



Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes
301 Main Street
Polson, MT 59860

April 8, 2016

Dear Tribal FIFRA Inspectors, Territory Representatives, Environmental Directors/Personnel, State Lead Agencies, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and other Federal Representatives:

It is our pleasure to invite your agency to participate in the "Inspection Skills and Investigation Techniques," Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT) program hosted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT) Pesticide Program in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The program will be held in Polson, Montana from August 16-18, 2016. August 15th and 19th will be travel days. We require a commitment from participants that they attend the entire training.

The course will focus on investigation techniques, reporting skills and inspection skills, and will also include sessions designed to energize inspectors and renew their dedication to improving their inspection skills. A draft agenda is available at <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/inspection-skills-and-investigation-techniques-tribal-pirt-august-16-18-2016-polson-mt>. Attendees should come away from this course with a thorough understanding of a variety of different types of inspection and investigation resources.

This program is fully funded for selected Tribes, States, and Territories through a grant provided by the EPA. Airfare and lodging expenditures will be paid directly by the CSKT Pesticide Program. Participants will be reimbursed for other expenses including baggage, airport parking, mileage and meals. Participants will be responsible for the hotel deposit and other incidentals such as tips to room service and shuttle drivers. The deposit rate is \$25 per night; the hotel does not accept cash deposits. All participants are responsible to cover the hotel's deposit expense upon check-in. Federal Employees who are selected for the course will be required to fund their own travel. The group rate for the [KwaTaqNuk Resort](#) is \$136 plus 8% room tax per day, which is consistent with federal per diem rates.

Supervisors must complete the [Tribal PIRT 2016 nomination form](#) for their inspector by May 15, 2016. If you have problems accessing the form, please contact Shirley Fan at fan.shirley@epa.gov. Preference for attendance will go to tribes with EPA cooperative agreements, followed by tribes without EPA cooperative agreements, followed by states/territories. Federal employees may be selected based on available conference space. Once the registration form has been received, all applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the training by June 1, 2016. Additional information will be sent regarding travel arrangements in the acceptance letter for selected attendees.

If you have questions pertaining to this program, please feel free to contact the CSKT Pesticide Program staff member, Jasmine Brown, at jasmineb@cskt.org, (406) 883-2888 ext. 7218 or via cell phone at (406) 471-9240.

Sincerely,

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