

Mission

To engage federally recognized Tribal governments and their designated representatives in U.S. Department of Energy Office of Nuclear Energy (DOE-NE) activities.

Active Members

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

- Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations
- Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe
- Nez Perce Tribe
- Omaha Tribe of Nebraska
- Oneida Nation of Wisconsin
- Prairie Island Indian Community
- Pueblo of Jemez
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
- Shoshone-Bannock Tribes
- Timbisha Shoshone Tribe

About NETWG

The Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group (NETWG) was chartered by the U.S. Department of Energy in 2014 and explores activities under the authority of DOE-NE with participation from NE leadership and senior personnel.

NETWG works alongside DOE to maintain and strengthen the government-to-government relationship between DOE-NE and Indian tribes, consistent with DOE's American Indian Policy Act.

NETWG members share their expertise with DOE-NE on a broad range of activities and discussions related to DOE-NE activities including but not limited to:

- Management, storage, disposal and transportation of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste.
- Nuclear research and development including advanced nuclear technologies.
- Cultural resource management.
- Expanded educational opportunities related to nuclear energy for all generations.

NETWG receives staff support from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) through a cooperative agreement with DOE-NE.

NETWG Priorities for 2023

- Maintain productive relationships with DOE-NE Leadership and expand tribal consultations to fulfill its federal trust responsibility in accordance with federal mandates.
- Engage with DOE-NE and the Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations on nuclear programs and initiatives.
- Monitor DOE-NE activities on consent-based siting and interim storage initiatives that have potential impacts to tribes.
- Provide guidance to federal agency partners to maintain compliance with federal initiatives such as the U.S. Department of Energy American Indian & Alaska Native Tribal Government Policy and DOE Order 144.1.
- Support DOE-NE STEM and Workforce development activities that align with NETWG priorities.
- Share tribal perspectives on DOE's environmental justice (EJ) and Justice40 initiatives.
- Develop opportunities to support the capacity of NETWG member tribes to discuss sacred sites as it relates to DOE-NE activities and to the ensure the alignment of federal mandates with the principles of tribal sovereignty.

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