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RTOC Pesticides Workgroup: An Overview of FIFRA and Resources to Support Pesticide-related Activities

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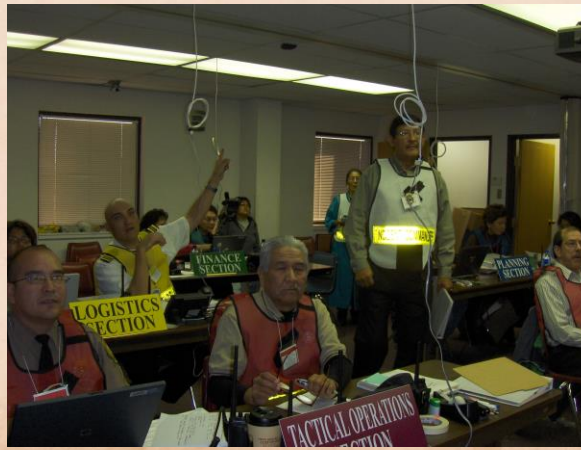
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Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Introduction

- 2001 Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Environmental Protection Office
- 2004 Fort Mojave Indian Tribe, Emergency Preparedness and Response
- 2006-2008 Arizona Department of Health Services
- 2008-2009 Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (contractor)
- 2009-present Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Pesticide Program





Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

Mission Statement

To provide its member tribes with a united voice and the means for united action on matters that affect them collectively or individually....

- Established in 1952 to provide a united voice for tribal governments in Arizona
- Established a private, non-profit corporation in 1975 to promote Indian self-reliance through public policy development
- Members of ITCA are the highest tribal elected officials
- Operate more than 30 projects and employs a staff of 72
- Provide technical assistance, training, research, data collection, resource development





ITCA Executive Management



Executive Director
Maria Dadgar, MBA



ITCA Executive Board
Tribal Leaders in Arizona



- Plan Congressional Week in DC (annually)
- Important changes on critical issues in Arizona that impact Tribes
- Not all tribes have a tribal consortia or organization such as ITCA or a political arm, such as ITAA to advocate
- Develop and submit issue papers from each program on topics that are important to our program; funding, lack of enforcement on tribal lands



Inter Tribal Council of Arizona Pesticide Program Background

- Mid-late 1980's- ITCA Pesticide Program Established
- Served as a conduit for tribal pesticide programs
- At the time, GRIC, CRIT, Cocopah, Quechan Pesticide Programs operating
- Provide trainings, guidance in pesticide inspections, guidance on developing programmatic documents; e.g., ordinances, environmental regulations, inspection forms, priority setting plans, integrated pest management plans, hazardous inventory/assessment
- Provide outreach, education and training

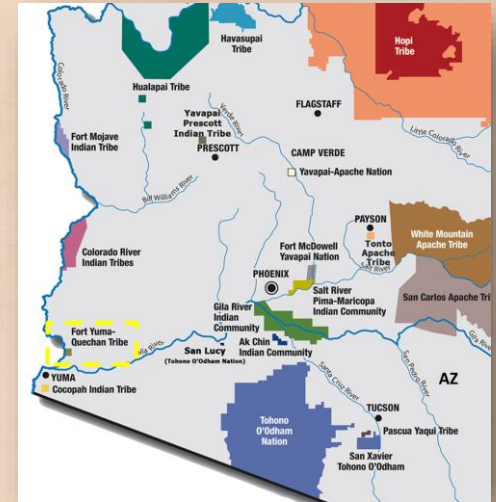




Tribal Pesticide Program Structure

Region 9

- 148 Federally Recognized Tribes
 - 21 in Arizona
 - 18 in Nevada
 - 109 in California
 - 9 Cooperative Agreements w/ EPA (8 tribes, 1 consortia)
- Tribes with Pesticide Use Ordinances or Regulations
 - GRIC, Ak-Chin, FMIT, Cocopah, Quechan, Navajo, YAN, SRPMIC, CRIT





