

## Tribal-State Environmental Liaison -- Position and Role

Under the direct supervision of the Administrator or Deputy Administrator of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) and with direction offered from the Tribes of Nevada. The Tribal-State Liaison will be responsible for the coordination of mining issues and other environmental activities between the Nevada Tribes and NDEP. An important facet of the position is the development, cultivation, and enhancement of working relationships between Nevada Tribes and NDEP. The Liaison will advise Nevada Tribes and the NDEP Administrator on the regulatory requirements of environmental protection. Additionally, with Tribal and State approval, the Liaison will initiate recommended actions to the Tribes and NDEP for the strengthening of Tribal programmatic, regulatory, and enforcement components of environmental protection. The following are the specific duties of the Liaison.

1. Coordinate mining-related activities at mines in Nevada, particularly at the Rio Tinto and Anaconda-Yerington mine sites, where State and Tribal interests exist.
2. Enhance communication and understanding between NDEP and the Tribes where environmental interests are present.
3. Coordinate water monitoring, when data is needed on or near Tribal lands.
4. Enhance communication and coordination on Natural Resources Damage Assessment (NRDA), where the State and the Tribes are trustees.
5. Coordinate, enhance and facilitate communication resolutions to disputes and issues that may arise on natural resource issues between the State, Tribes, Federal agencies and other affected parties.
6. Develop written coordination protocols as they relate to Tribal Sovereignty and environmental issues, defining the roles and responsibilities of the State. Additionally, the Liaison shall contact each individual Tribe that has a mining or environmental concern and based upon this consultation, shall produce consultation protocols specific to that Tribes' issues.
7. Coordinate Tribal cultural impact review on mining and other Natural Resource developments.
8. Assist NDEP and Tribal staff in expediting assessment and clean-up operations at mines sites.
9. Assist NDEP and Tribal staff in reviewing and providing comments on Potentially Responsible Party (PRPs) work products.
10. Draft Memorandum of Agreements, Memorandum of Understandings or other agreements between the State, PRPs and Tribes.