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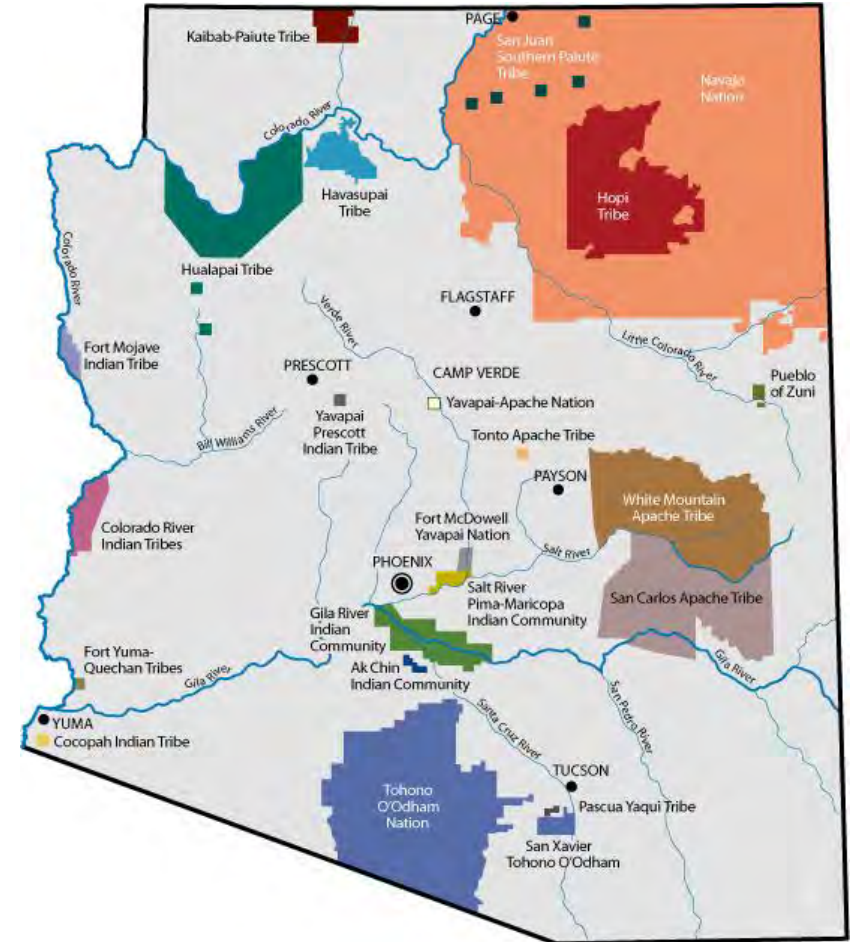
INTRODUCTION

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

TRIBES IN ARIZONA

Total Tribal Population

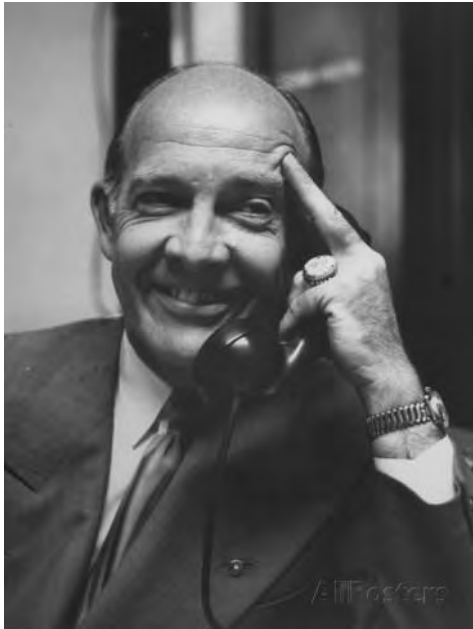
- Tribal Enrollment: 460,000 (approx. -)
- Represents 5.5% of the Arizona general population
- 28% of Arizona's Land Base



22 Federally Recognized Tribes in Arizona



Serving Tribal Nations in Arizona Since 1952...



