

# **Tribal Pesticide Assessment – the Results**

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# Background

- **August – November 2009:** Idea for assessment was developed in Pesticide Workgroup to determine obstacles to development of pesticide programs on Tribal lands. Assessment was developed by Nina, Sarah and Tribal Pesticide Programs and was distributed at RTOC and fillable pdf assessments were emailed to all Region 9 Tribes.
- **February 2010:** 41 Assessments received and summarized and info given to EPA Pesticide Programs and presentation at RTOC
- **July 2011:** 47 Assessments received and final summary given at RTOC

# Results from 47 Tribes

- 70% - did not have any pesticide management program in place (for residential use, governmental use, Tribal ag use, and responding to pesticide impacts off reservation)
- 43% - had not conducted environmental studies to confirm pesticide use or impacts of pesticides to Tribal resources.

# Results from 47 Tribes

- 49% - requested more training to respond to pesticide drift and runoff
- 15% - did not have a pesticide program because “there was no household pesticide use”
- 23% - did not have a pesticide program because “there was no pesticide use on governmental buildings/economic development”

# Recommendations

- EPA needs to adjust its approach to Tribes regarding funding and capacity building for pesticide programs
- Strengthen message about pesticides' cross media impact and inclusion in GAP, solid waste, water and air funding and tasks
- Develop tools for Tribal pesticide assessments

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