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Carole Plowfield, Director

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Acting Director, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Ms. Plowfield is committed to maximizing the development and deployment of energy solutions for the benefit of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and strengthening the Department's partnership with these communities. She will work to improve the conditions in remote Alaskan native communities where energy costs are often much higher than the national average, providing the technical assistance, resources, skills, and analytical tools needed to overcome these challenges and implement sustainable energy strategies.

Karen Atkinson, Deputy Director

U.S. Department of Energy Office of Minority Business Development, U.S. DOE

Karen Atkinson is the Deputy Director of the Office of Minority Business and Economic Development, Department of Energy (DOE), which supports the nation's energy goals by increasing knowledge and access to entrepreneurial opportunities at the DOE and in the energy sector. At DOE, Karen developed an Energy Sector Business Opportunity Program to educate businesses on supply chain opportunities and make industry connections. She has also developed workforce partnerships with industry, local governments, and community based organizations to increase energy job opportunities in diverse communities. Throughout her career Ms. Atkinson has been a strong advocate for tribal economic development and small business issues. Karen is graduate of Stanford University and the University of New Mexico Law School.

Sonny Adams, Jr., Director of Energy

NANA Regional Corporation

Sonny Adams has worked for NANA Regional Corporation as a Projects Manager since 2007, and is currently the Director of Alternative Energy. He is a graduate of Montana Tech and has a degree in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering.

Mr. Adams past experiences include technical oversight of the Red Dog Mine, NANA gravel issues, and shareholder development.

Prior to working for NANA, Adams worked as an operator and metallurgical engineer at the Red Dog Mine. His milling experience includes water treatment, flotation, grinding, and control room operation.



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Mike Andrews, Majority Staff Director and Chief Counsel

U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs

T. Michael Andrews is the Chief Counsel and Majority Staff Director for the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs (SCIA) chaired by Senator John Hoeven (R-ND). SCIA has jurisdiction to study the unique problems of American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. These issues include, but are not limited to, Indian education, economic development, land management, trust responsibilities, health care, and claims against the United States. Prior to Capitol Hill, Andrews served at the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Justice and the Pascua Yaqui Indian Tribe in Tucson, Arizona. He most recently served at the Department of Housing and Urban Department, Office of Native American Programs, where he focused on delivering high quality housing to Native Americans. Andrews is also the Chairman of the Victim Advisory Group for the United States Sentencing Commission.

Mark Fox, Chairman

Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation

Mark N. Fox is the Chairman of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation. Fox is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps and has earned his law degree in 1993 from the University of North Dakota. The Chairman has served on various national boards including DOE's Energy Work Group, ITMA, and the National Indian Gaming Association. Renowned for his work in the areas of taxation, gaming, energy, and economic development, Fox is a strong advocate for tribal sovereignty. Spending time with family, participating in health-related events and marathons, and also partaking in charitable and non-profit events are also important to Chairman Fox

Michael Kuca, General Engineer

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs

Michael Kuca is an engineer for the Office of Indian Energy, duty-stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and provides technical assistance to American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages for energy development, capacity building, energy cost reduction, and electrification of Indian lands and homes. He works to address a specific challenge or fulfill a need that is essential to a current project's successful implementation. Mr. Kuca also facilitates strategic energy planning to clearly identify a community's energy priorities and provides guidance for decision making to better position a community for new opportunities, increase tribal self-sufficiency, and meet tribal energy goals.

Kate Marks, Director for State, Local, and Tribal Policy Analysis

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis (EPSA)

Kate Marks is the office director for state, local, and tribal policy analysis. She is also currently serving as acting office director for stakeholder engagement and acting coordinator of the Energy Jobs Strategy Council. In these roles, Ms. Marks oversees state and local regulatory and policy analysis and supports stakeholder engagement to inform EPSA analysis. Her work also includes overseeing one of the most comprehensive sets of energy jobs data available. Ms. Marks coordinates state, local, and tribal interaction on energy policy; collaborates across Federal agencies and the DOE to support intergovernmental action; and works with multiple national laboratories and DOE program officials to advance state-Federal cooperation.



