

**RISK-BASED DECISION-MAKING IN FEDERAL FACILITIES CLEANUP:
A WORKSHOP FOR TRIBAL DECISION-MAKERS**

Sponsored by:

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WORKSHOP PURPOSES

The workshop will provide practical instruction and assistance to tribal decision-makers and professional staffs and federal facility managers and regulators in the following areas:

- First, it will help tribal professional staff and decision-makers understand basic principles of risk assessment, risk management and risk communication and the different ways they are applied in federal facilities cleanup.
- Second, it will provide tribal professional staff and decision makers the tools they need to knowingly participate in risk-based environmental cleanup decisions.
- Third, it will help federal facility managers, regulators and technology developers appreciate the wide range of tribal interests that are affected by risk-based decisions.
- Fourth, it will help federal facility managers and regulators understand the legal drivers that require their consideration of tribal interests in their risk-based decisions.
- Fifth, and finally, the workshop will identify the barriers to and opportunities for knowing and informed tribal participation in risk-based environmental cleanup decisions.

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. on March 14. Workshop sessions on March 14 and 15 will run from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sessions include:

• An introduction to risk assessment.	• Using cultural risk analysis to protect tribal cultural interests.
• The “no net risk gain” model of environmental justice.	• Using DOD’s relative risk framework in Indian country.
• Communicating risk information	• Review of tribal risk projects.
• Communicating risks of genetic research.	• Using risk to assess environmental technologies.
• An introduction to cultural risk.	• <i>Additional sessions to be announced.</i>

Workshop faculty includes tribal, government and academic experts in risk analysis, cultural risk, risk communication, and risk management.