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With help, we can continue to accomplish even more under our Superfund Program! We encourage and welcome individuals to reach out if they are aware of vacant or abandoned businesses, gas stations, warehouses, or other questionable properties that could potentially be Superfund sites! Know of a site or just aren't sure? Contact us!



ITEC MISSION STATEMENT:

“To protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources, and their environment as it relates to air, land, and water.”

To accomplish this mission, ITEC provides technical support, training and environmental services in a variety of environmental disciplines.

The Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) was formed in October 1992 through a memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between 20 Oklahoma Tribes and EPA Region 6. Under this Agreement, the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs would serve as the lead agent for ITEC. Since that time, 25 additional tribes have joined ITEC.

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What is Superfund?

The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), commonly known as Superfund, was enacted by Congress on December 11, 1980. This created a federally funded program that provides for the evaluation and cleanup of abandoned hazardous waste sites. The Superfund Program also established a mechanism for the compensation of stakeholders, such as tribes, who are impacted by hazardous waste sites.

CERCLA also provides for emergency actions, such as the cleanup of sites or chemical spills which pose an immediate danger to human health. In the event that your tribe is impacted by an emergency situation, contact the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at the National Response Center's 24-Hour Emergency Hotline at:
1-800-424-8802.



The ITEC Superfund Program is responsible for assessing the impact of abandoned hazardous waste sites on or near tribal lands, resources, and populations. Since its inception in 1991, the Cherokee Nation Superfund Program developed an ITEC Superfund Program to assist with the identification and evaluation of potentially hazardous waste sites. These sites include solid waste dumps, landfills, and former industrial facilities. The ITEC Superfund Program provides management assistance to ITEC member Tribes impacted by Superfund sites. The program also provides technical training related to the Superfund process for the environmental staff of the ITEC member Tribes.

ITEC has completed a approximately 400 projects, which include Pre-CERCLA, Preliminary Assessment (PA), Site Inspection (SI) and Site Inspection Prioritization (SIP) Reports under the Superfund Program.

What Sites Are Eligible?

The ITEC Superfund Program can provide non-emergency evaluation on behalf of an ITEC–Member Tribe if the following criteria is met:

1. Hazardous waste (as defined in CERCLA) is known or suspected to be present on the site.
2. The site is abandoned or vacant.
3. Waste on the site has impacted or could impact tribal lands or a tribal population.

Technical Management Assistance

The ITEC Superfund program provides Management Assistance to tribes that are impacted by sites that are on the National Priorities List (NPL), including those NPL sites that are in the remedial and post-remedial stages of the clean up process. Management Assistance ensures that tribes impacted by Superfund sites are involved in the decision making process and are kept informed of all activities being conducted on those sites by the EPA, ODEQ, and their contractors. This ensures that EPA, other regulatory agencies and contractors consider tribal concerns when they decide on remedial goals and methods.

