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TODAY’S DISCUSSION:

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INTRODUCTION

Overview of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA).
TRIBES IN ARIZONA

Total Tribal Population
- Tribal Enrollment: 460,000 (approx.)
- Represents 5.5% of the Arizona general population
- 28% of Arizona’s Land Base

22 Federally Recognized Tribes in Arizona
Governor Howard Pyle convened a Tribal Leaders’ meeting on September 24, 1951

- Discussed the need for a Forum to convene Tribes and Governor to address tribal concerns
- Responding to threat of Termination Policy
  - After World War II
  - Federal Government no longer wanted to honor the Treaty obligations between the Government and Tribes
ITCA PROGRAM DEPARTMENTS

- WIC - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children
- Area Agency on Aging
- Environmental Quality Programs
  - Waste Management
  - Air Quality Monitoring
  - Pesticides Monitoring - UST
- Tribal Water Systems
- Tribal Leaders Water Policy Council
- Health & Human Services Programs
- Health Systems Policy
- Tribal Epidemiology Center
“To provide its member Tribes with a united voice and the means for united action on matters that affect them collectively or individually” – ITCA Constitution
ITCA/ITAA IS...

POLICY IN ACTION
TRIBAL LEADERS’ COLLECTIVE VOICE: TAKING ACTION TOGETHER
Arizona Indian Gaming Benefits to Arizona since 2002:

- 15 Gaming Tribes
- Over 15,000 Direct Jobs
- Over $1 Billion for Arizona
PATHWAYS

Building the capacity of tribal environmental programs, protecting the environment, and safeguarding human health.
ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PROGRAMS

- Land
- Water
- Energy
- Environment
  - Solid Waste Management
  - Air Quality Monitoring
  - Pesticides Monitoring
  - Underground Storage Tank
40 CFR Part 35 (B) – Environmental Program Grants for Tribes (STAG)
  o Indian Environmental Assistance Program Act
  o Clean Air Act, Air Pollution Control (Sections 103 and 105)
  o Clean Water Act
    \- Water Pollution Control (Section 106 and 518)
    \- Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (Section 104(b)(3))
    \- Wetlands Development Grant Program (Section 104(b)(3))
    \- Nonpoint Source Management (Section 319(h))
  o Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act
    \- Pesticide Cooperative Enforcement (Section 23(a)(1))
    \- Pesticide Applicator Certification and Training (Section 23(a)(1))
    \- Pesticide Program Implementation (Section 23(a)(1))
  o Pollution Prevention Act, Pollution Prevention grants for Tribes (5)
  o Safe Drinking Water Act
    \- Public Water System Supervision (Section 1443(a))
    \- Underground Water Source Protection (Section 1443(b))
  o Toxic Substances Control Act
    \- Lead-based Paint Program (Section 404(g))
    \- Indoor Radon Grants (Section 306)
    \- Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring (Section 28)
  o VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act
    \- Hazardous Waste Management Program Grants
    \- Underground Storage Tank Program Grants
  o Tribal Response Program Grants (Section 128(a))
Through advocacy and policy development, Tribes exercise increased tribal sovereignty in important areas including the complex areas of environmental planning, environmental quality, and sustainability.
INTEGRATED APPROACH - COLLECTIVE VOICE
COLLABORATIONS

ITCA’s Tribal Water Systems Department & the Tribal Leaders Water Policy Council.
LAND

Tribes enacting their own leasing codes to approve lease deals in lieu of the BIA.

ENERGY

Despite challenges, several tribes have succeeded in developing their resources for the benefit of tribal communities. These tribes have asserted their right to self-determination by taking an active role in resource development.

WATER

A number of Indian tribes perceive the leasing of their water to off-reservation users as a short term means of raising capital for long term economic development.
ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP - IMPROVING THE HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Tribal long-term environmental program development goals:

**CONTINUED EDUCATION**
- Learning and understanding State and Federal air quality laws and regulations and monitoring changes to the regulations that affect Reservation land.

**TRAINING & CERTIFICATION**
- Complexity of land use regulation on Reservation land requires technical expertise through training and the maintenance of a wide variety of certifications.

**SUSTAINABILITY**
- Tribal staff must have ongoing training related to water rights, water management and environmental issues related to water quality, carbon footprint reduction, solid waste management, etc.
EPA-approved by tribes, for tribes Tribal Op-Cert programs

ITCA
Inter Tribal Council of Arizona
Regions 5-10

USET
United South & Eastern Tribes
Regions 1-4
We take an integrative approach to addressing value-based, purposeful needs within our communities through advocacy and leadership....
THANK YOU!

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