

Issues
Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting
January 28-30, 2014
San Francisco, CA

	Requested By:	Task	Who	When	Status
1	Tribal Caucus	Obtain a copy of the "Respect Our Land Video" & post on RTOC page on website	Mariela Erskine		Video requested from White Mountain Apache Tribe.
2	Drinking Water Workgroup	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ask Navajo if they want to identify a participant b) Contact Marta &/or Linda if you want to volunteer 	Linda Reeves All	1 month ASAP	EPA issued a tribal consultation letter to all tribes inviting participants and heard back from both Navajo Nation EPA and Navajo Tribal Utility Authority.
3	Tribal Caucus	Send drought issues to Kristin Gullatt & Jane Diamond to raise at State Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Update session at 	All	Now	Ongoing. Draft agenda for the Spring RTOC meeting will be shared 30-days in advance.

		next RTOC b) Critical updates will be emailed to tribal			
4	Tribal Caucus	Identify & share a plan to address DDT & Pesticide issues activity.	Pam Cooper	2/28/14	<p>EPA Region 9 has schedule a conference call on: Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 Time: 10 Am to 11 AM, San Francisco time Call-in Number (866) 299-3188 Access Code: 6185158 Subject: "How EPA uses studies (like the one on DDT and Alzheimer's) in developing risk-based levels in different environmental media" Presenter: Patrick Wilson, PhD, Senior Regional Toxicologist, EPA Region 9</p> <p>Here's a link to an abstract on the article on the study associating Alzheimers Disease with exposure to DDT http://archneur.jamanetwork.com/article.aspx?articleid=1816015#ArticleInformation</p> <p>The first sentence of the Conclusion states: "Our findings support epidemiological studies reporting an association of AD [Alzheimer's Disease] with occupational exposure to organochlorine pesticides [3 studies cited]and extend them by identifying DDT/DDE as a specific organochlorine pesticide linked to AD in a clinical population from the United States." The authors of the above-referenced study suggest that DDE levels in serum, together with certain genetic markers, could help with early identification of people at high risk for Alzheimer's. Their work could also lead to avenues of Alzheimer's treatment. Even though the study was funded by NIH, the article about the study is copyrighted and is not releasable by third parties (like EPA). You may be able to get a free copy of the article about the study by contacting the author directly or going through a library that has a subscription with the journal that published the article (JAMA Neurology). It appears as if a copy of the article can be purchased from JAMA Neurology.</p>

5	Tribal Caucus	Address consultation limits: How to include these activities in workplan	Laura	By end of GAP grant workplan negotiations	The Tribal Program Office will provide an update on this topic at the Spring RTOC Meeting.
6	Tribal Caucus	Appoint representative to the Tribal Grants Council	Corn	ASAP	Matthew Plaut, Nevada RTOC Representative, was appointed to serve on the Tribal Grants Council for Region 9.