

**Tribal Discussion
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- Seek input and raise awareness on a wide range of water related issues pertaining to the health of tribal communities and the quality of tribal aquatic resources and watersheds.
- Promote information exchange.
- Facilitate the exposure of tribal water program managers and staff to best management practices for addressing water quality concerns.
- Encourage the enhancement of tribal water protection program development and implementation.
- Provide a platform to inform tribes on a wide variety of issues related to ground, surface, and drinking water.
- Promote community water protection education and awareness.
- Assist in the development, establishment, and sustaining of comprehensive tribal water protection programs.

The National Tribal Water Council is a technical and scientific body created to assist the Environmental Protection Agency, federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Tribes, and their associated tribal communities and tribal organizations, with research and information for decision-making regarding water issues and water-related concerns that impact Indian and Alaska Native tribal members, as well as other residents of Alaska Native Villages and Indian Country in the United States.

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Clean Water Tribal Infrastructure

- Funding for wastewater infrastructure to Indian tribes and Alaska Native Villages.
- All projects funded must be wastewater related.

- EPA and IHS work together to select projects using the SDS priority list and provide technical assistance.
- EPA's final funding decisions are based on the project's ranking on the SDS list and available funding.
- Recognize nexus between identified tribal sanitation needs and water quality.
- Water quality needs can be addressed by CWISA, but only after public health goals are attained (SDS scoring weights public health needs over water quality needs)
- New opportunity for EPA to transfer funds between the CWISA and the Drinking Water Tribal Set Aside adds another dimension; EPA anticipates that some of the CW funding may be requested for transfer to support the drinking water priorities of tribes.