia, San Juan Pueblo.

Address: 1301 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036

National Indian Health Board: The National Indian Health Board represents Tribal Governments operating their own health care delivery systems through contracting and compacting, as well as those receiving health care directly from the Indian Health Service (IHS). The National Indian Health Board advocates on behalf of all Tribal Governments and American Indians/Alaska Natives in their efforts to provide quality health care. In addition, there are several local Area Health Boards that serve as a communication link between the NIHB and the tribes and are located across the country. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.nihb.org> or call (202) 742-4262.

Membership: The membership of the NIHB shall be composed of the official Area Indian Health Board one (1) from each Indian Health Service (IHS) Area. When an IHS Area has no Area Indian Health Board, the NIHB, by two-thirds (2/3) vote of its full membership, shall determine what organization within the area, if any, shall be designated the member from that Area.

Executive Director: Stacy A. Bohlen

Officers: A 12-member Board of Directors is lead by Sally H. Smith, Chair, Alaska Area

Address: 101 Constitution Ave. N.W., Suite 8-B02, Washington, DC 20001

National Tribal Environmental Council: The National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC) was formed in 1992 and is a membership organization dedicated to working with and assisting tribes in the protection and preservation of reservation environment. NTEC services include environmental technical support, newsletters, updates, federal regulatory and legislative summaries, workshops on specific environmental issues, resource clearinghouse and reference library, and intergovernmental cooperation. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.ntec.org> or call (505) 242-2175.

Membership: Membership is available to all federally recognized Indian tribes and associate membership is available to individuals and organizations interested in protecting tribal environments. NTEC has 182 member tribes (ref: NTEC website).

Executive Director: Bob Gruenig (Interim)

Executive Committee: Kirk E. Frances, Chief of Penobscot Nation, serves as Chairman of this committee.

Address: 2501 Rio Grande Blvd., NW, Suite A, Albuquerque, NM 87104

Native American Fish & Wildlife Society: The Native American Fish & Wildlife Society exists for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of fish & wildlife resources. The Society's purposes are charitable, educational, scientific, and cultural. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.nafws.org> or call (303) 466-1725.

Membership: The Society represents professional biologists, natural resource managers, technicians, and conservation law enforcement officers. There are currently 224 member tribes (ref: NAFWS website).

Executive Director: Ronald D. Rodgers (Deputy Director)

Officer: Joe Jay Pinkham (Yakama), President

Address: 8333 Greenwood Blvd., Suite 25, Denver, Colorado, 80221

Native American Rights Fund: The Native American Rights Fund was formed in 1970 to provide top-quality legal representation to tribes regardless of their ability to pay. NARF has represented hundreds of tribes and its work has included the areas of tribal cultural preservation, protection of tribal natural resources, promotion of human rights, government accountability and development of Indian Law. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.narf.org> or call (303) 447-8760.

Executive Director: John E. Echohawk, Executive Director

Officers: During the formation of the Native American Rights Fund, a governing board was assembled composed of Indian leaders from across the country. John Gonzales, San Ildefonso Pueblo, is the Chair of a 13-member Board of Directors.

Address: 1506 Broadway, Boulder, CO 80302

Native American Water Association: The Native American Water Association works to provide tribal water and wastewater operators, managers, utility commissions and tribal leadership with continued training and technical assistance in their goals to strengthen tribal sovereignty and self-determination and protect health and environment in Indian Country. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.nawainc.org> or call (775) 782-6636.

Contact: Tom Crawford, President

Address: 1662 Highway 395, Suite 212, Minden, NV 89423

Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute (NIARI): The Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute's mission is to serve the interests of the tribes in the area, by applying the principles of applied research, putting theory into practice, and making available college and community resources to address the needs of Washington State tribes and native people.

NIARI is associated with Evergreen State College who has a proven history of educational service to the tribes. Through development of the Northwest Indian Applied Research Institute, the college has made a commitment to the indigenous people of western Washington. The Institute expands its services to what Evergreen College offers which allow the college to assist local tribes in meeting economic, governance and resource goals. In return, the Institute provides additional, real-life learning opportunities for Evergreen students.

For more information, visit the website at:

<http://www.evergreen.edu/nwindian> or call (360) 867-6614.

Director: Alan Parker

Address: 2700 Evergreen Parkway NW, SEM 3122, Olympia, WA 98505

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission: The Treaty Indian Tribes in Western Washington established the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission in 1974 to help them manage their fisheries and to provide member tribes a single, unified voice on fishery-related issues. The Commission provides informational and educational services, fishery management, planning and enhancement support, environmental coordination, and quantitative and technical services. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.nwifc.org> or call (360) 438-1180.

