

### 2014 Tribal Environmental Quality Protection Conference

**New and emerging environmental regulation, litigation, compliance and sovereignty issues for Tribes**  
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Morongo Casino Resort & Spa in Cabazon, CA

#### **Who Should Attend**

Attorneys, Tribal representatives, industry executives and governmental officials

#### **Why You Should Attend**

There are approximately 56.2 million acres in the United States held in trust for Indian Tribes and individuals, which range in size from just over an acre to the 16 million acre Navajo Nation Reservation. The amount of Tribal lands continues to grow as the federal government reviews and approves trust applications each year. In addition, the U.S. Department of Interior Buy-Back Program (created in response to the Cobell vs Salazar Settlement) intends to add millions of acres of Tribal trust lands. The application of environmental law to these lands is unique in comparison to private fee land due to the extreme shifts in federal policy regarding Tribal sovereignty over the past 200 years. Federal environmental laws are applicable to Tribal lands but State and local laws do not apply in most cases unless the impacts of actions spill over to non-Tribal lands.

This informative conference provides a foundational understanding of Tribal sovereignty and the applicability of environmental laws to Tribal lands, insight into the relationship between Tribes and federal/state agencies, practical tips for preparing/reviewing environmental impact documentation and resource management plans.

***~ Program Co-Chairs: John E. Ponder, Esq. of Sheppard, Mullin, Richter & Hampton LLP and Jennifer Wade of Environmental Science Associates***

#### **What You Will Learn**

- Tribal sovereignty as it applies to environmental regulation and Tribal land use
- Detailed analysis of the applicability of specific federal environmental laws to Tribal lands
- Detailed analysis of requirements for environmental impact review for projects on Tribal lands or Tribal projects off Tribal lands
- Environmental Assessment (EA) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) preparation tips
- Key federal agencies discuss their roles

- Energy development on Tribal lands, case studies
- Developing compliance strategies for Tribal environmental policies and acts
- Remedies

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## Attorneys

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## Practice Areas

Tribal and Indian Law