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Jim Manion, General Manager

Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises

Jim Manion has been general manager of Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises since 1986 and is also co-chair of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group. He is responsible for managing the Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation of Oregon's interests in the largest hydroelectric project in the region, a 475 megawatt hydroelectric project. Mr. Manion is also responsible for energy exploration and negotiations on the 640,000 acre reservation land base. He has served his tribe on several business enterprises including the Board of Directors; Warm Springs Forest Products Enterprise; and is chair of the tribe's Business Investment Fund. He also is active with the Deschutes River Conservancy, the Warm Spring Museum Board of Directors, the local Food Bank Committee, and the local Hospital Foundation Board.

Doug Matheney, Special Advisor to the Secretary

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy

Douglas A. "Doug" Matheney is the Special Advisor to the Secretary of the Department of Energy, as a liaison assigned to the Office of Fossil Energy.

A native of Southeast Ohio, Mr. Matheney worked in the coal industry from 1976 to 1993. After leaving the coal industry, he served as a consultant for the Ohio Coal Association and the National Mining Association, working on coal issues with various elected officials in Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. He also handled coal and energy issues for Americans for Prosperity.

In addition to his industry and consulting experience, Mr. Matheney also served as County Commissioner for Morgan County, Ohio from 1983 to 1991. In 2016, he joined the Trump presidential campaign, where he managed 11 counties in Southeast Ohio.

Robert Metcs, President

Havlik Metcs Limited

Robert Metcs is co--- founder and President of Havlik Metcs Limited (HML), a Canadian advisory firm specializing in the establishment of innovative and sustainable relationships between First Nations, industry and governments in Canada. He is widely recognized for having promoted and structured innovative commercial partnerships between industry and First Nations that identify and allocate the financial and economic value that First Nations bring to the table.

Will Micklin, CEO

Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians

Mr. Micklin is 2nd Vice President of the Central Council of Tlingit Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, his fifth term on the Executive Council, and since 1995 Chief Executive Officer of the Ewiiapaayp Band of Kumeyaay Indians. Will volunteers as Executive Director for the state-wide inter-tribal association of California tribes, the California Association of Tribal Governments. Will is a tribal member to the Department of Energy's Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Work Group (ICEIWG), and also serves on the Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC), the Tribal Self-Governance Advisory Committee (SGCE), the Federal Communications Commission's Native Nations Broadband Task Force (NNBTF), and served three years on the IRS Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Government Entities. Will is a member of the tribal leader work groups developing policies for tribal taxation and federal Indian policy trust modernization. Will graduated with a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Washington in 1982.



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Robert Odawi Porter, Senior Advisor

Dentons US LLP

Robert Odawi Porter is an expert in the field of American Indian law and has dedicated his 20-year legal career to protecting and expanding the rights of indigenous nations and peoples. He joined the firm on January 1, 2013, following the completion of his term as the 67th president of the Seneca Nation of Indians. Robert also served the Seneca Nation for nine years as its chief legal counsel, holding the position of attorney general and later acting as senior policy advisor and counsel.

Lizana Pierce, Deployment Supervisor

U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs,

Lizana Pierce is duty-stationed in Colorado and serves as the principal engineering expert for the Director and Deputy Director of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs on deployment programs. Ms. Pierce is responsible for implementing the Office's Deployment Programs: Technical Assistance; Financial Assistance; and Education and Capacity Building.

Lizana has more than 20 years of experience in clean energy technologies, project development, and management, and has dedicated over 18 of those years to assisting Indian tribes in developing their energy resources and building their human capacity to realize their energy visions. Prior to joining the Office of Indian Energy in 2015, Ms. Pierce was the project manager for the Tribal Energy Program under DOE's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, a position she held since the program's inception in 2002. In that capacity, she solicited tribal clean energy projects and administered the resulting grants and agreements as well as the program's technical assistance and education and outreach efforts. Prior to overseeing the EERE Tribal Energy Program, Ms. Pierce worked in several of the research and development programs at DOE, including the solar, wind, and biomass programs.