The 25th ANNUAL U.S. EPA – REGION 2 INDIAN NATION LEADERS MEETING
MAY 17 – 18, 2022
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ANNUAL NYSDEC INDIAN NATIONS MEETING
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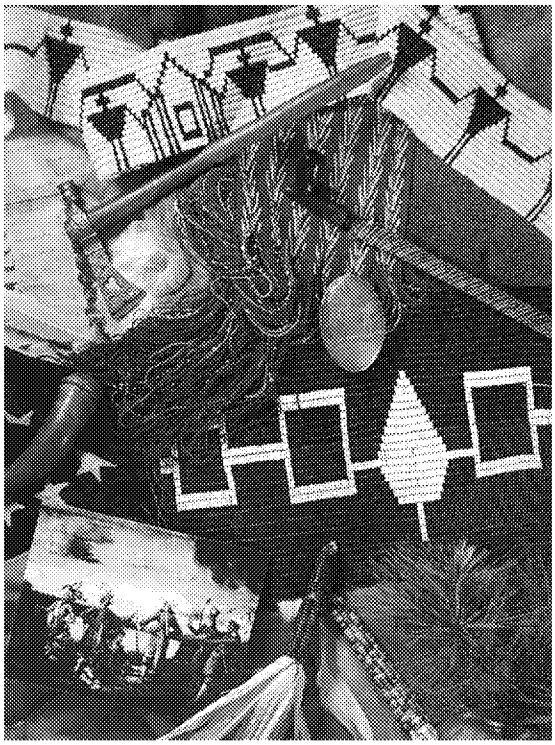

Tuesday May 17, 2022

Day 1 – Concurrent Sessions

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Moderator: ***Lance Caldwell,*** *US EPA Region 2, Strategic Programs Office, ORA*

8:15 AM – 8:30 AM **Ganoñhéñ•nyoñ' (Thanksgiving Address)**

Chief Tadodaho Sidney Hill, Onondaga Nation

8:30 AM – 8:45 AM **Welcome by EPA, Logistical Announcements**

Lisa Garcia, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 2

Grant Jonathan, Regional Indian Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

8:45 AM **Break**

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Presentation**

Purpose: Introduction of newly appointed staff for New York area, USGS programs, potential collaborations, etc.

Presenters:
Jason Sorenson, USGS North Atlantic-Appalachian Region Tribal Liaison
Rob Breault, Director, New York Water Science Center

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **Healthy Homes Project, Indoor Air & Children's Health**

Purpose: EPA Region 2 has partnered with the Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit (PEHSU) on healthy homes project. Our goal is to develop partnerships and build capacity within communities to help reduce harmful health effects on children's health.

Presenters:
Omar Hammad – Burn Wise contact U.S. EPA Region 2
Valerie Askinazi – Indoor Air Quality contact U.S. EPA Region 2
Maida P Galvez, MD, MPH – Professor in Environmental Medicine, Public Health & Pediatrics. Bio.

Sarah F Evans, PhD, MPH – Specializing in early life environmental exposures and child health outcomes. Bio.
Joseph Wilson Jr., MHS – PEHSU Program Coordinator

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM **EPA's Clean School Bus Program Rebates, DERA Funding Opportunities, Equipment Loan Program**

Purpose: Provide an overview of EPA's soon to be released Clean School Bus Program (CSB) under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) and other funding opportunities under EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA). The EPA Region 2 Air and Radiation Division will be starting an Equipment Loan Program for air quality projects. Nations will be invited to submit project ideas to use the equipment.

Presenters:
Emmett Keveney, Environmental Engineer
Lily Black, Life Scientist
Gavin Lau, Tribal Air Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 2

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM **Break**

12:45 PM – 2:45 PM **Kansas State University/Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe (SRMT) Brownfields Training/RoundTable**

Purpose: The presentation fulfills an activity under the SRMT Tribal Hazardous Waste Grant Program project to provide Technical Assistance/training for Tribes and the community and outlines "Protocols for Encountering Hazardous Waste at Open Dumps and Abandoned Structure." Developed by Kansas State University (KSU) Tribal Brownfields Program and co-presented by SRMT staff (Les Benedict, David Casales and Lisa Furnace), it is part of the cooperative partnership developed with KSU.

Presenters:
Mickey Hartnett, Co-Director KSU Tribal TAB
Les Benedict, Assistant Director, Environment Division, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Lisa M. Furnace, Solid Waste Program Manager, Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

2:45 PM – 3:00 PM **Break**

3:00 PM – 4:00 PM **Financial & Technical Resources at Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

Purpose: this session will provide an overview of the financial and technical resources available to Indian nations from the BIA Eastern Area Office, Natural Resources Branch in Nashville, TN. Financial assistance opportunities will be shared for areas including GLRI, endangered species, invasive species, climate change, solid/hazardous waste, and other environmental or natural resource related needs.

