

Attachment 1: Agenda

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency / Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response
(OSWER)

TRIBAL FORUM ON OSWER'S TRIBAL STRATEGY

December 2-4 2008

EPA EAST, Room 1153

AGENDA – December 2:

OSWER ORIENTATION FOR TRIBES

(Programmatic Training & Tribal Discussion)

8:30–9:00 Light Refreshments and Gathering

9:00–9:30 Opening Remarks and Round Table Introductions

- EPA Welcome (Marsha Minter, Director, Innovations, Partnerships, Communications Office (IPCO), EPA)
- Opening Prayer (Chief Earl Old Person, Blackfeet Nation)
- Orientation to Structure of Forum (Marci DuPraw, Facilitator, SRA)
- Participant Introductions (All)

9:30–10:45 Overview of OSWER Tribal Program (*“big picture” on OSWER structure, tribal program opportunities, tribal budget and grant programs*)

- Session Introduction (Marsha Minter, IPCO)
- “Big Picture” Remarks From Each OSWER Office & NTC Goal 3 Lead
(10 minute each)

10:45–11:00 BREAK

11:00–12:30 OSWER Program Training Scenarios: Part A (*Tribes will gain knowledge of each OSWER program office, the laws under which it operates, and how EPA can help under each. The programs include those responsible for implementing the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA, or “Superfund”), the Oil Pollution Act (OPA), and the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).*)

- Scenario #1: Finding Answers for Open Dumps
(Session Lead: Gary J. Olson, Tohono O’odham Nation of Arizona, 45 min)
- Scenario #2: Responding to a Spill
(Session Lead: Nick Nichols, Office of Emergency Management, EPA and Bill Lienesch, Office of Underground Storage Tanks, EPA, 45 min)

12:30–1:30 LUNCH

- 1:30–3:00 OSWER Program Training Scenarios: Part B** (*Tribes may improve their understanding and share ideas on developing tribal environmental programs, including developing tribal response programs. In Scenario #4, participants will be able to brainstorm, discuss and share factors for improving community health, including perspectives on risk assessment, risk management, children’s health and redevelopment considerations to improve community health.*)
- Scenario #3: Tips and Tools for Developing a Tribal Environmental Program (Session Leads: Victoria Flowers, Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and Virginia Fornillo, Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization, EPA, 45 min)
 - Scenario #4: Improving Community Health in the Site Cleanup and Redevelopment Process (Session Lead: Ann Carroll, Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization, EPA 45 min)
- 3:00–3:15 BREAK**
- 3:15–5:30 Geographic-based Tribal Environmental Issues** (*Opportunity to develop shared understanding of the unique environmental conditions, problems and needs of tribes in various geographic regions of the U.S. We anticipate participants will explore potential hazardous substance research topics, risk topics, tribal activities, and possible action items and issues to pursue over the next year.*)
- Breakout Sessions on Geographic Regions (e.g., Alaska, Pacific Northwest, Southwest to West, Plains, Eastern Woodland)
 - Combined Session
- 5:30 – 5:35 Closing Comments / Adjourn for the Day**

AGENDA – December 3:

POLICY TOPICS & NEW TRIBAL FRAMEWORK TO IMPLEMENT THE OSWER TRIBAL STRATEGY

8:30–9:00 Light Refreshments and Gathering

- 9:00–10:15 Opening Plenary** (*Orientation to vision and charge for strengthening OSWER’s tribal program partnerships and achieving environmental outcomes in Indian country and Alaska native villages*)
- Welcome and Introduction of Participants (Marsha Minter, Director, IPCO, EPA)
 - Opening Prayer and Remarks (Chief Earl Old Person, Blackfeet Nation)
 - EPA Opening Remarks (Carol Jorgensen, Director, American Indian Environmental Office, EPA)
 - Introduction of OSWER’s Tribal Initiatives and Hopes for Forum (Barry N. Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, OSWER, EPA)
 - Hopes for Implementing an OSWER Tribal Framework (Cal Seciwa, Director, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), Northern Arizona University)
 - Structure of Tribal Forum Day 2 (Marci DuPraw, SRA facilitator)

10:15–10:30 BREAK

10:30-12:00 Policy Topic #1: The Source Reduction Challenge for Tribes (*Opportunity to explore the dimensions of the source reduction issue as it relates to implementation of OSWER's tribal strategy. Participants will share promising practices among tribes, provide useful tools to take home, and identify possible issues and potential action items to address over the next year.*)

- Session overview and speaker introductions (Nicole Schindler, Office of Solid Waster, EPA)
- Introducing the Resource Conservation Challenge (RCC) to Tribes (Peter Grevatt, Acting Director, Municipal and Industrial Solid Waste Division, Office of Solid Waste (OSW), EPA)
- National Partnership for Environmental Priorities (NPEP) Program Overview (Shayla Powell, OSW)
- Tribal Promising Practice: Tribal Actions in National Partnership for Environmental Priorities (NPEP) (Scott Hansen, Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)
- Tribal Promising Practice: Mercury Lamp Recycling (Laura Weber, St. Regis Mohawk Tribe)
- WasteWise Program Overview (Janice Sims, OSW)
- Tribal Promising Practice: Tribal Actions in WasteWise (Irenia Quitiquit, Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians)
- Facilitated Qs & As

12:00–1:15 LUNCH

1:15–2:45 Policy Topic #2: Setting Up Self-Supporting Programs for Implementing OSWER Programs in Indian Country and Alaska Native Villages (*Opportunity to develop common understanding of term; share examples of practices developed and used by tribes to fund self-sustaining solid waste programs; provide tips and tools to help tribes establish sustainable tribal environmental programs; and identify possible issues and action items to address over the next year*)

- Session overview and speaker introductions (Virginia Fornillo, Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization, EPA)
- Promising Practices: Models and strategies that tribes have used successfully to make progress toward sustainable and self-sufficient tribal environmental programs (Kami Snowden, Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network, TSWAN)
- Promising Practices: Establishing a Fee Structure for Sustainability (Ray Reed, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians of North Dakota)
- Tribal Response Programs (David Lloyd, Director, Office of Brownfields & Land Revitalization, EPA)
- Facilitated Qs & As

2:45–3:00 BREAK