Governor Howard Pyle

- 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



❖ HEALTH

❖ RESEARCH

❖ ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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

STATE, LOCAL & NATIONAL TRIBAL AFFAIRS

National/Federal Relations



Inter Tribal Relations



State Relations



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)
 - Indian Environmental Assistance Program Act
 - Clean Air Act, Air Pollution Control (Sections 103 and 105)
 - 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))
 - 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))
 - Pollution Prevention Act, Pollution Prevention grants for Tribes (S)
 - Safe Drinking Water Act
 - Public Water System Supervision (Section 1443(a))
 - Underground Water Source Protection (Section 1443(b))
 - Toxic Substances Control Act
 - Lead-based Paint Program (Section 404(g))
 - Indoor Radon Grants (Section 306)
 - Toxic Substances Compliance Monitoring (Section 28)
 - VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Appropriations Act
 - Hazardous Waste Management Program Grants
 - Underground Storage Tank Program Grants
 - Tribal Response Program Grants (Section 128(a))

U.S. EPA TRIBAL PROGRAMS

POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY HAS LED TO.....

Through advocacy and policy development, Tribes exercise increased tribal sovereignty in important areas including the complex areas of environmental planning, environmental quality, and sustainability.....



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Programs: Funding Tribal Environmental Protection Programs

Position Statement

The 21 Member Tribes of the Inter Tribal Association of Arizona (ITAA) strongly oppose any and all policies or funding decisions that have the effect of reduced federal funding for tribal environmental programs through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The human health and economic well-being of low-income rural tribal communities throughout the nation are directly dependent on the services that are funded by the EPA tribal programs.

Key Points

The need properly functioning ecosystems is fundamental to the health, safety, welfare, economic viability and self-determination goals of our Member Tribes



Tribal communities throughout Indian country are disproportionately impacted by pollution and the degradation of natural resources

Congress has expressly authorized the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to treat tribal governments in the same manner as states, giving tribes a major role in the administration of federal environmental programs



Congress has amended many of the federal environmental laws to acknowledge the right of tribal governments to receive federal grants and contracts for pollution control

Through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the United States has made measured progress towards fulfilling its treaty and trust responsibilities for protecting tribal lands and associated resources



Any reduction or elimination of federal funding for tribal environmental programs will have a disproportionate and catastrophic impact on our Member Tribes and tribal communities across the United States

Background

Sustainable economic development and public health of tribal communities rely on the protection and sustainability of their natural resources and environment. Tribal environmental programs critically depend on funding through the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the implementation of several federal environmental statutes.

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Safe Drinking Water Act: Section 1442 and SRF Tribal Set-Aside Program

