

Communicating Air Quality Tribal Perspective

Clean Air Act Advisory Committee

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Northwestern Band of the Shoshone Nation

- Federally Recognized Tribe (April 29, 1987)
- Northern Utah and Southeastern Idaho
 - Environmental Programs:
 - (1) Clean Air Act Section 103 Air Grant;
 - (2) Indian General Assistance Program
- Smallest Reservation in Region 8 (188 Acres)
 - One of the most polluted (ozone)
 - 90 miles North of Salt Lake City, UT
 - Only monitoring station in Box Elder County, UT
 - 534 tribal members
- Air Program 12 years experience



Tribal Notifications

- Tribes utilizes our tribal website to notify membership of news and events.
- Monthly newsletter from all the departments under the tribe.
- Word of mouth for events
- FACEBOOK, TWITTER OR OTHER SOCIAL MEDIA IS NOT ALLOWED BY SERVER



Communication Challenges

- Not every tribal members is notified of events (do not have internet access or check mail regularly)
- Not all tribal members care about being notified of events
- Tribal Members do not understand the language of the rules
- Tribal Council has different opinion on how to deal with items concerning environment vs. economic development



Communication Challenges by Tribes

- Some people do not understand EPA jargon (need executive summary)
- No centralized queue (listserv) to sign up on regarding tribal issues
- Social media works for some tribes not for most
- Newsletters are used by a lot of tribes however not sure if issues are being read



Tribal Nations

- 566 Federally Recognized Tribes
 - Each tribe is a sovereign nation
- Approximately 5.2 million Tribal Population
- Approximately 56,000,000 acres of Reservation lands



Questions & Thanks to Contributors

Nez Perce Tribe, Fond Du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, The Mohegan Tribe, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe, The Spokane Tribe of Indians, Forest County Potawatomi, The Bishop Paiute Tribe, Penobscot Indian Nation, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

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