

International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management
Workshop on
Federal Indian Trust Obligation, Treaties, Agency Policy and Indian Law on
Federal Facilities Cleanup in Indian Country
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Decisions as to if, when and how the cleanup of contaminated Department of Energy, Department of Defense and other federal facilities progresses, will continue to be heavily influenced by federal Indian trust obligations, agency Indian policies and Indian law. Effective tribal participation in federal facility cleanup decisions will require knowledge of the basic principles of the federal trust responsibility to Indian tribes, treaty rights, Indian law and federal agency policies. The workshop faculty includes some of the leading experts from Indian tribes, government agencies and academia. The workshop will provide participants an introduction to basic principles of the Federal Indian trust obligation, agency Indian policies and Indian law as it applies to Federal Facilities cleanup in Indian Country. A tribal risk expert will present a tribal framework that tribal decision-makers can use to analyze and assess tribal cultural resources and interests related to federal facility environmental restoration and economic development activities..

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

An Overview of Indian Law
Mervyn L. Tano, IIRM

The Federal Indian Trust Obligation, Indian Treaties and Federal Facility Cleanup
Mervyn L. Tano, IIRM

Tribal Rights and Authorities under Environmental Protection, Resource Management and Cultural Preservation Laws
Mervyn L. Tano, IIRM

Implementing Agency Indian Policy: Federal Agencies panel discussion
Brandon Carter
Environmental Protection Agency

Jim Van Ness
Department of Defense

Jessica Alcorn
Department of Energy

Education Opportunities
Dr. Alvin Young
DOE Center for Risk Excellence

Procurement Opportunities

Federal Facilities Cleanup: Capacity Building, Opportunities for Tribes case studies report
Larry Lapachin, IIRM

Tribal Interests in Department of Defense Environmental Restoration Activities in Indian Country: An Overview
Emma Featherman-Sam
Badlands Bombing Range
Oglala Lakota Environmental Office

Hayes Lewis and Pablo Padilla (invited)
Zuni Natural Resources Office

Sharlene Begay-Platero
Navajo Economic Development Office

Tribal and Indian Businesses: Ready, Willing and Able Partners
Pete Homer, Executive Director
National Indian Business Association

Laguna Construction Company
Albuquerque, NM

Integrating Tribal Assumptions into Risk Assessments
Stuart Harris, Senior Scientist (Invited)
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

A DOD Perspective of the Emerging Tribal Role In Environmental Restoration
H. Leonard Richeson, Native American
Coordinator