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Top News

Acting EPA Administrator Met with National Tribal Caucus Members



On July 5, President Trump announced Andrew Wheeler as the Acting EPA Administrator. Acting Administrator Wheeler met with the executive committee members of the [National Tribal Caucus](#) on July 18. Meeting discussion included ways to improve tribal consultation and EPA's commitment to work closely with tribes

to ensure clean air, water, and land.



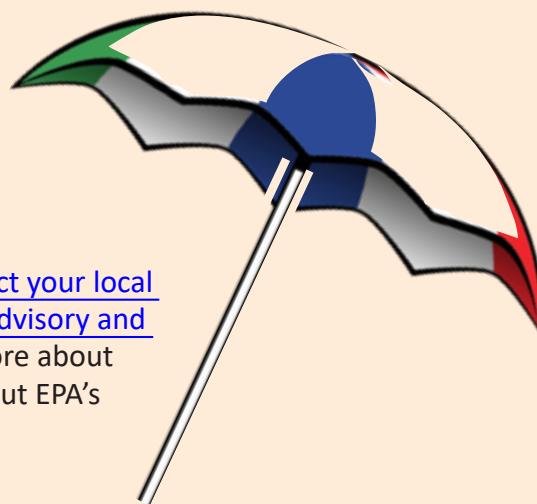
To learn more about the Acting Administrator, read an online [news release](#) or watch a video — [Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler Addresses EPA employees](#).

EPA to Award Beach Water Quality Monitoring Grants

EPA plans to award up to \$9.3 million to develop and implement beach monitoring and notification programs that will help keep families safe at the beach this summer.

Based upon eligibility, EPA expects to award Beach Act grants to the states of Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, and to the Swinomish and Makah Tribes. When bacteria levels are too high for safe swimming, these agencies notify the public by posting beach warnings or closing the beach.

To check on the latest beach closings and advisories [contact your local state, tribal, or territorial program](#), or check EPA's [Beach Advisory and Closing On-line Notification \(BEACON\) system](#). To learn more about Beach Act grants, read the online [news release](#), or check out EPA's [Beach Grants](#) website.



Join the E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform

The [E-Enterprise Community Inventory Platform](#) is an online community and project database for state, tribal, and local environmental agencies across the U.S. The platform contains 2,000 projects and enterprise services spanning a range of topics including IT, process improvement, advanced monitoring, and [Exchange Network](#) grant information. Registered users can include their projects, view partner agencies' and other projects, find potential collaborators for Exchange Network and other grant programs, get ideas for shared services, and other benefits.

To join, sign up on the [EECIP website](#). Questions or requests for technical support can be requested by email to **Owen McAleer** at omcaleer@ecos.org or to support@eecip.net.

Revisions to EPA Strategic Research Action Plans

EPA's [Office of Research and Development](#) is updating their [Strategic Research Action Plans for 2016-2019](#) for each of their six national program areas. As part of this effort, ORD connected with several [tribal partnership groups](#) in June and July, and the [Tribal Science Council](#) is engaged with EPA's Regional Tribal Operations Committees.

By October 15, ORD plans to have cleared the revisions through their internal process and begin tribal consultation. During the winter and spring of 2019, ORD's national program areas will define the research products they will commit to creating.

To learn more about ORD's StRAP updates, contact **Bruce Duncan** at 206-553-0218 or duncan.bruce@epa.gov.

Additional Public Comment Requested on Waters of the U.S. Repeal

In June, the EPA and the Department of the Army (Army) issued a supplemental proposal to the July 2017 proposed action to repeal the 2015 definition of **Waters of the United States**. The proposal specifically requests comment on the legal basis of the 2015 WOTUS rule, which the agencies believe has led to uncertainty and confusion across the country.

During last summer's public comment period, the EPA and the Army heard from hundreds of thousands of stakeholders about the proposal to repeal the 2015 definition of WOTUS. After reviewing this input, the agencies are issuing a supplemental notice of proposed rulemaking to clarify that the agencies are proposing to permanently repeal the 2015 rule in its entirety.

