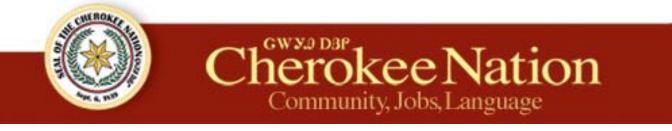
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISION and ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

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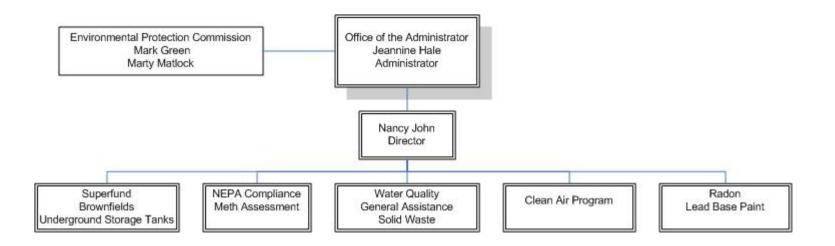
Cherokee Nation Environmental Policy

Provides that the Cherokee Nation should:

- ✓ Create and maintain conditions under which human beings and nature exist in productive harmony
- ✓ Act as trustees of the environment for future generations
- ✓ Preserve historic, cultural and natural aspects of Cherokee Nation heritage
- ✓ Utilize means of development, construction and resource use that are environmentally friendly and reflective of tribal culture and history
- ✓ Enhance renewable resources through recycling and conservation

Cherokee Nation
Community, Jobs, Language

Organizational Chart





Environmental Protection Commission

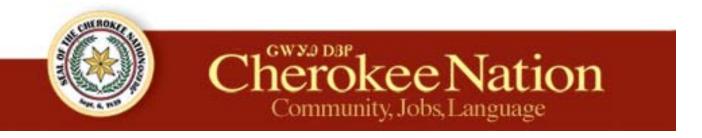
A three person board with authorities established by the Environmental Quality Code, 63 CNCA §§ 50 et seq.:

- ✓ Review, draft and recommend legislation
- ✓ Adopt rules
- ✓ Issue permits for facilities and activities in Indian country
- ✓ Enforce environmental codes
- ✓ Oversee NEPA activities
- ✓ Complaints program
- ✓ Pursue Treatment as State (TAS), with approval of the Principal Chief



Office of the Administrator

- Monthly Commission meetings
- Draft permits, rules and legislation
- Inspections and recommendations for enforcement
- Coordinate compliance assistance for CN entities
- Oversee complaint response
- Environmental litigation
- Water rights
- Develop community and tribal Water Plans



Superfund

- ✓ Since 1980s, helped build CN Environmental Programs
- ✓ InterTribal Environmental Council created
- ✓ Work with other tribes and within *CN*

Brownfields

- ✓ Shift toward "smart growth"
- ✓ Redevelop properties that have already been used and have some contamination





- NEPA
 - ✓ Roads
 - ✓ *Realty land*
 - ✓ *IHS septics*, *waterlines*
 - ✓ *NAHASDA* housing
- Meth Assessments



Radon and Lead Base Paint



Water Quality

- ✓ Monitor streams important to communities and sustainable economic development such as tourism
- ✓ Spring, Flint, Honey, Barren Fork, Little Lee, Sallisaw, Saline Creeks
- ✓ 2008 expanding to include Lake Hudson
- ✓ Assess fish, crayfish and other aquatic life with traditional & subsistence uses





Clean Air Program

- ✓ Community monitoring stations
 - Dahlonageh
 - Cherokee Heights
 - Tahlequah
 - *Marble City*
- ✓ National network ambient air data
- ✓ Work with CN Health and others on projects to correlate health and environmental data





Highlights

- Drafted 7 environmental codes since 2004: water quality, solid waste, air quality, UIC, Underground Storage Tanks, enforcement, wildlife
- Developed and implemented EPC permitting and enforcement programs 2005-2006
- Organized and led InterTribal Water Task Force to draft Model Tribal Water Quality Standards for use by tribes in Oklahoma 2006-2007 (ongoing)
- Participating in Tar Creek Trustee Council, ASARCO bankruptcy and Sequoyah Fuels NRC proceedings



Highlights

- National Air Quality Program award from EPA 2007
- Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) expanded to now include 41 member tribes in Oklahoma and New Mexico
- Developing pilot water plans for Cherokee communities
- Developing a culturally significant plants and animals database

