



## UNITED SOUTH AND EASTERN TRIBES, INC.

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USET Resolution No. 2000:57

### **USET TO APPLY FOR AN EPA GRANT TO DEVELOP A USET DRINKING WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

- WHEREAS,** United South and Eastern Tribes Incorporated (USET) is an intertribal organization comprising twenty-four (24) federally recognized tribes; and
- WHEREAS,** the actions taken by the USET Board of Directors officially represent the intentions of each member tribe, as the Board of Directors comprises delegates from the member tribes' leadership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently promulgated draft guidelines for Tribal Drinking Water System Operator Certification; and
- WHEREAS,** Tribes previously had to go to their respective states to receive Drinking Water System Operator Certification; and
- WHEREAS,** whenever Tribes received licenses, certification, or other forms of accreditation from their respective States, the States would then assume they had jurisdiction on the Tribe's respective reservations when in actuality they did not have jurisdiction; and
- WHEREAS,** EPA has recognized this problem through their draft guidelines as mentioned above and has grant money available to provide Drinking Water System Operator Certification through Tribal means; therefore, be it
- RESOLVED** that the USET Board of Directors hereby directs USET to apply for a grant from EPA Region IV to develop a USET Drinking Water System Operator Certification Program which will provide Operator Certification for USET member tribes.

### **CERTIFICATION**

This resolution was duly passed at the USET Semi-Annual Board Meeting, at which a quorum was present in Houston, TX Thursday, June 8, 2000.

Keller George, President  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.

Beverly Wright, Secretary  
United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc.