

## **DOE STGWW Group**

The State and Tribal Government Working Group (STGWW) is one of the intergovernmental organizations with which the DOE EM office works with. They meet twice yearly for updates to the EM projects. They were formed in 1989.

It is comprised of several state legislators and tribal staff and leadership from states in proximity to DOE's environmental cleanup sites of the following states: New York, South Carolina, Ohio, Washington, New Mexico, Idaho, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas. The tribal membership is composed of the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Isleta Pueblo, Jemez Pueblo, Navajo Nation, Nez Perce Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, Seneca Nation of Indians, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the Yakama Indian Nation. However, not all tribes actively participate. The most consistent tribal representation has come from the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, the Nez Perce Tribe, Santa Clara Pueblo, Pueblo de San Ildefonso, the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, and the Yakama Indian Nation.

STGWW's mission is described as helping to ensure that the Department of Energy (DOE) facilities and sites are operated and cleaned up in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations, and Tribal rights including those retained by treaty, and conferred by statute and the trust responsibility; as well as in a manner that protects human health, safety and the environment.

At Headquarters, the main points of contact are Ms. Melissa Nielson and Mr. Brandt Petrusek. Their office is responsible for administering the Agreements in Principle and other documents associated with the tribal and state relationships with DOE.

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