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Top News

Save Water During Fix a Leak Week March 19-25

EPA reminds Americans to save water during [Fix a Leak Week — March 19-25](#). Fixing household water leaks, like dripping faucets, can save about 10 percent on water bills. Using water efficiently will help ensure reliable water supplies today and for future generations.

EPA's [WaterSense](#) website includes tips for saving water in your home. You can save water by turning off the tap while brushing teeth and shaving, using a dishwasher or a basin to wash dishes, and by washing only full loads of laundry.

Take the "I'm for Water" pledge and use our [2018 monthly resolutions checklist](#) to help you use less water year round. Look for EPA [WaterSense labeled products](#) and check out an online video, [Saving Water Indoors](#) to improve your household water efficiency.

Water Saving Facts

To determine whether you're wasting water in your home:

- Look at your water bill in the winter. If a family of four uses more than 12,000 gallons per month, you have serious leaks.
- Check your water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter changes at all, you probably have a leak.
- Identify toilet leaks by placing a drop of food coloring in the toilet tank. If any color shows up in the bowl after 10 minutes, you have a leak. Then flush the colored water to avoid staining the tank.

THE FACTS ON LEAKS

- 10** percent of homes have leaks that waste 90 gallons or more per day
- A leaky faucet dripping at the rate of one drip per second can waste more than **3,000 gallons** per year
- Did you know?** Minor water leaks account for nearly **1** trillion gallons of wasted water each year and is equal to annual household water use in nearly **11** million homes
- A shower leaking at **10 Drips** per minute wastes more than **500** gallons per year
- REPAIR** leaks by checking faucet washers and gaskets for wear and replacing them if necessary
- Replace old toilets with WaterSense models & save **13,000** gallons of water savings for the average family
- Homeowners can save **10** percent on their water bills
- Look for **WaterSense** Meets EPA Criteria

EPA epa.gov/watersense

Pop Quiz

Minor water leaks account for more than _____ gallons of water wasted each year in the U.S.?

- a) 1 Million?
- b) 1 Billion?
- c) 1 Trillion?



Answer on Page 14

EPA's New Strategic Plan and Proposed FY 2019 Budget

On February 12, EPA announced its proposed Fiscal Year 2019 budget, which provides \$6.146 billion to support the Agency's new FY 2018 – FY 2022 Strategic Plan and mission of protecting human health and the environment.

The Agency considered extensive public comment on the draft strategic plan from close to 5,000 organizations and individuals — including tribes and tribal organizations. The strategic plan includes three goals: Core Mission, Cooperative Federalism, and Rule of Law and Process. These goals are supported by 11 strategic objectives and 26 measures.

The Agency's work with tribes remains a significant priority. EPA's commitment to working with tribes and fulfilling its direct implementation responsibilities to protect public health and the environment in Indian country are discussed throughout the Strategic Plan. For example, tribes are mentioned in Goal 2: Cooperative Federalism, under Objective 2.1 – Enhanced Shared Accountability as follows:

- EPA continues its longstanding commitment to work with tribes on a government-to-government basis, consistent with EPA's [1984 Indian Policy](#) and other policies on consultation and treaty rights.
- EPA will work with individual tribes to develop and implement an EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan – joint planning document for achieving stronger environmental and human health protection in Indian country.
- EPA will focus its Indian country direct implementation efforts on areas of high need for human health or environmental protection, including programs identified in the ETEP for which tribes are not eligible, as well as those for which tribes do not currently anticipate seeking delegation, authorization, or primacy.

The FY 2019 budget proposal includes funding for cleaning up contaminated land, improving America's air quality, providing for clean and safe water, protecting water bodies of national significance, ensuring the safety of chemicals in the marketplace, supporting state and tribal partners, reducing and eliminating programs, and reforming agency operations. For more details on the proposed Agency budget, check out the online news release, [EPA FY 2019 Budget Proposal Released](#).

