



# Mni Sose News

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## Changes Recommended in Corps' Management of Historical Resources

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) recent review of the Army Corps of Engineers' management of significant historical resources along the Missouri River contains a number of recommendations.

Citing escalating controversy surrounding the Corps management of some of the Nation's most significant resources along nearly 6,000 miles of Missouri River shoreline, the ACPH initiated a review of the Corps Mainstem System historic preservation program in January 2002.

Based on its finding, the ACHP recommends the following actions:

1. Develop and implement a permanent and effective Missouri River Mainstem historic preservation program in partnership with Indian Tribes and other stakeholders.
2. Provide an adequate and sustained funding level for the Missouri River Mainstem system historic preservation program.
3. Revise the budget process to improve historic preservation funding.
4. Identify new funding sources or arrangements that can be used to meet cultural resource management needs.
5. Develop and implement a new Missouri River Mainstem System Programmatic Agreement for compliance with Section 106 of NHPA.
6. Build partnerships with Missouri River Tribes.
7. Take immediate steps to control looting and vandalism.
8. Explore opportunities of the upcoming Lewis and Clark celebration to promote heritage tourism on the Missouri River Mainstem System.

The complete status report can be viewed at: [www.achp.gov/news-moriver-statusreport.html](http://www.achp.gov/news-moriver-statusreport.html)

## AIEO Director Visits Region 7 Tribes

Carol Jorgensen, the Director of EPA's American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO), visited the Tribes located in EPA's Region 7 on April 8-10, 2003.

Ms. Jorgensen's initial site visit to Region 7 took her to the following reservations: Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri, Iowa Tribe

of Kansas and Nebraska, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, and Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and Iowa. Her visit also included participation in an EPA/Tribal Regional Operations Committee Meeting.

Ms. Jorgensen, who was appointed the AIEO Director in May 2002, is a member of the Tlingit Tribe, located in southeast Alaska.

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EPA AIEO Director, Carol Jorgensen, at Sac & Fox Tribe of Missouri's Environmental Office.



# New Tribal Liaison for Army Corps Meets with Basin Tribes

The Mni Sose Intertribal Water Rights Coalition hosted a Missouri River Basin Tribal Cultural Resources Meeting on May 15, 2003, in Rapid City, South Dakota, at which the US Army Corps of Engineers Headquarters' newly-appointed Tribal Liaison was the guest speaker.

Representatives from ten Tribes, the Army Corps, and the BIA met to discuss progression on the Programmatic Agreement, the Army Corps' 2003 Annual Operating Plan for the Missouri River, and the Yankton Sioux Tribe's recent cultural resources site disturbance.

Dr. Georgeanne "Georgeie" Reynolds told the audience that one of her initial goals is to identify herself as a reliable tribal contact at Headquarters. She was appointed Tribal Liaison in April 2003, a position she said was created in response to tribal and intertribal resolutions.

Dr. Reynolds has a Ph.D. in Anthropology from the State University of New York at Binghamton. She became the Alaska District Corps of Engineers archeologist in 1984, a position she held until 1999, at which time she moved to Corps Headquarters to work in the Executive Office of the Chief of Engineers in Congressional Affairs.



Dr. Georgeanne "Georgeie" Reynolds speaking at Tribal Cultural Resources Meeting on May 15, 2003, in Rapid City, South Dakota.

## Basin Tribes Progress on Cultural Resources Programmatic Agreement

The Missouri River Basin Tribes are near completion of a final draft of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) with the Army Corps of Engineers intended to preserve, protect, and manage the tribal cultural properties in the Missouri River Basin.

Representatives from the Tribes located in the Missouri River Basin and the Army Corps of Engineers have been meeting since June 2002 to develop the Programmatic Agreement (PA).

Pemina Yellow Bird of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation said the current version of the PA is not an update of the 1993 PA, which was an agreement among the Army Corps and State Historic Preservation Offices from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Nebraska, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The Tribes were neither party to those PA discussions nor signatories to that agreement. Because the Army Corps never implemented the earlier PA, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation foreclosed on it, which made the document null and void.

The current PA will contain sections on consultation,

cultural resource management plans, an identification plan, determination of adverse effect, mitigation, inadvertent discoveries of burials and remains, preservation and protection of sacred and cultural places, monitoring, enforcement, collection and curation of materials and data, funding/resource allocation, protection of sensitive information, the annual review of the agreement, and dispute resolution. An appendix will include relevant Federal laws and tribal treaties.

Yet to be approved is the number of signatories to the PA. Originally, the Army Corps envisioned ten Tribes signing the PA. However, because all 28 Tribes in the Basin have tribal cultural properties along the banks of the Missouri, all 28 Tribes should have PA signatory authority. Tribes concurring with the PA, rather than listed as a signatory, cannot legally enforce the PA in court.

The final draft PA, which will be distributed to the Tribes by the end of June 2003, will be discussed with Army Corps' officials at a Programmatic Agreement Consultation Session on July 29 and 30, 2003, in Pierre, South Dakota.