As part of the initial proposal, the EPA and the Army indicated their intent to recodify the pre-2015 regulations—a longstanding regulatory framework that is currently being administered by the agencies—to keep them in place until the agencies finalize a new definition of WOTUS.

The agencies are continuing to review the comments received on the July 2017 proposal and will be accepting public comment on the supplemental proposal until **August 13**. Written comments can be submitted to docket number [EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203](#) in the online [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#).

To learn more about both actions and the latest on the WOTUS rulemaking, check out EPA's [Waters of the United States \(WOTUS\) Rulemaking](#) website. If you have questions about WOTUS, please send an email to CWAwotus@epa.gov.



Alaska News

R E G I O N A L N E W S

Updated Guidance for Alaska's Wetlands

In June, the EPA and the Army signed a **Memorandum of Agreement** that provides guidance on wetlands mitigation requirements in the state of Alaska. The MOA sets forth the flexibility in existing **Clean Water Act** regulations and approaches that can be employed in Alaska due to its abundant wetlands.

As part of the mitigation requirements of CWA Section 404 permit review, applicants must demonstrate that they have taken appropriate and practicable steps to avoid adverse impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources, and then minimize unavoidable adverse impacts to wetlands and other aquatic resources by making changes to project design or construction methods. Compensatory mitigation is required, when necessary, to offset remaining unavoidable impacts, for example, by restoring or enhancing other wetlands in the watershed in order to replace lost aquatic functions and values.

The MOA reflects changes that have occurred in mitigation regulation, policy, and practice over the past two decades, and highlights six key guiding principles regarding flexibility in mitigation requirements and policy that recognize the unique circumstances that exist in regions of Alaska. It is designed to ensure that mitigation requirements will be fairly and transparently implemented, and are proportional to the potential adverse impacts under review. It will also ensure that appropriate compensatory mitigation is included.

To learn more about the 2018 EPA-Army Alaska Mitigation MOA, check out EPA's [CWA Policy and Guidance](#) website or read the online [news release](#).

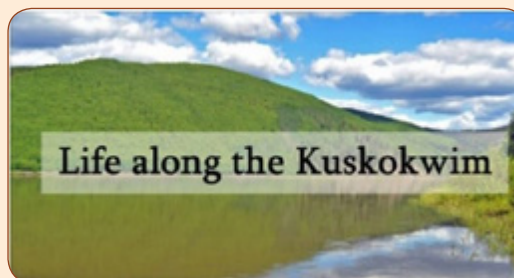


Porcupine River

Photo by Sherry Davis

2018 Tribal Story Map Challenge Winner — Native Village of Georgetown

The Native Village of Georgetown in southwest, Alaska was selected as one of the winners of the [2018 ESRI Tribal Story Map Challenge](#). The story map, [Life Along the Kuskokwim](#) captures results from baseline water quality monitoring gathered over several years from middle Kuskokwim tribes. The story map also includes background information on the region's land, fish, and water. The Native Village of Georgetown collaborates with area tribes to consolidate baseline water quality data through their EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grant.



Pictured: left to right ↑
Connor Dudley, Valerie Dudley,
and Meredith Witte at the ESRI
Users Conference map gallery.



Left to right ↑
Meredith Witte and Valerie Dudley receive the award
for Native Village of Georgetown.

RTOC News



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.

Upcoming Meetings

- **August 9** • Conference Call
- **September 18-20** • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA
[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

Host an RTOC Meeting

If your tribe is interested in hosting an RTOC meeting, a representative must be available to assist the RTOC in planning the logistics of lodging, transportation, and meeting space. The RTOC budget will cover the costs to host the meeting, and will pay for the lodging and transportation of RTOC members. The only expenses for host tribes are to cover any additional options. Although it is not expected, hosts have enjoyed the opportunity to share unique tastes of their culture, whether through a song, tour of the village, ride in a traditional canoe, or perhaps a sampling of traditional foods. In turn, knowledge and understanding of each other grows, creating a more meaningful partnership. Email rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net to express interest or to ask questions about hosting a meeting.

