

September 4, 2003

The Honorable Joseph Saulque
Benton Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe
567 Yellow Jacket Road
Benton, CA 93512

RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP

Dear Mr. Saulque:

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Sincerely,

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Paul H. Lohaus, Director
Office of State and Tribal Programs

September 4, 2003

The Honorable Jessica Bacock
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
P. O. Box 700
Big Pine, CA 93513

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The Honorable Doug Vega
Bishop Paiute Tribe
50 Tusu Lane
Bishop, CA 93514

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The Honorable Edward Smith
Chemehuevi Tribe
P. O. Box 1976
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

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The Honorable Daniel Eddy, Jr.
Colorado River Indian Tribes
Route 1 Box 23 B
Parker, AZ 85344

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The Honorable Perline Thompson
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
P. O. Box 140068
Duckwater, NV 89314

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The Honorable Diana Buckner
Ely Shoshone Tribe
16 Shoshone Circle
Ely, NV 89301

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The Honorable Richard Wilder
Fort Independence Indian Reservation
P. O. Box 67
Independence, CA 93526

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The Honorable Darryl Crawford

Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada
P. O. Box 7440
Reno, NV 89510

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The Honorable Carmen Bradley

Kaibab Band of Southern Paiutes Tribe
HC 65 Box 2
Pipe Springs, AZ 86022

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Las Vegas Indian Center
2300 West Bonanza Road
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Las Vegas Paiute Tribe
One Paiute Drive
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The Honorable Rachel Joseph

Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe
P. O. Box 747
Lone Pine, CA 93545

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The Honorable Philbert Swain

Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe
P. O. Box 340
Moapa, NV 89025

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The Honorable Robert Holden

National Council of American Indians
1301 Connecticut Avenue, N.W., Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

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Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Tribe
P. O. Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155

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Sincerely,

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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Lora Tom
Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah
440 North Paiute Drive
Cedar City, UT 84720

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The Honorable Audrey Bennett

Prairie Island Indian Community
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Welch, MN 55089

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The Honorable Fred Vallo

Pueblo of Acoma Tribe
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Pueblo of Acoma, NM 87034

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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.
Seneca Nation of Indians
P. O. Box 231
Salamanca, NY 14779

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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Richard Boland
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe
P. O. Box 206
Death Valley, CA 92328

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Walker River Paiute Tribe
P. O. Box 220
Schurtz, NV 89427

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The Honorable James Birchim
Yomba Shoshone Tribe
HC 61 Box 6275
Austin, NV 89310

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The Honorable Gary Burke

Umatilla Indian Reservation
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Western Shoshone National Council
P. O. Box 210

Indian Springs, NV 89018

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