



Muscogee Creek Nation

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Dear Tribal, Territory, State Lead Agencies, Environmental Directors/Personnel, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and other Federal Representatives:

It is our pleasure to invite your agency to participate in the “Tribal Risk Assessments, Pollinator Protection, and Worker Protection Standards (WPS),” Pesticide Inspector Residential Training (PIRT) hosted by the Muscogee Creek Nation, Office of Environmental Services in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The training will be held at the River Spirit Casino in Tulsa, Oklahoma from April 28-30, 2020, April 27th and May 1st will be travel days. We require a commitment from participants that they attend the entire training.

The course will focus on current tribal pesticide use concerns like pesticide risk assessment, pollinator protection, and WPS. The training will also include sessions designed to help with label interpretation, direct implementation and pesticide program development as well as updates from EPA and a field trip to a local Tribal butterfly farm. Attendees should come away from this course with a greater understanding of a variety of different pesticide related issues concerning Indian Country.

This program is fully funded for selected Tribes, States, and Territories through a grant provided by EPA. Airfare and lodging expenditures, and group meals will be paid directly by the Muscogee Creek Nation, Office of Environmental Services. Participants will be reimbursed for other expenses including airline baggage fees, airport parking, mileage, and meals at current GSA Per Diem Rates. The River Spirit Casino Resort is located in Tulsa, OK. a short 15 to 20-minute drive from the Tulsa International Airport. The River Spirit Casino Resort will be providing complimentary shuttle service to and from the Airport for all training participants. Please feel free to call 918-510-8636 or email TMS@creeknationcasino.com directly to arrange transportation, a 24 hour notice is appreciated. The Muscogee Creek Nation will not be able to reimburse for car rental fees, but can reimburse for gas (please keep original receipts). Participants will need a credit card or debit card at time of check-in for incidentals. Federal Employees



who are selected for the training course will be required to fund their own travel. Registration fees for EPA or other federal inspectors will not exceed \$150.00.

We are looking forward to having your nominee attend this important Tribal learning opportunity. We realize that this represents a substantial commitment of time and effort. However, the Muscogee Creek Nation and the EPA feel the curriculum will help to enhance the ability of Tribal inspectors and pesticide program stakeholders in addressing pesticide related issues concerning Indian Country. Therefore, we request a full commitment from the chosen participants to attend and participate in the entire training program

Supervisors must complete the Tribal PIRT 2020 nomination form for their inspector at <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/forms/2020-tribal-risk-assessments-pollinator-protection-and-worker-protection-standards> by **March 6, 2020**. Preference for attendance will go to tribes with EPA cooperative agreements, followed by tribes without EPA cooperative agreements, followed by states/territories. Federal employees may be selected based on available conference space. Once the registration form has been received, all applicants will be notified if they have been accepted into the training by March 30, 2020. Additional information will be sent regarding travel arrangements in the acceptance letter for selected attendees.

If you have any questions pertaining to this program, please feel free to contact the Muscogee Creek Nation, Office of Environmental Services, James Jackson, Environmental Specialist at jajackson@mcn-nsn.gov, (918) 549-2588 or by mobile phone at (918) 237-8300.

Sincerely,

James Jackson

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Office of Environmental Services