2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

The 2018 TELS Report is near completion. It will be posted on the RTOC Facebook page and the link will be sent by email later this month.

Stay Engaged with Us

- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you wish to attend or add an agenda item to a monthly meeting, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve your community — please contact the [RTOC representative for your area](#) or the Interim RTOC Coordinator, [Randi Madison](#).

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Tribal Consultation

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

Proposed Rule Regarding Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and the Definition of Lead-Based Paint

END DATE: **August 16.**

EPA issued a proposal to lower the dust-lead hazard standards. The new proposed standards for lead in dust for floors and window sills is an important step to reduce lead exposure.

Title IV of the Toxic Substances Control Act requires EPA to establish hazard standards for lead-contaminated dust. Lead dust can be a major source of lead exposure in children. Lead dust can be generated when lead-based paint deteriorates or is disturbed (during renovation or repainting work).

The Agency is proposing to change the dust-lead hazard standards from 40 µg/ft² and 250 µg/ft² to 10 µg/ft² and 100 µg/ft² on floors and window sills, respectively. These standards apply to most pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities, such as day care centers and kindergarten facilities. In addition, EPA is proposing to make no change to the definition of lead-based paint because the Agency currently lacks sufficient information to support such a change.

Lead exposure can cause a range of adverse health effects and is particularly dangerous for young children, because their nervous systems are still developing. Lead exposure continues to pose a significant health and safety threat to some children, preventing them from reaching the fullest potential of their health, their intellect, and their future.

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Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance Spill Prevention Rulemaking

END DATE: **August 24.**

On June 15, a proposed regulatory action to establish no additional regulatory requirements under the **Clean Water Act** section 311(j)(1)(C) authority for CWA hazardous substances discharges prevention was signed by the EPA Administrator. This action pertains to the terms of a consent decree in which EPA agreed to conduct a rulemaking related to spills of hazardous substances. As part of that effort, EPA analyzed the frequency and impacts of reported CWA hazardous substances discharges, and already existing regulations. Based upon this analysis, the EPA is proposing to establish no new regulatory requirements for CWA hazardous substances.

To view this proposed action and submit written comments, please visit www.regulations.gov and refer to docket number [EPA-HQ-OLEM-2018-0024](#). For more information, including a fact sheet, background, and additional resources, please visit the EPA's [Rulemaking on Preventing Hazardous Substance Spills](#) website.

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GAP Guidance Evaluation

END DATE: **August 31.**

The **Office of International and Tribal Affairs**, EPA's national program manager for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, released the current [Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia](#) in May 2013. The Guidance provides a nationally consistent capacity development framework for EPA and tribes to follow.

OITA is conducting tribal consultation to evaluate the GAP Guidance. The GAP Guidance evaluation involves gathering input on how to improve the GAP Guidance issued in 2013 and its implementation, to better achieve the goals of the program. EPA is specifically interested in feedback on the following:

- How the Guidance should work for intertribal consortia, including demonstrating eligibility for GAP grant funding and in accordance with applicable regulatory provisions in 40 CFR 35.504.
- How to clarify capacity building versus ineligible implementation activities for GAP work plans.
- Suggestions for improvements in the definition and use of capacity indicators by tribes and EPA.
- Any other information that would be useful for EPA in considering Guidance revisions.

Letters to notify tribal leaders of this opportunity were sent on May 24. A copy of the letter, as well as a summary of past feedback received on the GAP Guidance, and other information is available on EPA's online [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

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National Water Program Core Measures

END DATE: **August 31.**

EPA's National Water Program evaluates the progress it is making in developing and implementing effective programs to monitor, protect, and improve the nation's drinking water and surface water. EPA is conducting consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to collect feedback on National Water Program core measures.

