

# Region 7 Tribal Training Workshop on NWCA- Workshop Evaluation

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Topeka, KS

## Summary of Written Participant Evaluations

|  | State/Tribe | EPA | Other |
|--|-------------|-----|-------|
| What is your affiliation?<br>- Private consultant hired by the state | 6           |     | 1     |

|   | Very valuable | Somewhat valuable | Not so valuable | Not at all valuable | Other |
|---|---------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------|
| How valuable was the time spent on the 'field day mock up' exercise?<br>- Should have included the kit and explained all the field gear in house prior to field work. Include classroom videos showing set up of AAs, plant and soil AA demo prior to field work. | 8             | 1                 |                 |                     |       |

|  | YES | NO |
|--|-----|----|
| Was the NARS workshop worth your time?<br>- Very informative- liked the fact we had webinars and useful links prior to the workshop so we didn't have a bunch of lectures.<br>- Field time was most beneficial<br>- The controlled environment<br>- Great hands on experience  | 9   |    |
| Did the NARS workshop meet your needs?<br>- Yes and more, learned a great amount of information  | 9   |    |
| Was the length of the workshop appropriate to the material presented?<br><i>If not, was it too short or too long?</i><br>- I liked that we had more field work versus workshop/class time<br>- A little more field time if possible but not really needed<br>- Too short- just a thought, when I monitor or conduct field work I always begin at dawn during to avoid heat. Safety first to avoid heat exhaustion/heat stroke, I don't mind getting up early to be in field by 6 am.<br>- Some of the material we covered was too long- such as filling water samples. | 8   | 1  |
| Did you receive a travel scholarship through CTIC?   | 6   | 3  |

|   | Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor |
|---|-----------|------|------|------|
| Pre-workshop Information & Registration   | 6         | 3    |      |      |
| Resources/Materials Shared  | 8         | 1    |      |      |
| Room Set-up   | 5         | 4    |      |      |
| Overall Workshop Content  | 6         | 3    |      |      |
| Workshop Organization/Flow  | 6         | 3    |      |      |
| <b><i>If you received a scholarship, please rate CTIC on the following:</i></b>   |           |      |      |      |
| - Communication   | 6         |      |      |      |
| - Travel Arrangements   | 5         | 1    |      |      |
| - Responsiveness  | 6         |      |      |      |
| Comments:<br>- It was easy to get ahold of Sue, she was very helpful in answering questions<br>- Toll roads would have been nice to know about<br>- Traveling to sample site could have been better |           |      |      |      |

**What other topics would you like to see covered by future workshops?**

- Other topics could include more of what/how to review the data and what it can tell us about our wetland.
- More site prep (office) information and more about how data will be used and for what purpose.
- The topics were well covered and I was pleased by how well everything was planned.
- Anything that could benefit us! Other surveys, skills, etc.
- Data skills and management
- I think it covered all the bases
- I felt that the topics covered were good but wouldn't know more until I actually use it in the field and know what my strengths and weaknesses are.

**What did you find to be the most valuable about the workshop?**

- The hands on work and demos
- Helpful, knowledgeable instructors; appropriate time allowed; class size
- NCWA: What and how many staff it takes to conduct the assessment.
- Field demo by plant and soil scientist also beneficial.
- Field time
- Steps of the process of doing a wetland
- The reference guides were helpful
- Gregg's explanations were in a way I could understand, also making connections was invaluable.
- I found the most valuable thing to be the set up. They were very thorough on how to set the sites up and that was good.
- Equipment set up and protocol run through

### **Any other comments or ideas?**

- A better background on how data will be used
- Keep the site close to the hotel- nobody likes to travel far after a long day of being sweaty and muddy. Also when showing us how to do something since it is for practice services you do not need to be so “perfect” about showing us an example.
- When forms are available electronically maybe there could a part where IDs are available for the region being worked- the common ones can just be marked with a check.
- Need more classroom instruction on forms- this was done in the field when it could have been done in-house out of the heat along with videos showing the demos. Hands on field work should have been done in the early morning and wrapped up before the afternoon heat hit. Some people are sensitive to heat and can't be in direct sunlight for hours on end due to meds.
- Very well organized and excellent instructors.
- CTIC staff was very helpful along with the experienced facilitators.
- A better background on how data will be used