Membership: 20 Tribes

Chairman: Billy Frank

Executive Director: Mike Grayum

Address: 6730 Martin Way East
Olympia, WA 98516

Northwest Native American Basketweaver Association:

The Northwest Native American Basketweavers Association (NNABA) was established in 1996 as a non-profit organization; it provides and promotes opportunities for Northwest Native American Basketweavers to pursue the study of traditional basketweaving techniques and forms. They offer awareness of and education about the diverse weaving arts of the Northwest, increased Native access to traditional cultural resources on public and tribal lands, and unity and communication in social and cultural environments for the teachers and apprentices of traditional and contemporary basketweaving. The NNABA represents Native American Tribes from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, and British Columbia. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.nnaba.org>, call (509) 826-9530, or contact by email at: nnaba3@communitynet.org.

Executive Director: Bernadine Phillips (Colville Tribe)

Address: P.O. Box 174, Omak, WA 98841

Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network: Founded in 1997, the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN) is a non-profit alliance of Native American Tribes from throughout the Pacific Northwest who strive to make effective and environmentally responsible solid waste management a priority on reservations and in tribal communities. One of TSWAN's primary goals is to share technical expertise, information and educational resources, and opportunities with one another, as well as providing Tribal perspective to agencies and organizations designing waste programs so they are effective in Indian Country. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.tswan.org> or call (509) 235-6007.

Membership: 20

56 Villages under the Association of Village Council President, Bethel, Alaska

Executive Director: Kami Snowden

Address: P.O. Box 505
Cheney, WA 99004

United South and Eastern Tribes: The United South and Eastern Tribes is an intertribal organization comprised of 24 federally-recognized tribes. The primary goals and objectives of USET include the promotion of tribal health, safety, welfare, education, economic development, and employment opportunities and the preservation of cultural and natural resources. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.usetinc.org> or call (615) 872-7900.

Membership: 24 federally recognized Tribes

Executive Director: Brenda Shore (Interim)

Environmental Liaison Officer: Lisa Berrios

Address: USET, Inc.
711 Stewarts Ferry Pike
Suite 100
Nashville, TN 37214

Upper Columbia United Tribes: The Upper Columbia United Tribes (UCUT) organization was founded in the late-1980's by four tribes (Coeur d'Alene, Kalispel, Kootenai and Spokane), with the Colville Tribes joining the organization in the mid-1990's. The organization facilitates intertribal efforts to restore fish and wildlife, address declining funding for Tribal programs, promote recognition of Tribal sovereignty, and to speak with a more effective voice for the interests of the Tribes whose homelands surround the upper Columbia River basin. Their mission is to unite Upper Columbia River Tribes for the protection, preservation, and enhancement of Treaty/Executive Order Rights, Sovereignty, Culture, Fish, Water, Wildlife and Habitat and other interests and issues of common concern in their respective territories through a structured process of cooperation and coordination for the benefit of all people. For more information, visit the website: www.ucut.org, or call 509-838-1057.

Membership: 5 tribes

Executive Director: Mary Verner, maryv@aimcomm.com

Address: 910 North Washington Avenue
Suite 107
Spokane, Washington 99201

Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP): The Western Regional Air Partnership is a collaborative effort of tribal governments, state governments and various federal agencies to implement the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission's recommendations and to develop the technical and policy tools needed by western states and tribes to comply with the U.S. EPA's regional haze regulations. Other common air quality issues raised by WRAP members may also be addressed.

The Partnership promotes, supports and monitors the implementation of recommendations throughout the West. The WRAP is also implementing regional planning processes to improve visibility in all Western Class I areas by providing the technical and policy tools needed by states and tribes to implement the federal regional haze rule. The WRAP is administered jointly by the Western Governors' Association (WGA) and the National Tribal Environmental Council (NTEC). Participation is encouraged throughout the Western states and tribes. For more information, visit the website: <http://www.wrapair.org/tribal/>.

WRAP Co-Directors:

Lewis McLeod, NTEC, 5309 Whispering Pines Drive, Ronan, MT 59864, (406) 675-3166

Patrick Cummins, Colorado State Air Quality Program Manager, 1515 Cleveland Place, Suite 200, (970) 884-4770

Officers:

Councilman Lloyd Irvin, Confederated Tribes of Salish and Kootenai, Co-Chair
Governor Janet Napolitano, Arizona, Co-Chair

Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council: Focusing efforts from the headwaters to the mouth of the Yukon River, the Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council promotes environmentally sound use of the land, water, and resources of the fourth largest watershed in north America. Federally recognized Tribes in Alaska and First Nations in Canada came together in 1997 to promote biodiversity and enhance sustainability in the watershed. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.yritwc.com> or call (907) 451-2530.

Membership: 57 Alaska Native Councils, 4 Alaska Native Regional Corporations, and 15 Canada First Nations signed an Accord to protect and restore the watershed.

Officers: There are 12 members of the Executive Board Committee - six tribes from Alaska and six from Yukon.

Alaska Region Director: Robert Rosenfeld,
Addresses and Phone numbers:
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725 Christensen Drive, Suite 3, Anchorage, AK 99501, (907) 258-3337

Yukon Region Director: Bonnie Harpe, (867) 393-2199
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Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada Y1A 5P7