EPA and Army Finalize 'Waters of the United States' Applicability Date

EPA and the Department of the Army are proposing a rule to re-define the **Waters of the United States** under the Clean Water Act. As part of this process, on January 31, 2018, EPA and the Army finalized a rule adding an applicability date to the 2015 Clean Water Rule. The date provides clarity about which definition of WOTUS is applicable nationwide in response to judicial actions that could result in confusion. The new applicability date will be two years after the action is published in the Federal Register

This applicability date final rule is separate from the two-step process the agencies are taking to reconsider the 2015 Clean Water Rule. The public comment period for the Step 1 rule proposing to rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule closed in September 2017, and those comments are currently under review by the agencies. EPA and the Army are also in the process of reviewing input from state, local, and tribal governments, and other stakeholders as they work to develop a proposed Step 2 rule that would revise the definition of "waters of the United States." To learn more about the WOTUS rulemaking and applicability date, check out EPA's [Waters of the United States \(WOTUS\) Rulemaking](#) website.

National Toxics Release Inventory Report



Map of TRI reporting facilities in the U.S.

EPA released its 2016 Toxics Release Inventory national analysis on January 30, 2018. The report demonstrated a continued decline in the releases of TRI chemicals through the implementation of pollution reduction activities. [Chemicals covered by the TRI Program](#) are those that cause cancer or other chronic human health effects, or significant adverse environmental and/or acute human health effects. You can use the report's integrated mapping features to look at information for

your community. For more information, [read the press release](#) or check out the [TRI National Analysis](#) website.

2018 Tribal Healthy Homes Calendar

Products and activities in our homes can affect our health and cause invisible and odorless hazards. Tribal Healthy Homes Network developed a 2018 Renter's Healthy Homes Calendar that includes a checklist for each season that you can use to make improvements and keep your home healthy. Download the calendar from [THHN's Renters Healthy Home 2018 Calendar](#) website, and consider sharing it at community events or at your tribal health clinic.



Bed Bug Educational Resources



Getting rid of bed bugs with steam treatment
—EPA website

The Tribal Pesticide Program Council developed a [Bed Bug Educational Package](#) meant to provide useful information for tribes seeking information on bed bug prevention and control.

The materials address topics such as bed bug identification and biology, prevention and detection, and do-it-yourself strategies to combat infestations. [TPPC's Bed Bugs](#) website also includes information on webinars and federal funding resources.

EPA also offers information, including tips on prevention and how to get rid of bed bugs on our website — [Bed Bugs: Get Them Out and Keep Them Out](#).

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Do-It-Yourself Bed Bug Control Guide for Alaska

In recent years, there has been a nationwide resurgence of bed bug infestations, and Alaska has not been immune to this trend. Rural Alaska is especially disadvantaged because of the high cost of travel for a pest management professional to go to a rural community. Without professional help, people tend to rely on pesticides to battle bed bugs on their own. Pesticide misuse can affect the air quality inside your home, and may cause pesticide poisoning and other health effects.

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s [Do-It-Yourself Bed Bug Control Guide](#) and [Do-It-Yourself Bed Bug Pitfall Trap](#) are aimed at helping residents in rural Alaska use an Integrated Pest Management approach to get rid of bed bugs on their own, incorporating both non-chemical and chemical methods. Getting rid of bed bugs is not going to be an easy task, and will require a lot of elbow grease and patience — but it can be done! Both of these resources, as well as other healthy homes educational materials, are available on ANTHC’s [Air and Healthy Homes](#) website.

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Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinars



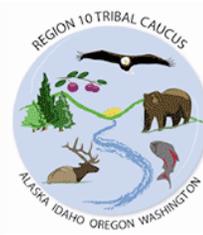
The Local Environmental Observer Network is an association of local observers and topic experts who share knowledge about unusual animal, environment, and weather events. Monthly LEO webinars provide an exciting learning experience, and connect local observers and organizations from across Alaska to discuss current and emerging environmental changes.

Webinars for LEO Network members are held the second-to-last Tuesday of each month at 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time. Check out the [Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s LEO Network](#) website or browse [past webinar topics](#) online.

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RTOC News



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The Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives to further tribal environmental objectives at the regional level, serve as a liaison between the EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.

Alaska Forum on the Environment Follow-Up

RTOC was pleased to be part of the Alaska Forum on the Environment in 2018. RTOC members hosted a breakout session where tribal members were introduced to RTOC and NTOC representatives, EPA staff, and RTOC staff and contractors. The session provided an opportunity for conversation. Some of the issues raised included changes to GAP solid waste allowable activities in 2020, WOTUS, oil and gas exploration concerns in the North Slope, and concerns about the GAP Guidance. RTOC policy analyst, Rick Eichstaedt, encouraged tribal environmental professionals to check the [RTOC website for comments](#) made on behalf of RTOC, and welcomed questions from tribes wanting support regarding public comment.

