

September 4, 2003

The Honorable Joseph Saulque  
Benton Utu Utu Gwaitu Paiute Tribe  
567 Yellow Jacket Road  
Benton, CA 93512

**RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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Sincerely,

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Paul H. Lohaus, Director  
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The Honorable Jessica Bacock  
Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley  
P. O. Box 700  
Big Pine, CA 93513

RE: **INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Doug Vega  
Bishop Paiute Tribe  
50 Tusu Lane  
Bishop, CA 93514

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The Honorable Edward Smith  
Chemehuevi Tribe  
P. O. Box 1976  
Havasu Lake, CA 92363

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The Honorable Daniel Eddy, Jr.  
Colorado River Indian Tribes  
Route 1 Box 23 B  
Parker, AZ 85344

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The Honorable Perline Thompson  
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe  
P. O. Box 140068  
Duckwater, NV 89314

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The Honorable Diana Buckner  
Ely Shoshone Tribe  
16 Shoshone Circle  
Ely, NV 89301

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The Honorable Richard Wilder  
Fort Independence Indian Reservation  
P. O. Box 67  
Independence, CA 93526

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The Honorable Darryl Crawford



Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada  
P. O. Box 7440  
Reno, NV 89510

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The Honorable Carmen Bradley

Kaibab Band of Southern Paiutes Tribe  
HC 65 Box 2  
Pipe Springs, AZ 86022

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The Honorable Richard Arnold

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2300 West Bonanza Road  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

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Las Vegas Paiute Tribe  
One Paiute Drive  
Las Vegas, NV 89106

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The Honorable Rachel Joseph

Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Tribe  
P. O. Box 747  
Lone Pine, CA 93545

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The Honorable Philbert Swain

Moapa Band of Paiutes Tribe  
P. O. Box 340  
Moapa, NV 89025

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The Honorable Robert Holden

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Paul H. Lohaus, Director  
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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Christine Danforth  
Oneida Nation of Wisconsin Tribe  
P. O. Box 365  
Oneida, WI 54155

RE: **INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Lora Tom  
Paiute Indian Tribes of Utah  
440 North Paiute Drive  
Cedar City, UT 84720

RE: **INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Audrey Bennett

Prairie Island Indian Community  
5636 Sturgeon Lake Road  
Welch, MN 55089

**RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Fred Vallo

Pueblo of Acoma Tribe  
P. O. Box 309  
Pueblo of Acoma, NM 87034

**RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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September 4, 2003

The Honorable Rickey L. Armstrong, Sr.  
Seneca Nation of Indians  
P. O. Box 231  
Salamanca, NY 14779

RE: **INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Richard Boland  
Timbisha Shoshone Tribe  
P. O. Box 206  
Death Valley, CA 92328

RE: **INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Victoria Guzman  
Walker River Paiute Tribe  
P. O. Box 220  
Schurtz, NV 89427

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The Honorable James Birchim  
Yomba Shoshone Tribe  
HC 61 Box 6275  
Austin, NV 89310

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The Honorable Gary Burke

Umatilla Indian Reservation  
P. O. Box 638  
Pendleton, OR 97801

**RE: INVITATION FOR A HIGH LEVEL WASTE TRAINING WORKSHOP**

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The Honorable Raymond Yowell  
Western Shoshone National Council  
P. O. Box 210



Indian Springs, NV 89018

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