



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	About NETWG
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>The Nuclear Energy Tribal Working Group (NETWG) was chartered by DOE in 2014 and explores activities under the authority of DOE-NE with participation from NE leadership and senior personnel.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. <p>NETWG receives staff support from the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) through a cooperative agreement with DOE-NE.</p>

NETWG Priorities for 2021

- Work in partnership with DOE-NE to ensure fulfilment of federal trust responsibilities, and responsibilities under Executive Order 13175 and DOE Order 144.1 to coordinate and consult with tribes on activities undertaken by the Office of Nuclear Energy.
- Provide guidance and develop recommendations for federal agency partners in maintaining compliance with federal trust responsibilities to Native American tribes associated with Federal undertakings and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).
- Expand NETWG member understanding and awareness of actions taken by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) and other federal agencies on issues related to nuclear energy activities that may impact tribes.
- Monitor DOE’s activities on Advanced Technology (Small Modular Reactors and Emerging Technologies) and the potential impacts to tribes by providing tools and mechanisms to address emerging issues.
- Expand engagement with federal agencies on the uranium reserve program activities that may impact tribes.
- Continue to work with DOE-NE on STEM and Workforce development related initiatives that align with NETWG priorities.

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