A request was made to make travel information available for the upcoming Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit. Detailed travel information can be found on the [Region 10 TELS](#) website under Transportation.

RTOC Coordinator, Kate Schaberg, gave a presentation at the GAP Communication Strategies breakout session. If you missed this presentation or have questions about developing a communication strategy for your environmental program, please [contact Kate](#) by email.

During the closing talking circle on Friday, there were requests for more communication and support between GAP grant recipients. RTOC is here to help strengthen communication among tribes in Region 10. Please reach out to us if you have ideas for how we can help.

We were happy to have so many visitors at our booth at AFE and encouraged by how many signed up for our email list. Our goal is to have a contact person for each tribe in Region 10. If you didn't get a chance to visit our booth, please send Kate or your RTOC representative an email, or check out the [RTOC Stay In the Loop!](#) web page.

Upcoming Meetings

- **March 15** • 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Conference Call
- **April 9-10** • Quarterly Meeting hosted by Coeur d'Alene Tribe

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

April 11-13,
Worley, Idaho

[Registration is Open!](#)

For a summary of last year's conference, download the [2017 Tribal Leaders Summit Report](#).

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RTOC News

Stay Engaged with Us

- [Opt-in to receive important emails](#) from the Region 10 RTOC. Stay-In-the-Loop emails are a direct line from the Tribal Caucus representatives to you! Region 10 RTOC can inform you of EPA policy, funding and program news that affect your communities. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter, and be reminded of important deadlines to participate in our meetings and have your voices heard.

CONTACT **Kate Schaberg**, RTOC Coordinator • rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve you and your community.



Registration now open!
April 11-13, 2018
Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel

**Tribal Leaders
& Tribal
Environmental
professionals
come together
MAKING
POSITIVE
CHANGES
IN A
CHANGING
WORLD**

Alaska * Idaho **REGION 10** Oregon * Washington

2018 TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS SUMMIT

**Facilitated Sessions *Native American Dance Group *Cultural Night *Awards*

REGISTRATION online at <https://region10tels.eventsmart.com>

HOTEL INFORMATION Book your room before March 26, 2018 for conference rates. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 800-523-2464. (Group Name: Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit; Booking ID: 2525)

AIRPORT Spokane International Airport

TRANSPORTATION The Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel will provide complimentary transportation service to and from the Spokane International Airport. Arrangements need to be made 2 weeks prior to arrival. You will need to provide contact cell phone and flight itineraries when you book your hotel. If notification is not received within the deadline, there will be a fee of \$25 each way.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact **Carm Bohnee**, TELS Coordinator
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Tribal Consultation

A full list of consultation opportunities is available in [EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

Regulatory Revisions to the Lead and Copper Rule

END DATE: **March 16.**

EPA is evaluating potential revisions to the current **Lead and Copper Rule** to improve public health protection while ensuring effective implementation. The Agency is seeking input from tribes on the potential regulatory revisions and suggestions that would assist tribal governments in implementing and complying with the revised rule. The Agency is currently in the process of evaluating potential regulatory changes in the areas of tap sampling, corrosion control treatment, transparency and public education, full lead service line replacement as well as specific copper requirements.

The LCR applies to all public water systems, except those that do not regularly serve at least 25 of the same people for at least six months of the year. Revisions to the LCR would impact a tribal government that operates public water systems that must comply with the LCR, as well as a tribal government that has primary enforcement authority or primacy, for public water systems on tribal lands.

Check out EPA's [Lead and Copper Rule](#) website for additional information on the LCR rulemaking. Tribal consultation comment letters should be submitted via email to LCRConsultation@epa.gov.

CONTACT: **Bob Rose** • 202-564-0322 • LCRConsultation@epa.gov

Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard Decisions

END DATE: **April 20.**

EPA is initiating tribal consultation and coordination on the Office of Water's draft informational document, *Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard Decisions Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 25.5*. The draft document provides some possible options for WQS-authorized tribes and states interested in using modern technology to meet relevant public hearing requirements in federal regulations.

