A TRIBAL AGENDA FOR ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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“Public health programs designed to protect the public health from hazards which exist or could exist in the physical environment.”

--Minnesota SCHSAC Environmental Health Leadership Team, December, 2002
Modern History of Tribal EH Programs
Challenges in Developing Tribal EH Programs

Tribes must be prepared to navigate these 7 common challenges:

1. Creating integrated approach to PH & EH for Tribes needs
2. Developing internal stakeholder support
3. Developing external stakeholder support
4. Developing and enforcing codes and policies
5. Finding and sustaining funding for the position
6. Finding, training, and retaining qualified staff
7. Managing stakeholder cooperation
A Toolkit for Successful Tribal EH Programs

- A set of resources and a “roadmap” to help Tribe’s assess and strengthen their Environmental Health programs and services in order to support a comprehensive, integrated approach to environmental health.

- A critical support in clearly identifying the operational standards for a governmental environmental health system.
Moving Forward

- Nurture relationships
- Hold federal and state governments accountable for the services needed to develop capacity
- Look at other successful tribal health programs
- Be curious, be bold – let you be the only thing holding you back
- Listen to stories