

Workshop held in Montana

A Tribal Response and Solid/Hazardous Waste Compliance and Enforcement Process Workshop was held on March 28, 2008 (1-day workshop) at Fort Belknap College. Fort Belknap Environmental Department, EPA Region 8 and Community Action for Renewed Environment (CARE) co-sponsored the event.

The purpose of the workshop was to assist Tribes with Tribal compliance and enforcement measures. The workshop offered an orientation to Tribes about the development of codes (specifically solid waste), exploring the efficacy of Tribal enforcement programs and subsequent results, and defining informal compliance, formal compliance, and enforcement resolution.

Approximately 65 people representing 12 different tribes were either present on site or hooked up through video conference. The morning session covered examples from a circuit-rider on both formal and information compliance and enforcement; the lunch speakers were from the Fort Belknap court system; and the afternoon session presented case studies from a number of tribes.