The informational document will also assist WQS-authorized tribes in choosing whether to integrate technology by making minor or substantial changes to its public hearing process, or retain its current public hearing procedures. EPA is seeking tribal comment on additional technology options and/or best practices for modernizing the public hearing process, as well as potential implications or other factors for the Agency to consider, including input on any areas of the document that need clarity.

Tribes may access the consultation letter, related consultation information, and EPA's draft informational document *Modernizing Public Hearings for WQS Decisions Consistent with 40 C.F.R. § 25.5* on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

EPA will hold an informational webinar for tribes on **March 15** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Register in advance for the webinar on [EPA's Informational Webinar: Modernizing Public Hearings for WQS Decisions](#) link.

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Grants

2018 Environmental Education Local Grant Program

PROPOSALS DUE: **April 11.**

EPA seeks grant proposals to support environmental education projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship, and help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment.

Eligible applicants include local education agencies, state education or environmental agencies, college or universities, non-profit organizations, noncommercial educational broadcasting entities, and tribal education agencies (schools and community colleges controlled by an Indian tribe, band, or nation, which are recognized as eligible for special programs and services provided by the U.S. to Indians.)

Separate requests for proposals have been issued for each of EPA's ten regions. EPA anticipates awarding three to four grants per EPA region. The Region 10 RFP is available on EPA's [Environmental Education Grant Solicitation Notice](#) website.

To learn more about EPA's environmental education grants, check out EPA's [Environmental Education Grants](#) website.

FY 2018 Clean Air Act Tribal Grants

NEW APPLICANT DEADLINE: **March 16.**

CURRENT GRANTEE DEADLINE: **April 2.**

Sections 103 and 105 of the **Clean Air Act** allows EPA to provide grants to tribes to help build knowledge and increase capacity to manage air quality issues. Awards typically range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. Federally recognized tribes in Alaska are only eligible for CAA section 103 funding (however, the Metlakatla Indian Community is eligible for both section 103 and 105 funding).

Eligible activities for **CAA §103** funds include research, training, investigations, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.

Eligible activities for **CAA §105** funds include implementation of programs for the prevention and control of air pollution (including both ambient and indoor air pollution) or implementation of national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards, including activities related to planning, developing, establishing, implementing, improving, or maintaining such programs.

Eligible activities for **Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements** include assisting the EPA with any activity required to implement the Clean Air Act or supporting regulations, such as the Federal Air Rules for Reservations.

Region 10 anticipates nearly all of its funding will be awarded to assure base funding for applicants that have established eligibility under the CAA 105, CAA 103, or with whom DITCAs have already been negotiated. Thus, we expect to have very limited funding for new projects and air quality assessment needs. For details on the FY 2018 Clean Air Act funding, check out the [Region 10 Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

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Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment

PROPOSALS DUE: **March 17.**

E-Enterprise for the Environment is a model for collaborative leadership among EPA, state, and tribal environmental co-regulators to work together to accelerate the development, implementation, and improvement of environmental and public health protection programs. E-Enterprise uses innovative strategies, process streamlining, and technological solutions to deliver better outcomes for human health and the environment, often with lower costs and less burden.



The overall goal of this cooperative agreement is to enhance tribal participation in E-Enterprise. The recipient will promote discussion, collaboration, and partnership among tribes, states and federal agency representatives. For details about this funding opportunity, check out EPA's [Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment](#) website.

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Commission for Environmental Cooperation Youth Innovation Challenge

SUBMISSIONS DUE: **April 3.**

[North American environmental ministers](#) are calling on youth to champion bold ideas to address complex sustainability challenges. The Commission for Environmental Cooperation Youth Innovation Challenge is open to residents of Canada, Mexico and the U.S. (and its territories) aged 18-30. Participants are encouraged to propose ideas that will leapfrog into solutions to address the complex sustainability challenges facing North America.

Youth are encouraged to submit science, technology or business innovations, for the chance to receive \$5,000 in project seed funding, meet with experts at the CEC, and present their ideas to officials at the 2018 Regular Session of the CEC Council in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Submission guidelines and more information is available on CEC's [Youth Innovation Challenge](#) website.

