

Region 7 Tribal Training Workshop on NWCA- *Field Training Site Evaluation*

September 10-13, 2019

Topeka, KS

Summary of Written Participant Evaluations

	State/Tribe	EPA	Other
What is your affiliation? - Tribal Biologist	8		1

	Very valuable	Somewhat valuable	Not so valuable	Not at all valuable	Other
How valuable was the time spent at the wetland site?	8	1			

	YES	NO
Was the NARS field training worth your time? - I honestly had no idea or expectation with NWCA, I now feel pretty confident. - Very valuable and organized information. Definitely worth my time, as well as very informative.	9	
Did the NARS field training meet your needs? - Great experience! - I feel pretty confident in my ability to assist and/or conduct a NWCA survey - Yes and even more, showed very good methods as well as prepared for when the next sample event coming up.	9	
Was the length of the field training appropriate to the material presented? <i>If not, was it too short or too long?</i> - Too short, more days in the field would have allowed us to learn more. Halfway through the day and cramming information made for a mentally tired crew. Overall still very helpful. - I think if the weather had been better, the soil demo would have worked better. Just wished we had more hands on time for soil. - Quick reference guide could be in a binder that you fold over and not a binder for field use. - It was the perfect amount of time, maybe one more day added to do hydrology but regardless seemed like a very good length.	7	2
Would you like to see more trainings held in the field?	9	
Did the information you learned in the workshop prepare you for the field training?	9	

<p>Did you feel like you were provided with the correct amount of training/supplies/etc.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The little things; soil, knife, data sheets, other little things and info would have been better but we weren't held back. 	<p>9</p>	
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What did you find to be the most valuable about the field training?

- Being able to try it on my own and ask questions.
- Small team exercises were valuable and gave an opportunity to do the work/data collection and get familiar with the forms.
- The soils training was my first exposure to soil assessment. I also appreciated the detailed demos of the equipment.
- The ability to have experts to walk us through each process then come around and provide 1 on 1 help with our practice sites.
- Hands on and following the steps on field forms
- How well the hands on helped train us
- The methodology as well as the demonstrations. The demonstrations really made it easier to do the hands on protocols.
- Seeing soil and plant scientists setting up and explaining techniques

How would you rate your overall experience?

- Great experience! Hard work out there but we all survived.
- Amazing! Every single person was very helpful and approachable.
- Great experience! CTIC and instructors were helpful and knowledgeable. Very well organized field exercises.
- An excellent experience! I feel comfortable executing a good portion of the protocol.
- 10/10
- I would rate it on the positive side which is 8.
- It was great, I feel I learn more when we are doing hands on things.
- 10/10- I learned a vast amount of information that was important and interesting- very hands on!
- Good

Please share any additional feedback we could use to improve future field trainings:

- More time explaining the assessment forms in class prior to assessment in field.
- Cubitainers- they are awful and errors in sampling could occur.
- Please keep doing this!
- Frank, Lenore and Gregg were excellent instructors in the field. They shared a wealth of technical expertise but also consistently passed on functional and practical field tips/reminders.
- Include more practitioners if possible to sprinkle expertise among the groups.
- The biggest thing was the hour drive to the site- staying in Lawrence would have been better. Long hot days – quicker rest. We also didn't use all of the items in the base kit, not sure if these are used at your discretion or if they have an exact purpose.
- Closer restrooms
- Maybe just a little more field time for hydrology and letting us find an AA and mark it. It would be cool to learn how to set up an AA for a polygon (or not standard) plot.
- Classroom training needed to be expanded. For instance classroom activities should have covered forms in house instead of in the heat of the afternoon. Field work should have been done in the early morning, to avoid the heat, and classroom work done in the afternoon. Classroom activities should include videos showing AA set up, plant set up and soil demos during the afternoon discussions and have an entire kit to go over all field gear

and what they are used for during afternoon classroom trainings.