



FECM Tribal Working Group Meeting with DOE Leadership

May 7, 2025
1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Suite 550
Washington, DC 20004

Objective: To discuss tribal energy priorities, address regulatory barriers, and engage in new energy opportunities with DOE leadership.

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM | Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **Mark W. Menezes**, President & CEO, United States Energy Association (USEA)
- **Invocation by Tribal Elder**
- **William D. McCabe**, Co-chair, FECM Tribal Energy Management Group
- **Demi Morishige**, Secretary, FECM Tribal Energy Management Group
- **Tala Goudarzi**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, United States Department of Energy – Office of Fossil Energy & Carbon Management (FECM)
- **Bryan Kellogg** U.S. DOE-Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs (CI)

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM | History & Establishment of the Tribal Working Group

- **Joseph Giove**, Director of Business Operations, FECM

9:15 AM – 10:30 AM | Tribal Energy Priorities: Individual Tribal Presentations

Each tribal representative presents on energy initiatives, challenges, and priorities:

- **Chairman Bobby Gonzalez**, Caddo Nation
- **C.J. Stewart**, Crow Nation
- **Wilfred Lambert**, Fort Peck Tribes
- **Dr. Carrie Joseph**, Hopi Nation (virtual)
- **Doreen Leavitt**, Iñupiat Community of the Arctic Slope

10:30 – 10:45 | Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM | Tribal Energy Priorities: Individual Tribal Presentations

- **Chairman Mark Fox**, Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara (MHA) Nation
- **William McCabe**, Navajo Nation
- **Demi Morishige**, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

11:45 AM – 12:45 PM | Lunch Break (Working Lunch Discussion)

12:45 PM – 1:00 PM | Past Resources and Brief DOE Offices Introduction

- Alex Krowka, USEA
- Dr. Tommy Jones, United States Department of Energy – Office of Indian Energy (IE)
- Warren Wilczewski, United States Department of Energy – Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response – Office of Petroleum Reserves (CESER-OPR)
- Stephen Witmer, National Energy Technology Laboratory (Virtual)

1:00 – 1:30 | CESER-OPR Indian Energy Purchase Preference

- Warren Wilczewski, CESER-OPR
- Raymond Redcorn, IE

1:30 PM – 2:15 PM | Roundtable Discussion: Cutting Red Tape

- Moderator: William D. McCabe, Co-Chair, FECM Tribal Working Group
- Discussion Topics:
 - Regulatory barriers and progress in Tribal Energy Development (Mineral rights, cross-border issues, primacy, tribal government)
 - Review of Prior Mandates on Reducing Tribal Energy Barriers
 - FECM and IE Coordination Efforts
 - DOE Leadership Responses; Aligning Policies with new energy landscape
 - Preparation for DOI Consultation

2:15 PM – 2:30 PM | Break

2:30 PM – 3:30PM | Roundtable Discussion: Tribal Energy Path Forward

- Moderator: William D. McCabe, Co-Chair, FECM Tribal Working Group
- Identify four emerging 4 themes

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM | DOE Closing Statements

- Commitments & next steps from DOE leadership

3:45 PM – 4:00 PM | Closing Remarks

- William D. McCabe, Co-chair, FECM Tribal Working Group
- Closing reflection by tribal leadership