State Indoor Radon Grant

PROPOSALS DUE: **May 31.**

EPA Region 10 offers a **State Indoor Radon Grant** for tribal radon work. **SIRGs** are critical to the Agency's national goal of minimizing and preventing radon-related lung cancer. Tribes and tribal consortia may receive grant funds from EPA that help finance radon risk reduction activities.

The SIRG may be used for activities such as developing partnerships, conducting outreach and education, increasing radon awareness, providing radon test kits to facilities, and working with housing and other partners to develop and implement building codes and practices that safely address radon.

Region 10 anticipates that one grant will be awarded for up to \$24,000. After the workplan negotiations and other pre-application discussions are completed, specific instructions for submitting application on www.grants.gov will be provided. To learn more about SIRGs, check out EPA's [State Indoor Radon Grant \(SIRG\) Program](#) website.

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Training & Scholarships

Training opportunities in this newsletter are either hosted, funded, or sponsored in collaboration with EPA. Any links to websites outside of EPA are provided for additional information that may be useful or interesting to our readers. EPA can neither attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites nor endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications.

Radon and Indoor Air Quality Resources for Alaska

Art Nash, the Alaska State Indoor Radon Grant manager at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks School of Natural Resources and Extension, provides education on testing and mitigating dwellings that are contaminated with radon gas. Art and staff are available to travel to your community to provide radon and other indoor air quality training (e.g., carbon monoxide and mold mitigation), including radon test kits and educational publications for free. Training can be provided in a workshop setting, or during individual home visits with tribal environmental staff. Please contact Art Nash if your tribe is interested in radon training or test kits.

Tribes and tribal consortia may receive SIRG grant funds from EPA to help finance radon risk reduction activities. To learn more about SIRG grants, check out the information on page 9, or on EPA's [State Indoor Radon Grant \(SIRG\) Program](#) website.

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Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinars & Workshop

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is offering a webinar series that will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland fire smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. The last of the 90-minute webinars, *Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures* will be held on **March 15** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. It is free and will be recorded.

Workshop — March 27-28, Boise, ID

Upon completion of the webinar series, tribal staff are invited to participate in a hands-on workshop designed to reinforce the concepts presented in the webinars. Participants will learn and practice additional skills that will aid in preparation for wildland smoke events. For more information, and to register, go to [ITEP's Air Quality Training Schedule](#) online.

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Tribal Clean Water Act 319/106 Training Workshop

April 24-25, Spokane, WA

Tribal water quality professionals are invited to learn about and discuss tribal water quality issues throughout Idaho, Washington, and Oregon. The Kalispel Tribe is hosting this event in cooperation with EPA Region 10. The workshop will build upon many of the water issues discussed last year, with the addition of learning about potential future changes in development and implementation of water quality protections. Limited travel scholarships are available for up to \$500 for tribes seeking to send multiple staff, or for those in need of travel assistance.

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Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training

April 10-12, Anchorage, AK

May 8-10, Klawock, AK

The Rural Alaska Landfill Operator course is for the designated landfill operator and administrator in a village with a Class III landfill or open dump, and focuses on the duties of the landfill operator, their personal safety and the safety of the village. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the landfill operator's role to keep the village clean and the landfill free from harmful substances.

Participants will learn about landfill regulations and requirements, household hazardous waste, waste separation and screening, waste reduction and segregation, recycling, personal protection equipment and much more.

These courses are hosted by Alaska Forum, Inc. with trainers and expertise provided in cooperation with Solid Waste Administration of North America, Alaska Chapter. To register, check out the [Alaska Forum RALO Training](#) website.

7G Plan Development Workshop

April 4-5, Anchorage, AK

ANTHC is offering a 7G Plan Development Workshop. Participants will begin developing their tribal environmental plans during this workshop with technical assistance from ANTHC staff.

Attendees must have previously attended a 7 Generations Environmental Plan Training within the last 2 years. Tribal environmental program staff or others who are responsible for writing your tribe's environmental plan are best suited for this training. ANTHC recommends that at least two people from each community attend. For registration information, please visit the Training Schedule tab on [ANTHC's Capacity & Training](#) website.

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Holly Reimer • 907-729-4043 • holly.reimer@anthc.org

Air Quality in Alaska (Level 1)

April 17-20, Barrow, AK

This entry-level ITEP course is intended for environmental staff in Alaska who are interested in air quality issues. The content is basic and assumes the participant has no background in science or air quality management. The course provides an understanding of the importance of clean air (outdoors and indoors) for the protection of human health and the environment. Instructors and participants will explore ways in which communities can take action to solve air quality problems and protect human health. There will be a building walk-through to provide hands-on practice.

