Mission Statement:
We, the members of the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network, gather together to combine our voices to pursue natural resources, cultural and environmental protection for our Communities through waste management.

Vision Statement:
We envision the restoration of our traditional, natural and cultural ways.
TSWAN BACKGROUND

- Organized in 1997 as an ad hoc committee to discuss tribal waste issues.
- Increased constituency from an initial 5 tribes to currently 34 members throughout WA, OR, ID, and AK
- Focus on programs where all members benefit: Document Development, Training, Program Development, Education Opportunities, and Policy Forums that specifically address the uniqueness of tribes.
Invading our Tribal Communities

Up to 30% of tribal members, especially in rural areas, have reported using meth.
~National Congress of American Indians

Tribal police report that up to 40% of violent crime on Native lands can be attributed to meth.

Auto theft is common with meth producers because they can drive to an obscure location, cook for a time, and then abandon them, making tribal reservations a true haven for these criminals.
Tribal lands are attractive to mobile meth lab manufacturers:

- Know they cannot be followed onto a tribal jurisdiction by outside policing authorities.
- Makes it easy to ‘hide out’ … produce a batch of meth, and leave behind an entirely toxic scene.
What is Meth?

- Manufactured stimulant using ephedrine (Sudafed), Sulfuric (drain cleaners), or Muriatic acid (concrete wash), antifreeze, alcohol, lantern fuel.
- Gives an intense high that can last up to 36 hours.

- HIGHLY addictive. Just ONE use can cause an addiction.
- Comes in various forms:
  - Oral, as in a pill
  - Syringe injection
  - Powder
  - Crystallized
Health Risks of Meth

**Cooks:**
- Acid Burns
- Fire and Explosions
- Inhaling toxic fumes
  - DEATH

**Users:**
- Destruction of tissues and blood vessels
- Rotted teeth
- Open sores
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Appears Schizophrenic
- Stroke
- Brain Damage
  - DEATH

Tank split causing release of ammonia resulting in severe injuries for 5 people.

Notice the commonality with cooks and users?
Environmental Damage

For every pound of meth produced, 5-6 pounds of toxic waste is produced.

By-products are

- Flammable
- Corrosive
- Reactive, Explosive
- Toxic

and contaminate earth, groundwater and wells, plant life, aquatic life and animals.

Meth suspended in solution. Top 2/3 is hazardous waste. The bottom 1/3 is meth suspended in Freon.

Approximately 25 gallons of acid waste.
Be Aware!

Locations:
- Rural Settings
- Homes
- Hotels
- Vehicles
- Mobile
- Storage Units
- RV and Mobile Trailers

~Most have the windows covered with curtains or aluminum foil.

~Odd or extensive security measures such as “No Trespassing” or “Beware of Dog” signs, tall fences, overshadowing trees or shrubs.

~Strong and offensive odors such as ammonia
WHO???

- Are there frequent visitors at odd times of the day or night?

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`Do the residents seem secretive or unfriendly?
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Does someone have a new boyfriend/girlfriend who behaves suspiciously, comes and goes a LOT, but seems to have settled in?
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Tell Tale Signs

- Empty Cold Medicine Packaging
- Matches
- Discolored Coffee Filters
- Duct Tape Rolls
- Lantern Fuel Containers
- Paint Thinner Containers
- Numerous 2-liter bottles or plastic drinking bottles
- Rubber or copper tubing
- Starter Fluid Bottles
- Lye Containers
- Drain Cleaner Containers
Sports Bottle Method
Isn’t this reason enough to Protect Our Culture, Youth, Legacy?

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