



REGION 10 ADMINISTRATOR

SEATTLE, WA 98101

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and elected Tribal representatives. The mission of the RTOC is to protect and improve Tribal health and environmental conditions for federally recognized Tribes consistent with the EPA Indian Policy, the federal trust responsibility and environmental laws, policies and guidance. The TOC provides input and guidance to the EPA on a national and regional level on the development of programs and policies impacting Tribes. For more information about the RTOC, please visit www.region10rtoc.net.

The EPA is seeking nominations from federally recognized Tribes in Western Washington for the TOC Western Washington position. The nominee must be an elected Tribal official or staff from a federally recognized Tribal government in Western Washington, and willing to serve a three-year term starting on January 1, 2025. TOC representatives also serve as 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.

The RTOC holds two in-person meetings per year. Typically, these meetings are held in Seattle, Washington. The travel costs for elected Tribal representatives on the RTOC to attend these meetings are provided through a cooperative agreement that is awarded by the EPA to the Consortium. In addition, the RTOC holds additional conference calls and assigns workgroups/subcommittees for special tasks as needed.

Representation on the TOC 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 these factors should be considered for anyone interested in pursuing a TOC nomination.

If your Tribe would like to provide a nominee to serve on the TOC, 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 TOC nomination form by email at dusablon.lucas@epa.gov. The EPA will email the official TOC ballot to your Tribe. Election results will be announced by the EPA in early December 2024, with the newly elected TOC member starting their three-year term on January 1, 2025.

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

Sincerely,

Casey Sixkiller
Regional Administrator

Enclosures

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

**EPA REGION 10
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM**

*Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Western Washington Member*

Please Note: Each Tribe is limited to one nomination. The selected nominee should be an elected Tribal official or Tribal staff from a federally recognized Tribe in Western Washington.

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