

U.S. Department of Energy Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Tribal Energy Program

Renewable Energy Development on Tribal Lands

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Renewable Energy Resources







Renewable Energy Technologies







DOE's Tribal Energy Program Tribal Energy Program

"Indian land comprises 5% of the land area of the United States, but contains an estimated 10% of all energy resources in the United States"

"Wind resources in the Great Plains could meet 75% of the electricity demand in the contiguous 48 states." (Native American Energy Development and Self-Determination Act of 2003)







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"Indian households on reservations are disproportionately without electricity. A total of 14.2% of Indian households have no access to electricity, as compared to only 1.4% of all U.S. households." Navajo accounts for 75% of the households without electricity (2000 EIA Report)







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Tribes cost-shared \$4.1 million





Sandia National Laboratories

- Support Tribal Energy Program Activities
- Manage the Student Internship Program
- Support Tribal requests via MOUs
 - Navajo
 - Hualapai



Sandia National Laboratory in Albuquerque, New Mexico





Energy Policy Act (EPAct) signed at Sandia



Sandia showcased its energy future vision for the White House guests

- •The Tribal Energy Section of the Energy Act was a part of the presentation
- Several tribal leaders were invited by the White House to attend the ceremony

President Bush signed the Energy Policy Act in 2005





Sandia's technical assistance to tribes



Field Visit to Ramona Ecotourism Center

- As part of the DOE Tribal Energy Program team, Sandia's activities & responsibilities include:
 - Program technical support
 - Project-specific technical support
 - Capacity building in Indian Country
 - Publications and outreach
 - Student Internship

Specific support as requested by the tribes (grantees):

- Ramona Band of Cahuilla
- Hualapai Nation
- Navajo Nation
- Hopi Nation
- Laguna Pueblo

Tribal Energy Projects are showcased at the annual DOE TEP Project Review





Ramona Ecotourism Center







Immersion of future leaders into renewable energy



Sandia/TEP interns on Navajo Nation

Pictured left in the following order: **Gepetta Billie (Navajo)** MS – Regional & Community Planning, BA – Environmental Planning & Design University of New Mexico AS – Civil Engineering Technology, SIPI

Amanda Montoya (Taos, San Juan & Isleta) MS – Regional & Community Planning, University of New Mexico BA – Business Administration, NM State University

Carson Pete (Navajo) MS – Mechanical Engineering, BS – Mechanical Engineering Northern Arizona University

Suzanne Singer (Navajo) PhD – Mechanical Engineering, MS – Mechanical Engineering University of CA - Berkeley BS – Mechanical Engineering, University of AZ