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Mni Sose Executive Committee Members (from left) :  
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 Rhonda Azure—Treasurer  
 Gary Collins—President  
 Donald "Bucky" Pilcher—Vice President

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Blackfeet Nation .....	Ervin Carlson
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe.....	David Hump
Chippewa Cree Tribe of the Rocky Boy's Reservation .....	Bruce Sunchild
Crow Tribe.....	Andrew Old Elk
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Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians.....	Rhonda Azure, Treasurer
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska .....	Darwin Snyder
Yankton Sioux Tribe .....	William Weddell

## Native Waters Traveling Exhibit

Native Waters invites Tribes in the Missouri River Basin to display their new exhibit entitled, "Native Waters: Sharing the Source." The exhibit, which includes tribal perspectives, is an interactive exhibit designed to teach the public about water from scientific and cultural perspectives.

Native Waters' goal is to display the exhibit on every Reservation in the Basin from September 2003 through December 2004. The exhibit requires 500 square feet of space, preferably in a cultural center, school, or tribal building. For more information contact Native Waters at (406) 994-3911 or [www.nativewaters.org](http://www.nativewaters.org).



## Events Calendar

Fifth Annual Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation Pow-Wow Celebration—Mayetta, Kansas .....	June 13-15, 2003
NCAI Mid-Year Session—Phoenix, Arizona .....	June 15-18, 2003
Senate Committee On Indian Affairs' Oversight Hearing on Nat. Am. Sacred Sites —Washington, DC.....	June 18, 2003
Crow Native Days—Crow Agency, Montana .....	June 19-25, 2003
Addressing Illegal Dumping on Tribal Lands Conference, Part II—Mesa, Arizona .....	June 24-26, 2003
Mni Sose Board of Directors' Meeting—Bozeman, Montana .....	July 1 and 2, 2003
Council of Energy Resource Tribe's Indian Energy Solutions Conference—San Diego, California.....	July 3 and 4, 2003
136th Annual Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Wacipi—Agency Village, South Dakota .....	July 4-6, 2003
Joint MRBA/Federal Interagency Roundtable Meeting—Billings, Montana .....	July 8, 2003
Missouri River Basin Association (MRBA) Meeting—Billings, Montana .....	July 8 and 9, 2003
52nd Annual Blackfeet North American Indian Days—Browning, Montana.....	July 10-13, 2003
Public Information Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Denver, Colorado .....	July 14, 2003
Public Information Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Lincoln, Nebraska.....	July 15, 2003
Public Information Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Sioux Falls, South Dakota.....	July 16, 2003
Public Information Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Fargo, North Dakota .....	July 17, 2003
41st Annual Flandreau Santee Traditional Pow-Wow—Flandreau, South Dakota.....	July 18-22, 2003
Collaborative Resource Management Training Workshop—Sioux City, Iowa .....	July 20-25, 2003
ACOE Archeological Resource Protection Act Workshop—Pierre, SD.....	July 22-24, 2003
Winnebago Tribal Pow-Wow—near Winnebago, Nebraska.....	July 24-27, 2003
Enforcement Teamwork Regulations to Resolutions Training Course—Sheperdstown, W. Virginia ..	July 28-Aug 1, 2003
Tribal/Army Corps Programmatic Agreement Consultation Session—Pierre, South Dakota .....	July 29 and 30, 2003
47th Annual Fort Randall Traditional Pow-Wow—Lake Andes, South Dakota .....	August 1-3, 2003
Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments—Emmitsburg, Maryland .....	August 4-8, 2003
Public Comment Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Denver, Colorado .....	August 6, 2003
Public Comment Forum on WAPA Rate Change—Sioux Falls, South Dakota .....	August 7, 2003
Kul-Wicasa Oyate Fair and Wacipi—Lower Brule, South Dakota.....	August 8-10, 2003
RCRA National Meeting 2003: Putting Resource Conservation into RCRA—Washington, DC.....	August 12-15, 2003
Crow Fair and Rodeo—Crow Agency, Montana .....	August 13-18, 2003
127th Rosebud Celebration Contest Pow-Wow—Rosebud, South Dakota .....	August 22-24, 2003
Fort Kipp Celebration (Fort Peck Reservation)—Poplar, Montana .....	August 22-24, 2003
Poplar Indian Days (Fort Peck Reservation)—Poplar, Montana.....	August 29-31, 2003
52nd Annual Cheyenne River Sioux Labor Day Fair and Rodeo Celebration—Eagle, Butte, SD.....	Aug 29-Sept 1, 2003
Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians Labor Day Pow-Wow—Belcourt, North Dakota.....	Aug 30-Sept 1, 2003
Indian Energy Solutions 2003—San Diego, California .....	September 3 and 4, 2003
United Tribes International Pow-Wow—Bismarck, North Dakota.....	September 4-7, 2003
Workshop on Mining Impacts to Native American Lands—Reno, Nevada .....	September 9-11, 2003
17th Annual He Sapa Wacipi: Black Hills Pow-Wow and Market—Rapid City, South Dakota .....	October 10-12, 2003
EPA National Brownfields Conference 2003—Portland, Oregon.....	October 27-29, 2003

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