The Agency has begun implementing the **EPA Lean Management System** focusing on continuous improvement. ELMS sets targets for performance measures and tracks progress against them to find and resolve small problems before they become big problems. EPA is seeking input to develop a core set of measures, with the goal of selecting a small and meaningful set of metrics to track progress of the National Water Program at the national level.

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FY 2018 and FY 2019 Source Reduction Assistance Grants

PROPOSALS DUE: **August 23.**

EPA is offering a grant competition to fund two-year **Source Reduction Assistance** agreements that support source reduction (also known as pollution prevention or P2). Pollution prevention, is any practice which reduces the amount of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants from entering any waste stream or released into the environment, and reduces the hazards to public health and the environment. EPA has also interpreted P2 as including practices that increase efficient use of water, energy, raw materials, or other resources, or that may protect natural resources through conservation methods.

EPA plans to award approximately \$2 million in federal grant funding over a two-year funding cycle to support SRA agreements offered as grants and/or cooperative agreements. Eligible applicants include the fifty states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., local governments, city or township governments, independent school district governments, state controlled institutions of higher education, non-profit organizations, nonprofit private institutions of higher education, community-based grassroots organizations, and federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia.

Check out EPA's [FY 2018 and FY 2019 Request for Proposals for the Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program](#) website to view the request for proposals and other information.

Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

PROPOSALS DUE: **September 6.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine replacements, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, class 5 – class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo, agriculture, mining, or energy production.

Eligible entities include tribal governments or intertribal consortia that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. The maximum amount of funding requested is \$800,000. EPA anticipates awarding two to eight cooperative agreements nationally.

For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Materials Management Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 28.**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality opened its 2018 [materials management grants](#) round for projects that prevent, recover, or reuse solid wastes. This funding will support projects that help advance [Oregon's 2050 Vision of Materials Management](#).

In 2018, DEQ will award up to \$500,000 in statewide funding. Local governments, 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, organizations created through intergovernmental agreements, and public universities, colleges, community colleges, and public schools in Oregon may apply for a materials management project grant.

Grant application details, including FAQs and a recording of a conference call about the grant application process are available on [DEQ's Materials Management Grants Program](#) website.

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National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference

August 13-16, Portland, OR

The National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference will provide skills and information to help prepare for the future challenges of air monitoring, and is intended for state, local, tribal and international air quality staff involved with operating, planning, or managing air monitoring networks and reporting data to AQS, AirNow, and other systems. The conference is hosted by EPA in conjunction with the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies and the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. For more information, check out the [2018 National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference](#) website.

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Tribal Lands and Environment Forum

August 13-16, Spokane, WA

The eighth annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on the conference theme: *A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources*. Topics highlighted will include solid and hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics, such as water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration will also be included. Please visit the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's [Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#) website to register.

NETI Clean Water Act Coffee Break "30 Minute" Webinar Series

EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute is offering twelve, 30-minute webinars during the summer of 2018. The webinars are intended for enforcement and compliance professionals who work for federal, state, local, and tribal governments. The purpose of each 30-minute session is to provide a quick snapshot of different parts of the Clean Water Act. The webinars are held every Wednesday through **August 25**. Most of the webinars will start at 7:00 a.m., with a few starting at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Participants must register for each webinar using official government email addresses.

Webinar descriptions, schedule, and registration information is available on the EPA's [NETI eLearning Center](#) website.

Reviewing Air Quality Permits

August 28-31, Pueblo of Santa Ana, NM

This ITEP course will focus on permit review (rather than air program implementation). The first day will provide an overview of **New Source Review** and Title V Operating Permits and how they fit together, with some information on Tribal Minor NSR. The remaining three days will go into depth on PSD, Nonattainment NSR, and Title V. There will be presentations with visual aids, as well as tribal case studies, discussions, and a variety of exercises. Note that prior to the course, attendance is required at two webinars. Check out the [ITEP Training](#) website for details and registration information.