ITCA Pesticide Program

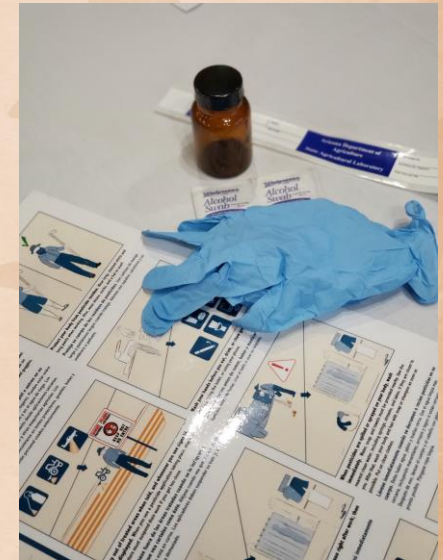
- PPG- OECA and OPP funding
- Inspections (circuit rider program), agreement with 3 tribes in AZ
- Coordinate and provide trainings, workshops, technical assistance to tribal programs and communities
- Tribal Inspector Training- annually or bi/annually
- Integrated Pest Management Training annually or bi/annually
- Individualized trainings to tribes- upon request and availability
- Pesticide Safety and WPS Training to tribal agricultural establishments and other entities - between Jan-May
- Compliance assistance, inspection guidance, other





ITCA Pesticide Program

- Pesticide Inspector Trainings
- Pesticide Safety Trainings
- In person/via webinar
- Workshops for specific audience
 - Housing
 - CHR's
 - Casino, Golf Courses, Roads
 - Schools, Day Cares, Senior Centers
- IPM workshops-
- **2025 National Tribal IPM Training**
 - Target audience
 - IPM Philosophy
 - Biology, behavior, identification, and control of general household pests
- Translation/Bilingual Services
 - Outreach and training materials
 - Brochures
 - PSA's
 - Presentations





Pesticide-Related Activities (non-enforcement)

Basic Pesticide Program Activities

Under EPA's GAP, funds are provided to tribes to build capacity to administer various environmental programs, including pesticides..

- Develop basic tribal pesticide program capability and develop Programmatic Documents
 - Ordinances, Codes and Regulations, Laws, Pesticide Application Forms, Neutral Inspection Scheme, procedure implementation
- Respond to inquiries, concerns, tips, and complaints from the public on tribal lands
- Attend trainings related to pesticide safety, use, IPM, certification, pollinator protection
- Provide outreach/education to tribal communities on pesticide worker safety, rules/regs, water quality, endangered species protection, IPM, applicator certification



Partnerships, Collaboration Opportunities and Resources



- **ITCA Programs-** Epidemiology, Solid Waste, Air Quality, Emergency Management, Community Development (Civic Engagement), Area Agency on Aging (AAA)
- **Arizona Department of Agriculture**
- **University of Arizona, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Arizona Pest Management Center**
 - Support USDA-NIFA Crop Protection and Pest Management Grant
 - Collaborated on many projects for the past 19 years
 - Provided culturally appropriate education and training to Tribal communities in AZ
 - Collaborate with tribal environmental, emergency preparedness and response program experts to provide technical assistance and facilitate IPM trainings (sponsored by a USDA-NIFA grant) National Institute of Food and Agriculture
 - Support Tribal community outreach through distribution of publications, discussion and translation of documents produced in the project when targeting specific audiences.
- **Region 9 Pesticide Working Group**
- **Pesticide Regulatory Education Program (PREP)**
- **Pesticide Inspector Regulatory Training (PIRT)**
- **Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC)**



National Tribal IPM Training-San Diego



National IPM Partners-
ITCA, UA Extension, EPA R9 & HQ, Western IPM/UC Davis



Outreach, Technical Assistance and Training Services





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Questions

Does your community have a Pesticide Enforcement Program?

Do you have a GAP Program?

Does your community have agricultural establishments where crops are sprayed with pesticides?

Is pesticide use or exposure a concern in your community?

What are some training needs in regards to pesticide use or pest control that are needed in your community?

Questions?

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