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# NATIONAL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

## ABOUT US

The John S. McCain III National Center for Environmental Conflict Resolution (NCECR) is a program of the Udall Foundation, which is an independent, nonpartisan Federal agency of the Executive Branch. NCECR provides **collaboration, consensus-building, and conflict resolution services** on a range of environmental, natural and cultural resources, Tribal, and public lands issues involving the Federal Government.

## OUR SERVICES

- Facilitation
- Mediation
- Stakeholder Engagement
- Tribal Consultation
- Training
- Project/Situation Assessment
- Convening
- Collaborative Process Design
- Science-based Decision Making Support

## WE SPECIALIZE IN...

- Complex, multiparty environmental challenges at a national and regional level
- Issues that require substantive, technical, or process expertise (e.g., NEPA, transportation infrastructure projects, endangered species, cultural resources)
- Issues involving multiple levels of government (Federal, State, Local, Tribal) and the public
- Interagency and interdepartmental collaborations
- Collaborative efforts involving Tribes and Native people, including Government-to-Government Consultation between Tribes and Federal agencies

## BENEFITS

-  **BETTER OUTCOMES**  
More durable solutions
-  **EFFICIENCY**  
Cost savings, timely process, minimizes litigation
-  **IMPROVED GOVERNANCE**  
Increased capacity to serve citizens

# ENERGY

In today's world, energy is the lifeblood of our cities, transportation systems, industries, homes, and workplaces. The processes involved in the development, production, and distribution of both renewable and traditional sources can, however, affect the health of humans and wildlife and the preservation of our natural and cultural resources. Every step in the creation and distribution of energy resources can raise challenging and complex questions for communities and decision makers. Moreover, the participants in these decisions and those affected by the outcomes are many and varied, including landowners; energy companies; utilities; local community members; advocacy groups; Native Nations; and Local, State, and Federal agencies. NCECR can help these different groups work together to understand each other better and find ways to resolve competing priorities and needs through shared exploration of relevant scientific information, fostering dialogue between decision makers and stakeholders, and finding ways to include all impacted voices in decision-making.

## USGS CLIMATE SCIENCE CENTER STAKEHOLDER AND TRIBAL ENGAGEMENT



**BACKGROUND:** When USGS created Climate Science Centers (CSC) in the northeast and southeast regions, the agency sought NCECR support in working with Tribes and stakeholders on science needs.

**OUTCOME:** For the Northeast CSC, NCECR developed and facilitated a process for engaging key stakeholders and prioritizing science needs. For the Southeast CSC, NCECR helped design and facilitate the advisory committees and supported Tribal consultation and engagement.

## DOE NATIONAL LISTENING SESSIONS ON TRIBAL ENERGY POLICY



**BACKGROUND:** DOE asked NCECR to convene and facilitate national listening sessions to learn about Tribal energy policy, program priorities, and obstacles Tribal governments face in energy development and efficiency.

**OUTCOME:** DOE received information from more than 250 Tribal leaders and representatives and national and regional Tribal organizations to inform DOE's work on Tribal energy issues and Federal agency-Tribal energy coordination.

## COLVILLE NATIONAL FOREST SULLIVAN DAM MEDIATION



**BACKGROUND:** NCECR convened a negotiation team that brought together representatives from Community, Local, State, Federal, and Tribal interests to support the transfer of management of the Sullivan Dam from Pend Oreille utility to the Forest Service.

**OUTCOME:** The team developed an agreement that addressed future dam operations, provided for environmental protection and enhancement, improved public recreation facilities, and committed to maintaining the regional quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors.

## INTERAGENCY AIR QUALITY MEDIATION BETWEEN DOI, USDA, AND EPA



**BACKGROUND:** Advancing oil and gas development on Federal lands while ensuring protection of the environment often led to project delays in the face of competing provisions of multiple Federal statutes, policies, and protocols.

**OUTCOME:** NCECR facilitated a process between DOI, USDA, and EPA leading to a memorandum of understanding that established a common process for analyzing air quality impacts of proposed oil and gas activities on Federally managed public lands.