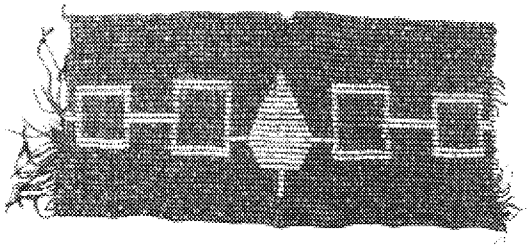
Presenters:

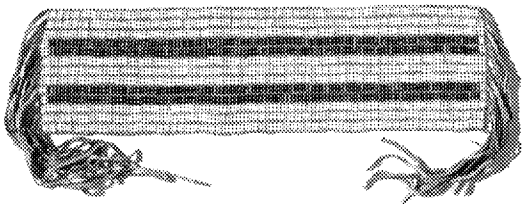
Harold Peterson, Natural Resources Officer
Email: harold.peterson@bia.gov / Phone: 615.517.1096
Lewis "John " Cook, Regional Forester (invited)
Email: lewis.cook@bia.gov / Cell: 406.698.9487
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)
U.S. Department of the Interior
Eastern Regional Office – Nashville, TN

4:00 PM – 5:30 PM **Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting (PRIVATE SESSION – INDIAN NATIONS REPS ONLY)**

Shavonne Smith, Shinnecock Indian Nation Environmental Department Director & Region 2 National Tribal Caucus (NTC) Representative

- Selection of Indian Nation Representative & Alternate to represent Region 2 on the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC)
- Nation Tribal Partnership Group Report Outs
    - National Tribal Air Association
    - National Tribal Science Council
    - National Tribal Pesticides Council
    - National Tribal Water Council
    - National Tribal Toxics Committee
- Regional and National updates





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Nation-to-Nation Meetings between Indian Nation Leadership & U.S. EPA - Region 2 Senior Managers

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8:45 AM	**SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE**
10:15 AM	**Break**
11:00 AM	**HAUDENOSAUNEE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK FORCE (HETF)**
12:00 PM	**SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION**
1:00 PM	**Break**
1:30 PM	**SENECA NATION OF INDIANS**
3:00 PM	**Break**
3:15 PM	**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION**
4:15 PM	**Adjourn**

Wednesday May 18, 2022

Day 2 – Morning Concurrent Sessions

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8:30 AM **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS)
Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) Presentation

Purpose: USDA staff will speak about foreign animal diseases, livestock health issues and rabies programs; about wildlife damage management, and wildlife disease monitoring; and about plant pest issues. Learn more about partnering and capacity building opportunities for your nation in these topic areas, as well as training and funding for both Animal and Plant Health related issues.

Presenters:
Thomas Colarusso, Field Operations Outreach Coordinator
Carissa Braun, Animal health Technician
Allen Gosser, New York State Director
Mafalda Weldon, Director

9:15 AM **Wetlands: Establishing Programs at Region 2 Indian Nations**

Purpose: This presentation will be a basic 101 presentation on wetlands development activities. Jaclyn will share what funding opportunities may be available from EPA, the types of work that can be performed by a nation, such as developing wetlands management plans, etc.

Presenter:
Jaclyn Woollard, Wetlands Program Development Grants and State & Tribal Program Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 2
Water Division – Wetlands Protection Section

10:00 AM **Climate Resources and Opportunities with NOAA**

Purpose: Resources and opportunities for building resilience to our changing climate will be discussed, including NOAA programs for sea level rise, shoreline erosion, and drought.

Presenters:
Ellen Mecray, Regional Climate Services Director
National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
Eastern Region – National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS)

11:00 AM **DRAFT 2022 General Assistance Program (GAP) Guidance, Consultation Opportunities, Climate Change**

Purpose: During this discussion, Lisa Berrios, AIEO, will provide an overview of two national consultation and coordination opportunities, the Draft 2022 GAP Guidance and the GAP Allocation. Lisa will share highlights of the draft 2022 GAP Guidance and proposed changes to the national allocation. The discussion will include time for questions and opportunities for input, if desired. More information on the consultation opportunities can be found on EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunity Tracking System, TCOTS.
Draft 2022 GAP Guidance
GAP Allocation

Presenter:
Lisa Berrios, Senior Advisor, Tribal Capacity Development Team
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – HQ
Office of International & Tribal Affairs (OITA)
American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO)

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9:45 AM	**TONAWANDA SENECA NATION**
10:45 AM	**Break**
11:00 AM	**ONONDAGA NATION**
12:00 PM	**Break**

Wednesday May 18, 2022

Day 2 – Afternoon Session: Indian Nation Leaders Meeting General Session with the U.S. EPA, Region 2

