

TRIBAL ORGANIZATIONS

OITA – Office of International and Tribal Affairs

OITA is part of the U.S. EPA. The OITA, working with its regional components, is responsible for coordinating the Agency-wide effort to strengthen public health and environmental protection in Indian country. OITA oversees development and implementation of the Agency's Indian Policy.

Contact: Jeff Besougloff, (202) 564-0292

ITCA – Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

ITCA provides a united effort to promote Indian self-reliance through public policy development. ITCA provides an independent capacity to obtain, analyze and disseminate information vital to Indian community development. The 19 member tribes of ITCA are the highest elected Tribal official, Tribal chairpersons, presidents, and governors.

Contact: (602) 258-4822

ITEC – Inter-Tribal Environmental Council

The mission of the Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) is to protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources and their environment as it relates to air, land and water. To accomplish this mission, ITEC provides technical support, training and environmental services in a variety of environmental disciplines. Currently, there are forty-two (42) ITEC member tribes in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Contact: 1-800-259-5376; 918-453-5005

NCAI – National Congress of American Indians

Founded in 1944, NCAI is the oldest, largest, and most representative national Indian organization, serving more than three quarters of the American Indian and Alaska Native population. NCAI is organized as a representative congress of consensus on national priority issues.

Contact: (202) 466-7767; Email: ncai@ncai.org

NTAA – National Tribal Air Association

NTAA's mission is to advance air quality management and policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian tribes and Alaskan Natives.

Contact: (505) 242-2175

NTEC – National Tribal Environmental Council

NTEC was formed in 1992 and is a membership organization dedicated to working with and assisting tribes in the protection and preservation of the reservation environment. NTEC is open to membership to federally-recognized Indian tribes and currently has 182 member tribes.

Contact: (505) 242-2175

NTOC – National Tribal Operations Committee

The (National) Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) was formed in February 1994 in order to improve communication and build stronger partnerships between the tribes and EPA. NTOC comprises 19 Tribal leaders or their environmental program managers (the National Tribal Caucus) and EPA's Senior Leadership Team, including the Administrator, the Deputy Administrator, and the Assistant and Regional Administrators.

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RTOC – Regional Tribal Operations Committee

Federally-recognized tribes reside in nine of the Agency’s ten regions (Region 3 is the exception). Each of these nine regions has appointed a Regional Indian Coordinator, and some of the regions have established an Indian program office. Some regions have a formal Regional Tribal Operations Committee comprised of tribes residing within that region.

Contact: Regional Tribal Air Coordinators

TAMS – Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center

The TAMS Center is a partnership between OAR offices, OAQPS, and ORIA with support from NAU’s Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP). The mission of the TAMS Center is to develop the Tribal capacity to assess, understand, and prevent environmental impacts that adversely affect health, culture, and natural resources.

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ATNI – Affiliated Tribe Northwest Indians

ATNI is a nonprofit organization representing 57 Northwest Tribal governments from Oregon, Idaho, Washington, southeast Alaska, Northern California and Western Montana. Its purpose is to provide a forum for sharing information on matters of interest to its member tribes, and assist member tribes in their governmental and programmatic development consistent with their goals for self-determination and self-sufficiency and provide for effective public relations and education program with the non-Indian communities.

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