

**-Tribal Caucus-  
National  
Transportation  
Stakeholders Forum**

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# NTSF

- **Department of Energy as a mechanism for sharing information nationally about shipments of radioactive waste and materials**
- **Collaborative Process between NTSF, Tribes, Federal Agencies, States, Local Governments and Industry representatives**
- **NTSF, DOE, NRC among others provide updates on evaluating the national impact on safety and security important to both Tribes and other stakeholders**

# Tribal Caucus

- **15 Tribes and Consolidated Group of Tribes and Organizations (CGTO) consisting of 16 Tribes**
- **Focus: Public Health and Safety, Packaging, Transportation, Emergency Management, Security, Inspection Enforcement, Impacts to Tribal lands and Effects upon Cultural Resources**
- **NRC participation in NTSF is essential and cost-effective in light of limited budgets and resources**
- **Tribal Caucus welcomes, need, expects and relies upon NRC involvement**

# **Tribal Protocol Manual**

- **NRC Introduced to Tribal Caucus in 2012 and finalized in 2014**
- **Operational Framework for NRC and Tribes**
- **Tribal Caucus is pleased NRC is committed to institutionalizing a process for formally engaging Tribal governments.**
- **TPM now serves as a guide to facilitate tribal interactions, and a unique model for addressing those activities under NRC authority.**

# Tribal Policy Statement

- **TPS was presented to Tribal Caucus with outreach to Tribes and Organizations in 2014**
- **Tribal Policy Statement serves as a framework for Strengthening Ties and Involvement with Tribes**
- **On June 15<sup>th</sup> the Tribal Caucus submitted comments for a 7<sup>th</sup> Principle however the recommendation was partially accepted.**
- **Tribal Participation in Working Groups impacting Tribes – was a key element Response 5.3. *“The NRC agreed with this comment and will consider inviting Tribes to participate on working groups related to regulatory actions that have substantial direct effects on one or more Indian Tribes, as appropriate.”***

# Conclusion

- **NRC must continue its involvement in NTSF and ongoing outreach to tribal communities**
- **180 days comment period and outreach activities**
- **Like all policies nothing is perfect**
- **Commission must boldly approve the Proposed Final Tribal Policy Statement and uphold its trust responsibility expressed as the rationale for the need to develop the policy statement!**