

**NRE Mid-Year Report**  
**Iowa State University**  
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Iowa State University has been involved in several activities and actions since reported at the annual meeting hosted by SGU in 2005.

- A. On-going and new administrative and management responsibilities
  - Harold Crawford represented NRE at the USDA project directors meeting in Washington, DC in October.
  - Jerry Miller, Harold Crawford and Aurelio Curbelo attended USDA Water Quality meeting in San Antonio in February.
  - Jerry Miller helped coordinate the Heartland Regional Water Quality Conference in October.
  - Harold, Mary de Baca and Paula Teig met with NRE Advisory Committee in Minneapolis in November, received report of observations and recommendations. Al Young, Joe McDonald, Carty Monette, and Kerry Hartman participated.
  - Jason Decker and Melissa Nasers, working with Paula, updated the NICC notebook and worked on SBC's notebook to document projects, activities, and accomplishments of NRE projects and to use for recruitment.
  - We sought and received applications for internship program (4 high school students from Standing Rock Reservation – selections to be announced April 15).
  - Conducted ISU team meetings to review activities, Paula's site visits, monitor funds, close out procedures, etc.
  - Submitted quarterly reports to the dean of the college, CRIS report to USDA.
  - Completed evaluations through Talking Circles at Sitting Bull College.
  - Collaborated with CSREES at USDA regarding Partners Video publicity, narration, and credits.
  - Began work on NRE final report publication with content, writer, designer, printer, and time schedule.
  - Formatted transcripts and drafted preliminary report from Talking Circle evaluations.
  
- B. Responded to suggestions and discussion at the annual meeting
  - Developed NRE Year 5 calendar of activities from annual meeting discussion, posted on project website.
  - Continued First Friday conference calls. November – Tribal College Research Grants, December- Grant opportunities, January – Mid-year meeting, Water Quality proposal, February – Water Quality Proposal and March – cancelled. Next call: April 7 with focus on tree ceremonies, closing event.
  - Melissa and Jason, with Paula, are working on natural resources career exploration to provide on DVDs to partners.
  
- C. Collaborated in capacity building, outreach, and research activities
  - Conducted grants workshop prior to annual meeting at Sinte Gleska.
  - Provided graduate assistantship to Jeanne Spaur who worked with Lisa Colombe and others at SGU, on prairie dog research for the MS degree in NREM.
  - Paula invited Jeanne Spaur, Tim Nichols, and Scott Josiah (by phone) to join her in presenting an Agricultural Education and Studies seminar at ISU on collaboration.
  - Supported preliminary sage propagation testing program at ISU.
  - Made plans for Horticulture student experiential exchange with NICC.