2

Clean Water Act: SRF Tribal Set-Aside Program

3

40 CFR Part 35 (B)-Environmental Program Grants for Tribes (STAG)

EDUCATION
+
ADVOCACY
+
DATA
GOOD POLICY

INTEGRATED APPROACH - COLLECTIVE VOICE

LEADERSHIP



VALUES

POLICY

ADVOCACY



COLLABORATIONS

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



LAND | WATER | ENERGY

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

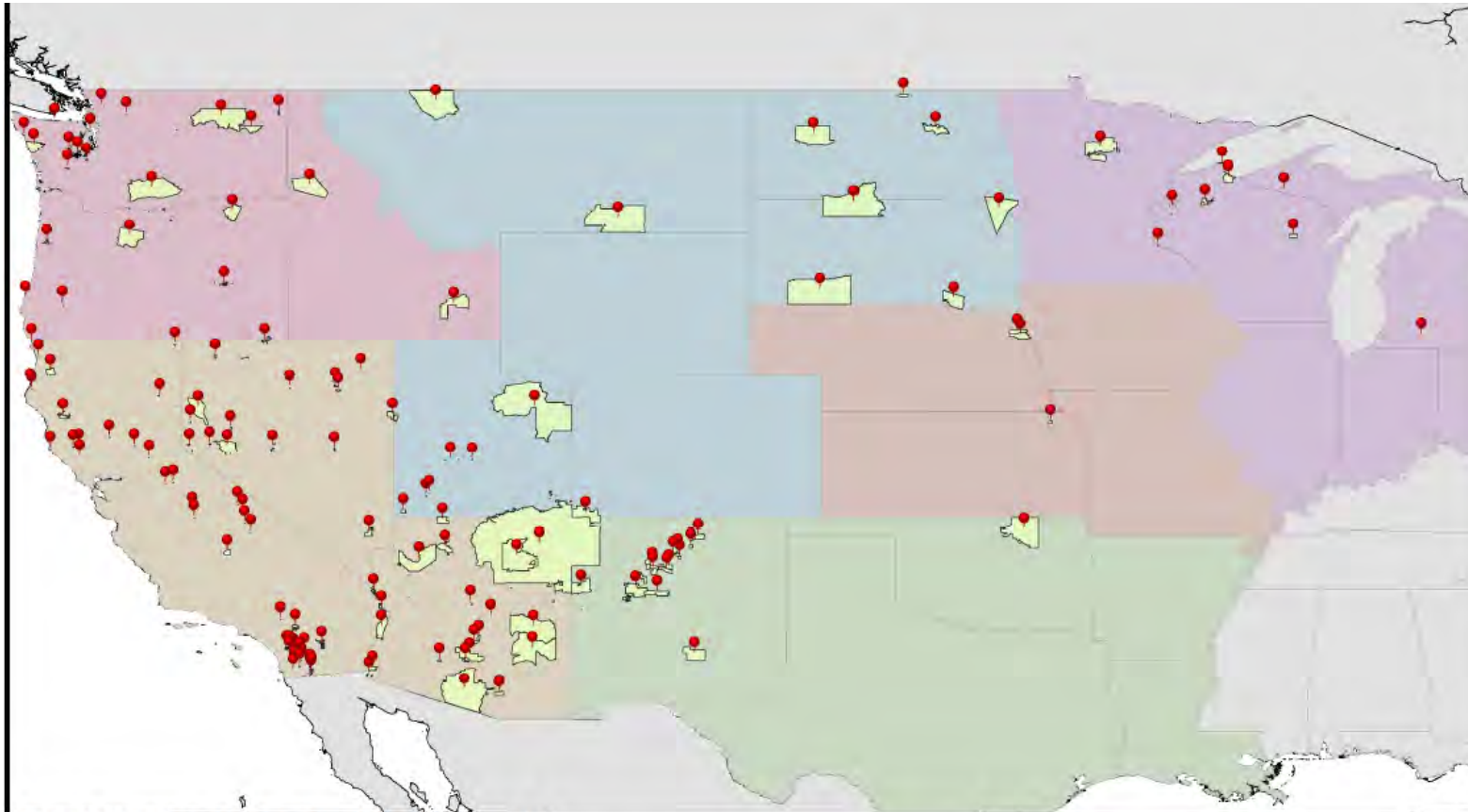
- Learning and understanding State and Federal air quality laws and regulations and monitoring changes to the regulations that affect Reservation land.

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.



Tribal Participation in the ITCA National Tribal Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program



As of 2016, there are just over 140 participating tribes in the Tribal Water and Wastewater Certification Program.

- EPA Region 5 : 10 participating Tribes
- EPA Region 6 : 14 participating Tribes
- EPA Region 7 : 03 participating Tribes
- EPA Region 8 : 16 participating Tribes
- EPA Region 9 : 79 participating Tribes
- EPA Region 10 : 21 participating Tribes

Legend

- Training Participant 6
- Training Participant 7
- Tribal Land 8
- EPA Regions 9
- 5 10

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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