CONTACT: **Patricia Ellsworth** • 928-523-6721 • patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu

Region 10 GAP Grant Training Webinars

EPA Region 10 will host five upcoming webinars with the goal of improving grant recipient understanding of grant requirements and common environmental topics. Details will be shared when the specific dates and instructions on how to join each webinar are determined.

SEPTEMBER 2018 - Training for tribal consortia. This webinar will focus on best practices for tribal consortia.

OCTOBER 2018 - GAP Notice of Funding Availability. This webinar will provide an overview of the FY 2020 Notice of Funding Announcement and what applicants need to know when applying for GAP grants.

NOVEMBER 2018 - Environmental Science — Contaminants Basics. This webinar will discuss assessment of environmental contaminants and the link to EPA -Tribal Environmental Plans and Quality Assurance Project Plans.

DECEMBER 2018 - Indirect Costs. This webinar will discuss EPA's new policy on indirect costs and how it affects tribes in Region 10.

FEBRUARY 2019 - Grants.Gov Workspace. This webinar will feature an online demonstration of Grants.gov application procedures.

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15th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions

August 28-30, Covington, KY

EPA's annual drinking water workshop, held in partnership with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators will provide in-depth information and training on various solutions and strategies for handling small drinking water system challenges. The workshop is primarily designed for state personnel responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting — however, others may also benefit, including system owners and operators, local and tribal government personnel, academics, design engineers, technical assistance providers, and consultants.



Registration is available on the [15th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop](#) website.

Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training

September 10-14, Anchorage, AK

The Composting Solid Waste Training will explore several topics to manage solid waste programs, including codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables and hazardous waste, landfill problem solving, solid waste funding, and will emphasize composting.

The Waste Utility Training looks at solid waste management programs as a utility operation. The training will include self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the ten management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. Participants will identify their own program's strengths and weaknesses, and leave with an approach to improve your program.

A travel stipend is available to participants who complete the full training. More information is available on the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) website.

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Composting Programs for Tribal Communities

September 11-13, Oakland, CA

This ITEP course will be taught by tribal presenters that have been successful in starting their own composting programs. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting topics and different size projects. Attendees will also participate in small group activities so they can work directly with fellow tribal professionals, putting into practice what they learn during the lectures.

For more information, check out ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings Schedule](#) website.

Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase

October 1-3, Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase will be the first annual summit focused solely on rural Alaska solid waste issues and solutions. The summit is open to anyone interested in learning more about solid waste and recycling. Attendees will be able to choose from a selection of three concurrent breakout sessions. The technology showcase will have solid waste and recycling vendors on-hand to demonstrate and discuss their products and answer questions. For details, check out the Solid Waste Alaska Task Force website.

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Reorienting and Redefining Waste Diversion Projects

September 25-27, Duluth, MN

Itep is offering this new course that will feature instructors from five different tribes who have all faced different challenges and setbacks, developed unique approaches, and figured out how to best advance waste diversion in their communities. The training will include time for attendees to share their own stories and ideas on how to make waste diversion a success. This course is specifically designed for tribal staff who manage waste diversion programs, such as solid waste, utility, and environmental directors and specialists.

For more information, check out ITEP's Waste and Response Trainings Schedule website.

Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders

October 9-12, White Cloud, KS

ITEP is offering this new course in collaboration with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and EPA Region 7. The course will foster partnerships at all levels of government, with nongovernmental organizations, and with the private sector to prepare for a unified response to disasters and emergencies. It will strengthen tribal capacity in emergency response situations by providing the foundation for tribes to determine their role in the Incident Command System, and will provide hands-on experience with various emergency response situations so that participants will be effective liaisons and advocate for preventing and responding to emergencies. It will also provide participants with an awareness of the level of training needed to act as first responders to various incidents.

Preference will be given to employees of federally recognized tribes in Region 7 that apply prior to **August 31**. Employees of tribes in other regions will be accepted if space is available. Details are available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Training Schedule](#) website.

