



U.S. Department of the Interior

Office of Policy Analysis Seminar Series

“Overview of new Departmental Policy: Consideration and Inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge in the actions of the Department” and “Co-production of Science: Incorporating Indigenous Knowledge to expand a conceptual risk framework for uranium mining.”

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Speakers

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When

Thursday, 25 April 2024, 1:00 – 2:30pm Eastern



Where

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Closed captioning is available; subtitles in English and Spanish will be available.



Summary

Indigenous Knowledge and western science represent different yet equally important ways of knowing. Yet, much of the quantitative western science fails to consider the role of Indigenous Knowledge. In 2022, the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy and the Council on Environmental Quality issued guidance on including Indigenous Knowledge in Federal research and decision making, and in December 2023, the Department of the Interior released its policy, “Departmental Responsibilities for Consideration and Inclusion of Indigenous Knowledge in Departmental Actions and Scientific Research” (301 DM 7). This seminar will provide an overview of the Department’s Indigenous Knowledge policy and highlight a recent example of how the Havasupai Tribe and the US Geological Survey expanded a conceptual risk framework for uranium mining near Red Butte, the Tribe’s sacred place, to include the perspective of the Havasuw baja (“People of the Blue Green Water”). The presentation will also outline the challenges and opportunities that were realized during the co-production process.



For more information

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