

**Summary**  
**TEC Tribal Topic Group Teleconference**  
**October 3, 2007**

**Participants**

**Call Lead: Corinne Macaluso (Department of Energy [DOE], Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management [OCRWM])**

**Other Callers: Amy Alesch (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo), Marlene Analla (Pueblo of Laguna), Richard Arnold (Pahrump Paiute Tribe/Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations [CGTO]), Greg Fasano (BSC), Bob Fry (NCSL), Josh Garcia (Ysleta del Sur Pueblo), Paloma Hill (DOE/OCRWM), Vernon Jensen (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska), Dan King (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), Sue Loudner (Pueblo of Acoma), Lonny Macy (Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs Reservation), Emanuel Morgan (Thlopthlocco Tribal Town), Titto Moses (Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation), Christina Nelson (NCSL), Jennifer Patric (BAH), John Smegal (Legin), Claire Sinclair (DOE/Yucca Mountain Project), Neil Weber (Pueblo de San Ildefonso)**

Corinne Macaluso led the meeting and opened with introductions.

The first topic on the agenda focused on the topics for the next Transportation External Coordination Working Group (TEC) Tribal Topic Group meeting. Items discussed included the affected status for tribes regarding the OCRWM Program, the tribal cultural presentation, if and when to have another tribal workshop, the National Transportation Plan, intergovernmental and congressional affairs update, and follow-on discussions regarding Section 180(c). The next TEC meeting is planned for February 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> in Portland, OR (NOTE: Since the conference call, site has been changed to San Antonio, TX, February 6 and 7, with a Tribal Caucus on the afternoon of February 5). Cori asked if the tribal members wanted to have a tribal caucus again prior to the commencement of the TEC meeting and tribal members indicated that they would like to have a tribal caucus prior to all the upcoming TEC meetings.

A further discussion took place regarding the number of tribes to present and how long the allotted time should be for the tribal cultural presentation at TEC. Tribal members indicated that determining what was entailed in giving the presentation would help them determine how the presentation would be. The Laguna Pueblo offered to give a presentation and indicated that they would prefer an hour. It was determined that each tribe volunteering to provide a cultural presentation would be presented the option of a half hour or an hour.

The next topic focused on how the last TEC Tribal Topic meeting was received. A tribal member stated that a large number of new tribes attended the meeting and it was a good opportunity to share information.

Cori provided an update on the status of Environmental Management's Tribal Implementation Framework. The document is currently still in concurrence review. OCRWM does not plan to sign the document as it is not appropriate per the mandate for the Program. However, OCRWM does plan on developing a similar document specific to the Program.

Cori provided an update on the status of the National Transportation Plan. The document is currently being reviewed internally. The document is planned to be released in the next couple of months. OCRWM will request input from tribal members. The document will also be posted on the OCRWM website.

Paloma Hill provided an update on the Tribal Involvement Plan. The document has gone through concurrence and is ready to be finalized. The document provides a history of past, current, and future activities for the OCRWM Program. The document will be updated to reflect changes in the Program.

Cori discussed the upcoming tour of Yucca Mountain for tribal representatives. The suggested date for the tour is November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The tour is open for those folks who have not had an opportunity to take the tour. Fifteen tribal representatives signed up for the tour at the workshop in the spring. There are 40 slots available. (NOTE: Since the call, the tour has been postponed to spring 2008 and will be discussed at the February Topic Group meeting in San Antonio, TX.)

Cori discussed the affected status of tribes regarding the OCRWM Program. Cori indicated that she would prefer to have this panel discussion at the Tribal Topic Group meeting. She also stated that she is leaning towards having someone from the Department of Energy lead the discussion on what a tribe can expect as an Affected Unit of Government. Additional panel members could include the Bureau of Indian Affairs and someone from the Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe.

Lastly, Cori indicated that the comment period for the Section 180(c) *Federal Register* Notice is planned to be extended for an additional three months with an anticipated end date of January 22, 2008.

#### **Action Items**

1. Wilda Portner will send out an email regarding availability for November tour of Yucca Mountain.
2. Paloma Hill will contact Deana Domingo and Ken Tiller to ask if they are comfortable with the time dedicated for a cultural presentation and if they are on board for giving the cultural presentation during the fall TEC meeting in 2008.
3. Paloma Hill will do some research on who would be willing to participate in the affected status panel discussion.
4. Paloma Hill will contact Barbara Durham and/or Joe Kennedy from the Timbisha-Shoshone Tribe to request their participation on the affected status panel discussion.