



REGION 10 ADMINISTRATOR

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Dear Tribal Leader:

The National Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and elected Tribal representatives. The mission of the NTOC is to serve as a forum for federally recognized Tribes to work with EPA senior leadership on policy and resource matters related to Tribal capacity building and environmental program development and implementation in Indian country. Further, the NTOC identifies mechanisms for federally recognized Tribes and the EPA to facilitate actions that protect human health and the environment in Indian country.

The EPA is seeking nominations from federally recognized Tribal governments in Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon for a Tribal representative to serve as the Idaho, Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon NTC representative. Nominees should meet the membership requirements as described below and be willing to serve a three-year term on the NTC starting January 1, 2025.

National Tribal Caucus Membership Criteria

Members and alternates should meet all criteria under either (1) the environmental experience option **OR** (2) the elected official option. If members meet the environmental experience option and are not Tribal elected officials, they must be designated in writing by their Tribal leadership to act on behalf of their Tribe.

Environmental Experience Option:

- At least three years' experience as an environmental director, deputy director or an equivalent position for a federally recognized Tribe;
- Experience managing the implementation of a variety of Tribal environmental programs for a federally recognized Tribe; and
- Experience working with, or interacting with, EPA senior managers at the Regional or Headquarters levels; this interaction could include involvement with regional Tribal partnership groups.

Elected Official Option:

- Serves as an elected official or a traditionally appointed representative of a federally recognized Tribe with broad responsibilities that include oversight of environmental, natural resources or human health issues.

The NTC meets in-person annually in Washington, DC, and holds monthly conference calls. In addition to NTC participation, the Region 10 NTC members also participate as Tribal representatives in the Regional Tribal Operations Committee. The RTOC holds two in-person meetings per year, additional conference calls and assigns workgroups/subcommittees for special tasks as needed. Typically, these in-person meetings are held in Seattle, Washington. The travel costs for NTC and RTOC members to attend these meetings are provided by the EPA cooperative agreement to the RTOC. Region 10 NTC

representatives are also members of the Region 10 Tribal Operations Administrative Consortium, which manages the administrative functions of the RTOC. Nominees to the TOC must obtain a resolution or letter of support from their Tribe in order to be a representative on the TOC.

NTC and RTOC members provide input and guidance to the EPA on a national and regional level on the development of programs and policies impacting Tribes. Representation on the NTC and RTOC requires a significant time commitment that goes beyond just meeting attendance. Significant time may be spent in coordination with other Tribes and participation in issue formulation and discussion. However, the position offers an opportunity to affect the EPA's decisions and relationships with Tribes. All of these factors should be considered for anyone interested in pursuing a NTC nomination. For more information about the RTOC, please visit www.region10rtoc.net.

If your Tribe would like to provide a nominee to serve on the NTC, please email the enclosed nomination form, including a brief description of each nominee's background and qualifications, to the EPA **by Friday, November 1st, 2024**. I've assigned Lucas Dusablon, RTOC Coordinator, to receive your Tribe's NTC nomination form by email at dusablon.lucas@epa.gov. The EPA will email a letter that includes the official NTC ballot to your Tribe. Election results will be announced by the EPA in early December 2024, with the newly elected NTC member starting their three-year term on January 1, 2025.

I appreciate your support as we move forward with this important NTC nomination and election process.

Sincerely,

Casey Sixkiller
Regional Administrator

Enclosure

cc: Raymond Paddock, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Central Council Tlingit and Haida

**EPA REGION 10
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM**

*National Tribal Operations Committee
Idaho, Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon Member*

Please Note: Each Tribe is limited to one nomination. The selected nominee should meet all the criteria under either (1) the environmental experience option OR (2) the elected official option from Section 6.1 of the NTOC Charter.

Complete and submit this form to EPA by **Friday, November 1st, 2024.**

[PLEASE PRINT]

Nominating Tribe: _____

Address: _____

Tribal Contact Name & Number: _____

Name and Title of Nominee: _____
(Seek the permission of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination)

Nominee's Contact Number: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation: _____

Brief Description of Nominee's Background and Qualifications:
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Signature & Title of Appropriate Tribal Government Official:

DATE