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Mr. Hatley is a co-founder of LEAD Agency, Inc., a grassroots organization in northeastern Oklahoma, and served as the Board President from 1997-2003. LEAD's original focus was the Tar Creek Superfund Site. The Site is a forty square mile area of abandoned lead and zinc mines impacting the subsistence and cultural resources of the ten tribes located in the area. LEAD Agency is predominantly of Native American membership. LEAD Agency is a member of the Waterkeeper Alliance, and since 2003, Mr. Hatley has served as the **Grand Riverkeeper**, patrolling the Grand River and feeder streams of the upper Grand River watershed.

Mr. Hatley was appointed by two of Oklahoma's Governors (Democrat & Republican) to serve on the **Hazardous Waste Management Advisory Council for the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality** in March, 2007, representing the state's environmental community, and re-appointed in '09 and '11. Mr. Hatley completed his third and final term in April 2014. Since Oct. 2007, Mr. Hatley served on the **Board of Directors for Oklahoma Sustainability Network** from Oct. 2007-14, and currently serves on the **Steering Committee for the Western Mining Action Network**, including the **Indigenous caucus**, WMAN serves organizations dealing with the impacts of hard rock mining the US and Canada. I Jan. 2021, Mr. Hatley was elected Co-Chair of WMAN and Chair of WMAN's Indigenous Caucus. In addition, Mr. Hatley, previously, served on the **Regional Health Equity Board for EPA Region 6**, which provides program initiatives of health and environmental health justice for OK, TX, AR, LA & NM's in low income and people of color communities, from Aug. 2011- '15.

Mr. Hatley is a well trained and experienced environmental organizer who utilizes his training and experience to serve as a consultant to tribal and non-tribal groups (non-profits & tribal governments). He has served as an **environmental consultant** to Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages, as well as indigenous grassroots groups around the country. Mr. Hatley's work has included helping tribal governments to develop environmental programs, water and air quality monitoring projects, write quality control instruments, write grants, conduct culturally based risk assessments, and conduct hazardous waste site investigations. Mr. Hatley also serves as an organizing consultant to national and state-wide non-profit groups, including WMAN and the Indigenous Environmental Network. He served as a consultant and co-leader on a \$5 M grant as a partner with Harvard School of Public Health and LEAD Agency. In this capacity he developed the Tribal Subcommittee of the grant's Community Advisory Board. He served as a consultant on another collaboration with LEAD and Harvard sampling mercury in fish and human subjects in the Grand Lake watershed.

Mr. Hatley was named the **2013 "River Hero,"** by a joint action of both the National River Network and Waterkeeper Alliance. These two groups are the largest organizations working to protect rivers and water quality in North America.

Mr. Hatley was awarded the first ever **Carrie Dickerson Lifetime Achievement Award** for his work in Oklahoma as an environmental activist on Earth Day in Tulsa 2018.

Mr. Hatley was awarded the prestigious **Terry Backer Award** (second time it's been bestowed) by Waterkeeper Alliance at their annual conference in June 2018, for his achievements as a Riverkeeper.

Passed service includes:

- 1) Special Consultant to the Community-Tribal Subcommittee for the Board of Scientific Counselors of the **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)**, and served as a member of the Ad Hoc Tribal Working Group of the Office of Tribal Affairs at ATSDR (June, '02-Mar. '08).
- 2) Advisor to the **Tribal Environmental Coalition in Oklahoma (TECO)**, a coalition of all 39 federally recognized tribes in the state, and served as a TECO representative on the Oklahoma Water Monitoring Council, organized under the office of the Oklahoma Secretary of the Environment (2000-2006).

- 3) From August 2000 to January 2003; Director for the office of Tribal Environmental Management Services at the **University of Tulsa College of Law-NELPI**. TEMS provided technical, legal, and organizing assistance to tribes, tribal consortia, and inter-tribal environmental organizations that represent tribal government
- 4) **Representation of tribes** on Superfund activities, including Natural Resource Damage Assessment Actions (2000-2006).
- 5) **Environmental Program Director for the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma (1997-2000)**. As founding Director for that department, the tribe received the first Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS) ever provided to a tribe by the EPA, and organized it's Natural Resource Damage Assessment Action and Restoration (NRDAR). Both projects regarded the Tar Creek Superfund Site in Ottawa County, OK. The Department of Interior is a Responsible Party for Site, therefore, Mr. Hatley is familiar with sites that have federal agencies as both the RP and a trustee.
- 6) **Regional Organizer for the national non-profit organization National Toxics Campaign (1990-1993)**, Based in Oklahoma City, Mr. Hatley served as a community organizer in a four state area around Oklahoma (OK, KS, MO, AR). Hatley organized citizens groups and/or assisted groups with understanding environmental hazards facing their communities and organizing effective responses to obtain clean up actions from agencies and responsible parties.
- 7.) **Director of the state-wide group Oklahoma Toxics Campaign (1993-1997)**.
Mr. Hatley continued the same activities as with National Toxics Campaign, except focused within Oklahoma. Hatley founded this Oklahoma organization as an NTC project. When NTC began to break into two separate groups, Hatley chose to focus on OTC.

His degrees include, **ABD: Environmental Science Ph.D.** Program, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, **M.A.: Political Science**, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and **B.A.: Human Development**, Flaming Rainbow University/Westminster College, Fulton, MO and Tahlequah, OK. Mr. Hatley is a Mentor in the Prescott College off-campus degree program and served as Adjunct Faculty at Oklahoma State University-OKC, teaching courses on social ecology and environmental policy.

Mr. Hatley has extensive research and grant management experience. His Political Science training included conducting demographic research, developing qualitative survey techniques, and development of quantitative survey instruments. He has utilized these techniques in the political and environmental science arenas, including cultural based risk assessments. **Mr. Hatley is an enrolled citizen of the Missisquoi Band of Abenaki Nation with Cherokee/Shawnee heritage.**