Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.

UST CATS Program
Introduction

- Roland T. Chester, Environmental Program Coordinator
- ASU Environmental Technology Management
- 1 yr with ITCA UST CATS Program
- 3 yrs of Hazardous Waste Management
- National Tanks Committee
ITCA

- Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
  - Established ITCA by member Tribes in 1952.
  - Non-profit organization ITCA, Inc. established in 1975 by 20 member Tribes.
  - 60 Programs
  - Environmental Quality Program
UST CATS Team

- Roland T. Chester, Environmental Program Coordinator
- Elaina L. Doral, Environmental Program Coordinator
- Elaine H. Wilson, Environmental Quality Programs Director
UST CATS Overview

- Formerly known as American Indian Underground Storage Tank (AIUST).
- Underground Storage Tank Compliance Assistance and Training Support (UST CATS) Program.
- Funded by EPA OUST Program, Washington, DC.
- In cooperative agreement for 5 Yrs (2009-2014)
- National Program
- All Federally Recognized Tribes
UST CATS Mission

- Promotes the prevention of releases from federally-regulated USTs and the regulatory compliance of UST facilities in Indian Country.
Goals and Objectives

- EPA Tribal Strategy
  - Strengthen Relationships between EPA and Tribes.
  - Information Sharing Among Tribes
  - Operator Training
  - Increase Tribal Inspectors knowledge for oversight
  - Increase Compliance Rates to Protect Human Health and the Environment
  - Increase UST Compliance Awareness
What does the program have to offer?

- Program offers compliance assistance for UST facilities in Indian Country, training for tribal government personnel, tribal program capacity building, and collaborative opportunities.

- Travel reimbursements are offered to eligible participants for trainings and meetings (e.g., airfare, lodging, meals, at federal per diem rates).
Program Objectives

- UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators
- UST Compliance Awareness for Tribal Personnel
- UST Tribal Inspector Trainings
- Tribal Working Group Meetings
- Technical Advisory Sub-committee
- UST CATS Listserv
Typical Gas Stations

Pablo, Montana

Whiteriver, Arizona
UST System
UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators

- Audience: Owners/Operators of UST Facilities
- Length: 1 Day (8 hours)
UST Compliance Training for Owners/Operators

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

White Mountain Apache Tribe

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes

Morongo Band of Mission Indians

(Other Tribes: Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Washoe Tribe, and Fort Peck…)}
UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel

- Audience: Environmental Managers, Tribal Council, Economic Development, Fire Departments, First Responders, etc.
- Length: ½ day (4 hours)
UST Compliance Awareness Training for Tribal Personnel

Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum in San Diego, California on August 26, 2010
UST Inspector Trainings

- **Audience:** Tribal UST Inspectors and Tribal Representatives
- **Length:** 3 days (24 hours)
  - In class training and on-site visit
- **Type of Training:**
  - Module I – UST Installation Training
  - Module II – UST Operations and Maintenance Training
  - Module III – UST Decommissioning and Removal Training
Module I – UST Installation Training

- San Antonio, Texas – March 16-18, 2010
- Xerxes Corp.
Module II – UST Operations and Maintenance Training

- Tempe, Arizona – December 1-3, 2009
- On-Auk-Mor Facility, Scottsdale, AZ
Module III – Decommissioning and Removal

- TBA - Fall 2010
- Potential BIA Location: Phoenix, AZ
- Taking Suggestions
Tribal UST Working Group Meeting

- Portland, Oregon – June 24, 2010
- Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel
Technical Advisory Sub-committee

- Tribal UST Inspectors and Representatives
  - Provide Technical Updates
  - Examination Development
  - O/O Training Development
  - Instructor Participation
  - New Training Development (e.g., train-the-trainer, advance training)
Training Request and Participation

- UST Program Questionnaire Form
- Training Request Form
- Training Coordination Responsibilities Guidelines
- Training Announcement
- Listserv – ITCA UST CATS Yahoo Groups
  - http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/ITCA_UST_CATS/
UST Compliance Trainings is a line of defense to protecting our drinking water.
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