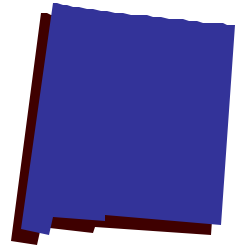




State of New Mexico and ITRC

“ITRC – Promoting better decisions while shaping the future of regulatory acceptance for innovative environmental technologies and approaches”



The Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC) is a state-led coalition working together with federal partners, industry, academia and stakeholders to achieve regulatory acceptance of innovative environmental technologies and approaches. Through the development of consensus-based tools and resources ITRC's state-led technical teams provide information to facilitate confident decision-making in the states. The ITRC was created in 1995 by the Committee to Develop On-Site Innovative Technologies under the Western Governors' Association. Today, ITRC is a committee formed under the bylaws of the Environmental Research Institute of the States (ERIS), which is the research and educational arm of the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS).

ITRC tools and resources help New Mexico save time and money:

- ***ITRC Diffusion Bag Sampler documents save time-*** “Getting Passive Diffusion Bag Sampler documents in the hands of our field staff will definitely shorten review time of the data produced and increase comfort levels among those who have had the ITRC training,” which will be helpful in working with the Los Alamos Environmental Surveillance staff. Michael Chacon is a technical reviewer with the Department of the Environmental and Cultural Protection of Pueblo of San Ildefonso.
- ***“Speaking a common language regarding site cleanup is imperative”*** - ITRC training and documents are providing information for Dwight Hempel of the Bureau of Land Management for a base closure at the Fort Wingate Army Depot.
- ***ITRC guidance on PRBs is saving money*** - “I believe PRBs have the potential to realize significant remedial action cost savings,” in large part due to ITRC guidance related to a chlorinated solvents sites where PRBs have been informally discussed as a potential remedy, according to George Schuman of the NM Environment Department.
- ***Paradigm Shifts are created by ITRC*** - “The true value of the ITRC is the people, the relationships between different state regulators, and the dissemination of technical information to expedite assessment and remediation at contaminated sites,” according to Bart Faris, a New Mexico state official previously involved with ITRC.

Through ITRC New Mexico leverages resources from across the country:

- New Mexico's environmental experts receive free on-line training – nearly 150 participants trained in New Mexico
- Classroom training, free to regulators, brings hands-on tools to better prepare environmental professionals to make better decisions with some 45 regulators trained from New Mexico
- New Mexico shares expertise by participating on 16 ITRC technical teams and in return has access to a national network of experts
- ITRC brings a national network to New Mexico's doorstep- the ITRC Fall Meeting, October 26-29, 2004, in Albuquerque includes over 20 technical team meetings, training sessions, exhibitors and site visits

New Mexico's use of ITRC resources leads to better decision-making:

- Improved permitting processes (e.g. Passive Diffusion Sampler example above)
- ITRC information leads to faster cleanup decisions
- ITRC experts provide knowledge transfer and guidance on complex issues
- Members dedicated to optimizing state resources and reducing compliance costs while protecting human health and the environment

ITRC creates a cultural shift in the way cleanup is planned & implemented:

- Reduces regulatory barriers for the use of innovative technologies for environmental remediation through guidance documents and sharing of technical expertise
- Leads a culture change in environmental decision-making, replacing long-standing adversarial relationships with collaboration, consensus and concurrence

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