

## Native American Preference Internship Program

### Purpose—

To provide an opportunity for Native American students to explore professional work experience in the environmental field.

### Who May Apply —

Morongo Band of Mission Indians is an equal-opportunity employer. We do, however, give preference to Native Americans, as allowed by federal law.

Applicants must be:

- Enrolled in high school or an accredited college or university
- Have a fundamental concept of natural resources
- Be able to work in both an outside and inside environment
- Be able to pass a background check.

### Openings —

Internship opportunities depend upon interest and the availability of projects.

### Additional Information—

Please contact the Environmental Protection Department for additional information and upcoming openings.

### *Vision*

*Enduring stewardship of the environment; honoring and protecting all life, land, and traditions.*

### *Our Mission Statement*

*Our mission is to protect, monitor, restore, and regulate Morongo's natural resources, honoring and protecting all life, land, and traditions and enhancing tribal sovereignty. We will promote environmental awareness and environmentally considerate actions by exemplifying environmental stewards, fostering collaborative relationships, expanding education and outreach activities, and continuing to enrich and develop our programs.*

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## THE MORONGO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT

Helping to protect  
the water, the air  
and the earth.



MORONGO  
BAND OF  
MISSION  
INDIANS



A SOVEREIGN NATION

*Committed to work with Tribal Members, residents, and other departments to assist in the protection and conservation of the air, water, Earth, and wildlife.*

## **Federally Delegated Environmental Regulation**

Regulatory jurisdiction of tribal lands is administered by the Tribe and the Federal Government. In the case of federal environmental laws, the U.S.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proclaimed “Indian Policy” on November 8, 1984. The policy has two major elements. First, EPA or tribes, rather than states, should implement federal environmental statutes on Indian lands. Second, where it is authorized, EPA will cooperate with and assist tribes in developing and implementing tribal programs under federal environmental statutes.

The Morongo Environmental Protection Department was established in 2004. Authorized by Morongo Tribal Ordinance # 12, the department is seeking such delegation to administer sections of the Clean Water Act, the Clean Air Act, Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Endangered Species Act that will have the backing of federal law.

The goal for both EPA and the Tribe is to build the Environmental Protection Department’s capacity so that the Tribe can administer sections of the federal programs which ensures federal compliance and reinforces the Tribe’s sovereignty.

## **Environmental Protection Department Programs**

Under Tribal Council's direction, the Environmental Protection Department has developed the following programs: air, water, pollution prevention, resource conservation, and the Native American Internship Program. In order to better serve the communities needs, the following services are provided.

### **Environmental Protection Services**

#### **Tribal Air Program – 951-755-5176**

- Indoor air quality assessment and detection
- Air quality monitoring and data management
- Daily Air Quality Index notices on the website and access channel
- Compliance assistance with the Clean Air Act and related permits

#### **Tribal Water Program – 951-755-5197**

- Water conservation devices, tips, ideas, and information
- Surface water quality monitoring and data management
- Nonpoint source pollution assessment and management
- Compliance Assistance with the Clean Water Act and related permits

#### **Resource Conservation — 951-755-6187**

- Invasive species removal
- Habitat restoration projects
- Range land management
- Wildlife management
- Compliance assistance with the Endangered Species Act

## **Environmental Protection Department Programs**

### **Pollution Prevention Program**

—951-755-5198

- Abandon vehicle removal
- Household hazardous waste collection
- Electronic wastes collection
- Manage residential, administration, enterprise, and casino recycling programs
- Compliance Assistance with the Resource Conservation Recovery Act including Underground Storage Tanks

### **Geographical Information System (GIS)**

- 951- 755-5298

- Supporting the department programs and other tribal departments through data collection, analysis, and reporting results through the use of GIS

### **Compliance Assistance Program**

- Ensure Tribal enterprises are in compliance with Federal and Tribal Environmental regulations
- Evaluate development projects for adverse effects on the environment.

### **Education and Outreach—951-755-5128**

- Annual community Earth Day Event
- Environmental Education lessons for Morongo students K—12.
- Outreach activities at community events to increase environmental awareness

**For any general department inquiries, please call our main line at 951-755-5128.**

For additional information, visit the Tribe’s website at [www.morongonation.org](http://www.morongonation.org)