American Indian Policy & Leadership Development Center

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• 31 Native Faculty

• Over 1,600 American Indian students
  (highest % increase of minority students between 2000 and 2007)
“A new synergy has been unleashed and the days are long gone when state leaders could talk about issues like growth, water, transportation or economic development strategies without providing a place at the table for Tribes.”

President Raphael Bear, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation
2005 Conference of the Arizona League of Cities and Towns
Multi Jurisdictional Approaches

- Model: Joint Air Toxics Assessment Project (tribes, ADEQ, Counties and EPA); Tribes provided impetus; Need a similar watershed or interbasin project
- Learn from Tribes (not bound by 30 years of regulatory development)
- Make use of leadership by Tribes (e.g., GHG) as well as tribal core values concerning quality of life
Beyond Regulatory Approaches

- Environmental Leadership – put more focus on working with industries willing to lead

- Mobilize public, media (projects like ‘Car Pool Crazy’); Air Quality Index and Toxic Release Inventory

- Innovation and Results, Results, Results
REFOCUS ON HEALTH

• Loss when ADEQ and ADHS split

• Rebuild the focus on health and the relationships with health care providers, public health and health care payers
Invest in Understanding Air Quality

• Arizona has done a good job of building research capability in its universities for water quality, now including the tri-university Arizona Water Institute.

• We need the same investment in Air Quality, also a core sustainability issue for the State.

• Start with clear solutions to transportation, land use and air quality issues.