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Introduction to Tribal Air Quality

September 11-14, Flagstaff, AZ

This is an entry level ITEP course designed to provide an understanding of the importance of clean air for the protection of human health and the environment. It is appropriate for tribal environmental personnel who are new to air quality, and are interested in learning the basics of air quality management. The course is structured as an intensive training that uses multiple approaches to learning: lecture/discussion, laboratory, and small group activities. There will be reading and writing assignments each evening. The content is very basic and assumes that the participant has no prior background in science or air quality management. Check out the [ITEP Training](#) website for registration information.

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Best Practices for Prevention of Mold and Water Damage in Tribal Housing

Tribal Healthy Homes Network, in partnership with the Tulalip Tribes and HUD's NW Office of Native American Programs, developed a five-part instructional video series that covers best practices for prevention of mold and water damage in tribal housing. The best practices featured include flashing, insulation, ventilation and air sealing, assessment, and containment. Through this training, participants will be better equipped to prevent water damage and mold, improve durability of housing units, increase resident comfort and health conditions, reduce rehabilitation and utility costs, and decrease repairs through preventative maintenance. The five part series is available on THHN's website, [Best Practices for Prevention of Mold and Water Damage in Tribal Housing: A 5-Part Video Training for Tribal Housing Professionals](#).

Calendar of Events

August

- 9 **National Fish Conference Call.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
Contact: Sharon Frey • 202-566-1480 • frey.sharon@epa.gov
- 9 **Region 10 RTOC Teleconference.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 13 – 16 **National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference.** Portland, OR
<https://projects.erg.com/conferences/ambientair/conferencehome18.html>
- 13 – 16 **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum.** Spokane, WA
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
- 14 – 16 **National Environmental Justice Public Meeting** (in-person or by teleconference).
Boston, MA • <https://go.usa.gov/xUPz4>
- 14 – 16 **Oil Spill Response Training Course.** Nome, AK
Contact: Anahma Shannon • 907-443-4249 • ashannon@kawerak.org
- 21 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 28 – 29 **Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training.** Mount Pleasant, MI
Contact: Dolly Tong • 312-886-1019 • tong.dolly@epa.gov
- 28 – 31 **Reviewing Air Quality Permits.** Pueblo of Santa Ana, NM
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air

September

- 10 – 14 **Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training.** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 11 – 13 **Composting Programs for Tribal Communities.** Oakland, CA
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 11 – 13 **National Tanks Conference and Exposition.** Louisville, KY • <https://bit.ly/2lcDjCH>
- 11 – 14 **Introduction to Tribal Air Quality.** Flagstaff, AZ
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 18 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 18 – 20 **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Seattle, WA • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 25 – 27 **Reorienting and Redefining Waste Diversion Projects.** Duluth, MN
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 25 – 27 **Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshop.** Williamsburg, MI
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 28 – 30 **15th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions.**
Covington, KY • <https://go.usa.gov/xQhHZ>

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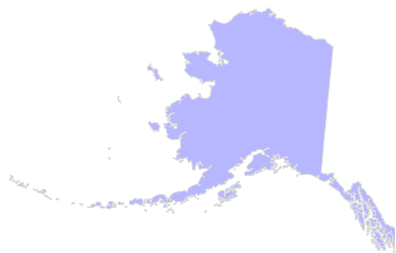
- 1 – 3** **Alaska Solid Waste Summit.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www.907swat.org>
- 9 – 12** **Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders.** White Cloud, KS • http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 10** **Stress and Environmental Contamination: Tips and Tools from ATSDR.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/NARPPMPresents41>
- 11** **National Fish Conference Call.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
Contact: **Sharon Frey** • 202-566-1480 • frey.sharon@epa.gov
- 23** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 23 – 25** **EE2018 — E-Enterprise for the Environment National Meeting.** Addison, TX
<https://www.ee2018.net>

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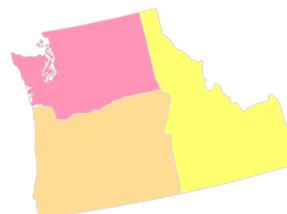
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