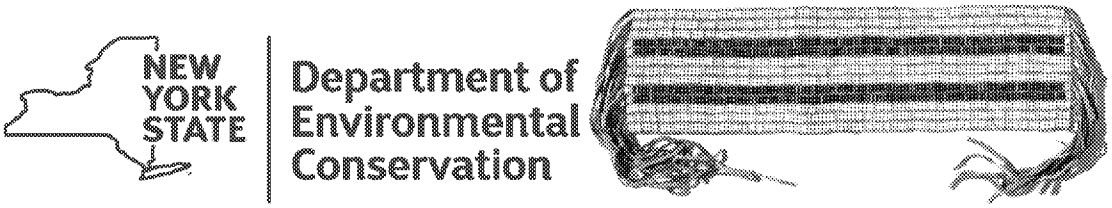
*** To participate in the General Session starting at 1:00 PM, please use the invite from Lisa Garcia ***

1:00 PM – 1:30 PM	**Lisa Garcia, Regional Administrator**, USEPA, Region 2 Welcome & Opening Remarks
1:30 PM – 1:45 PM	**Walter Mugdan, Deputy Regional Administrator**, USEPA, Region 2 Report out on action items from nation-to-nation meetings
1:45 PM – 2:45 PM	**Jane Nishida, Assistant Administrator** **JoAnn Chase, Director of AIEO** U.S. EPA HQ, Office of International & Tribal Affairs (OITA) American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) **National Tribal Program Priorities**
2:45 PM –3:00 PM	**BREAK**
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	**Commissioner Basil Seggos** New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) **General Listening Session**
4:00 PM – 4:45 PM	**Treaty Hunting and Fishing Rights** **Commissioner Basil Seggos**, NYSDEC **Katharine Petronis**, NYSDEC, Deputy Commissioner for Natural Resources **Adriana Espinoza**, NYSDEC, Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice **Jacqueline Lendrum**, NYSDEC, Division Director for Fish & Wildlife
4:50 PM – 5:00 PM	**Closing Remarks** **Olivia Glenn**, Chief of Staff, U.S. EPA Region 2
5:00 PM	**Adjourn**

Thursday May 19, 2022

Day 3 – Indian Nation Leaders Meeting with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Platform:	**Webex**
9:00 AM	
9:45 AM	
10:30 AM	**Break**
10:45 AM	
11:30 AM	
12:00 PM	**Lunch**
1:00 PM	**Seneca Nation of Indians (confirmed)**
2:00 PM	**Break**
2:15 PM	**Shinnecock Nation (unconfirmed)**
4:00 PM	
4:30 PM	**Adjourn**



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Day 3 – Concurrent Sessions

Platform:	**Webex**
9:00-9:45	**Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act and the Disadvantaged Communities Definition** Alanah Keddell Tuckey, Director, Office of Environmental Justice Sarah Osgood, Executive Director, Climate Action Council, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority
9:45-10:30	**Solid Waste Regulations and Illegal Dumping** Matthew Revenaugh, District Major Division Law Enforcement
10:30-10:45	**Break**
10:45-11:30	**Office of Indian Nation Affairs Listening Session** Commissioner Basil Seggos Adriana Espinoza, Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice David Witt, Indian Nations Affairs Coordinator Chuck Vandrei, Agency Historic Preservation Officer Josalyn Ferguson, Incoming Cultural Resource Specialist Beynan Ransom, Indian Nations Liaison
11:30-12:15	**Joint Fisheries Management** Neil Patterson Jr., Assistant Director Center for Native Peoples and the Environment Stephen Hurst, Fisheries Bureau Chief, Division of Fish and Wildlife
12:15-1:15	**Lunch**
1:15-2:00	**Center for Native Peoples and the Environment Cross Cultural Program Update** Neil Patterson Jr., Assistant Director, Center for Native Peoples and the Environment
2:00-2:15	**Break**
2:15-3:00	**Waterbody Assessments and 303(d) Impaired Waters List** Sarah Rickard, Research Scientist, Division of Water
3:00-4:00	**Cannabis Agricultural Operations Listening Session** Dereth Glance, Deputy Commissioner for Environmental Remediation and Materials Management Adriana Espinoza, Deputy Commissioner for Equity and Justice Richard Zahnleuter, General Counsel, NYS Office of Cannabis Management
4:00	**Adjourn**

Friday May 20, 2022

Day 4 – Indian Nation Leaders Meeting with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC)

Platform:	***Webex***
9:00 AM	
10:00 AM	**ONEIDA INDIAN NATION**
10:45 AM	**Break**
11:00 AM	**SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE**
12:00 PM	**Lunch Break**
1:00 PM	**HAUDENOSAUNEE NATIONS**
2:00 PM	**HAUDENOSAUNEE NATIONS**
2:45 PM	**Break**
3:00 PM	**SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION**
4:00 PM	**Adjourn – Closing Address Ohèn:ton Karihwatéhkwen**