Participants from North Slope communities will have priority for attendance, but applicants from other part of Alaska will be accepted upon space available. Applications for travel scholarships are reviewed on a case-by-case basis, and are awarded based on availability of funds. For more information, check out ITEP's online [Air Quality Training Schedule](#).

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Qualified Sampler Training (Water Quality and Soil Sampling Training)

April 30-May 4, Fairbanks, AK

Learn how to take water and soil samples to send for laboratory testing, test on-site for surface water fecal coliform, and sample and monitor for the basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter. This Zender Environmental Health and Research Group training will involve classroom time, hands-on instruction, and field days at a local creek. Passing this course satisfies the State of Alaska training requirements to become a qualified sampler.

A section of this training will focus on Quality Assurance Project Plan development. Attendees with approved QAPPs and appropriate sampling equipment can receive free follow-up assistance to help complete the State of Alaska requirement for supervised work in the field. More information on the workshop can be found on the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) website.

CONTACT: **Sean Peterson** • 907-277-2111 • speterson@zendergroup.org

Clean Water Act Tribal Forum

May 1-3, Washington, D.C.

EPA's Office of Water is hosting a Clean Water Act Tribal Forum that will provide a high-level focus on the implementation of CWA water quality standards, and is intended for tribes with TAS authorization for the WQS program, or for those who either have CWA WQS or those who are interested in developing them. The forum will include discussions led by expert tribal representatives on a variety of topics. For details and registration check out the EPA [Clean Water Act Tribal Forum](#) website.

CONTACT: **Tom Gardner** • 202-566-0386 • gardner.thomas@epa.gov

Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Alaska (Level 2)

May 1-4, Tazlina, AK

This level 2 ITEP course will bring together environmental, housing, and facilities staff from Alaska to learn how to use diagnostic equipment to assess indoor air quality. After completing this course, participants will be able to use the equipment and interpret data to assess a home and educate occupants about healthy indoor environments. The course is structured as an intensive training that uses multiple approaches to learning such as lecture/discussion, hands-on, and site visits. More information is available from ITEP's online [Air Quality Training Schedule](#).

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On-Demand Underground Storage Tank Inspector Training

EPA developed this training primarily for Agency regional underground storage tank inspectors, as well as for use in Indian country and by state UST inspectors who currently have or are seeking EPA inspector credentials. The training is open to all federal, state, local, and tribal government employees. More information, as well as the links to the modules for EPA employees and other stakeholders (including tribal employees), are available on EPA's [Underground Storage Tank \(UST\) Inspector Training](#) website.

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Calendar of Events

March

- 8 Introduction to EPA's Watershed Management Optimization Support Tool v3 Webinar. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2GDG9At>
- 13 – 15 Development and Implementation of Tribal Solid Waste Codes and Ordinances. Phoenix, AZ • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 15 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 5 — Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>
- 15 Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard Decisions Webinar. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2HytIXO>
- 15 Region 10 RTOC Monthly Conference Call. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 20 Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 27 Proposed Repeal of Clean Power Plan Listening Session. Gillette, WY • <https://go.usa.gov/xnMtU>
- 27 – 28 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course, in-person workshop). Boise, ID • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air

April

- 4 – 5 7G Plan Development Workshop. Anchorage, AK • <http://bit.ly/2iBcTSK>
- 9 – 10 Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting. Worley, ID • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 10 – 12 Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training. Anchorage, AK • <http://bit.ly/2kLtz98>
- 11 – 13 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit. Worley, ID • <http://region10rtoc.net/tribal-leaders-summit/>
- 17 Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 17 – 19 GIS for Air Quality. Las Vegas, NV • http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_gisaq
- 17 – 20 Air Quality in Alaska (Level 1). Barrow, AK • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
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- 1 – 4 Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Alaska (Level 2). Tazlina, AK • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_iaqdtak
- 8 – 10 Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training. Klawock, AK • <http://bit.ly/2kLtz98>
- 14 – 17 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality. Carlton, MN • http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/conferences/confr_ntf
- 22 Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>

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