

TPPC Draft presentation for SFIREG Meeting

Good afternoon. I am Jim Mossett of the Three Affiliated Tribes, and a member of the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC).

Our Tribes are located in west-central North Dakota.

The TPPC appreciates the opportunity to present to the SFIREG annual meeting.

The TPPC is funded by the EPA through STAG monies. An administrator is selected by the EPA every five years to coordinate the TPPC cooperative agreement.

Recently the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) was selected as the TPPC Administrator. Mr. Mark Daniels of ITEP is with us for the meeting to give his perspective on the TPPC and help answer questions.

We have monthly conference calls and meet in person twice a year: once in D.C. and once in Indian Country. For the meeting in Indian Country, a Tribe is asked to volunteer to host the meeting, so we meet at various locations throughout the United States.

The TPPC is comprised of 53 individuals from 35 Tribes or Tribal Organizations, including the 22 Tribes and three Tribal Organizations that have programmatic or enforcement cooperative agreements with EPA.

We have a website which identifies our mission, members and actions (tppwebsite.org).

During our monthly calls we have EPA staff present to give updates on upcoming regulatory actions and other items of interest. Rachel Ricciardi (OSCPP), Emily Ryan (OCSPP), Loren Lapointe (OSCSPP), Helene Ambrosino (OECA), and others regularly attend to provide updates to the Tribes. We also have other presenters on various topics of concern.

We currently have four workgroups focusing on:

- Pollinator protection
- Risk assessment
- Direct implementation
- Website redesign

The TPPC and SFIREG are involved in many of the same issues. TPPC members often participate in the same EPA organization meetings as SFIREG, and volunteer to become members.

I recently joined the Certification Training and Assessment Group (CTAG) as a Tribal Delegate.

We hope to work with the EPA and States to help protect the public health and environment, and to develop positive relationships with the States, including States that have not previously interacted with Tribes.

Over the years Tribal Lands have been populated by non-Tribal members who have assimilated into the Reservations and deserve the same protections as Tribal members.

Mr. Daniels and myself would welcome any questions you may have.