Pesticides and Repatriated Objects
This is an in-process list of recent meetings and publications about pesticides and repatriated objects to ensure everyone knows about recent work done in this area. This list does not include smaller meetings/symposia/sessions held for tribal communities by a number of programs working through museums, unless I know of published information about it. It also does not include a lot of information on the more general topic of contaminated museum collections. It includes some individual papers and posters that may have been presented at various conferences and I would love to know of others that I've missed.

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March 2000 Contaminated Cultural Material in Museum Collections held at the Arizona State Museum. (Odegaard, 2005, below, is a publication based on this conference). Also reported in:
Available at: http://palimpsest.stanford.edu/waac/wn/wn22/wn22-2/

August 22, 2000. Repatriation of Sacred Indian Artifacts Treated with Pesticides and other Chemical Preservatives: Health Risks to Users and to Conservators a full-day session organized by Dr. David Goldsmith (GWU), Micah Lomaomvaya, and the Hopi Tribe at the International Society of Environmental Epidemiologists Conference in Buffalo NY.


May 2002. 17th Annual Meeting of the Society for the Preservation of Natural History Collections, Redpath Museum, Montréal, Quebec, Canada. Conference
Theme: Hazardous Collections and Mitigations. Available at:
http://www.spnhc.org/2002/program.htm


This is the best general introduction to the problem and developing strategies to deal with the problem that has been published.


April 23 2015, Henry: This is a short case study in the form of a blog on best practice and advice on care, transport, preservation, devolution and repatriation of cultural objects of sacred background affected by a range of pesticide treatments. 2015

An abstract of a case study looking into artefact repatriation, the full text can be requested from the author.