

RTOC Meeting
Evaluation Summary Report
Region 9 EPA
San Carlos, AZ
February 3-5, 2009

What worked well at this meeting

- Good space. Appreciate the drinks and snacks.
- The hosts were excellent.
- Great that the “paperless” approach is working (no folders, etc.)!

Ways the meeting could be improved

- Liked the classroom table set up that we have had at other RTOC’s.

Issues requiring additional follow-up

- Would like to see some resolution on the meeting locations. Tired of hearing people ask that no meetings be held in San Francisco and then complain when a cheaper alternative is found. Two meetings in SF and two in Indian Country was the compromise back around 2000, it is the only way for EPA to attend.

Meeting structure

- Good.
- It was fine.
- I liked the meeting structure and thought it worked well.

Suggestions/ideas on making meeting more environmentally friendly

- Clearly marked recycling bins. Also, when bottle water is provided, it would be good to remind people to finish their water or dump it outside and leave the cap off when put in the disposal container. We are in a drought situation, and trapping water in a bottle keeps it from rejoining the water cycle. Treat it with respect.
- I may be wrong, but I don’t recall any recycling efforts.
- Encourage plastic bottle recycling or limit its use.

Interest in workgroups

- On too many already, but thank you for asking ☺
- Not at the moment.

Tribe’s interest in holding a future RTOC Meeting

- No thanks! Maybe assist a tribe in the Southern California region.
- Yes...in the future.

Other Comments

- Still think there isn’t enough participation by the rest of the tribes. Need to encourage their voices.
- Big thank you to the San Carlos Apache Tribe for the great dinner and entertainment.