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Top News

EPA Administrator Recognizes 500th Tribal Consultation at National Tribal Caucus Executive Committee Meeting

On July 9, members of the [National Tribal Caucus](#) Executive Committee met with EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler. During the meeting, Administrator Wheeler announced the completion of EPA's 500th tribal consultation under the [Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes \(2011\)](#).

EPA defines consultation as the process of meaningful communication and coordination between EPA and tribal officials prior to Agency action or implementing decisions that may affect tribes. EPA consults with tribes on a wide-range of activities including rules, permits, policies, and other decisions that may affect tribal interests. This milestone was an agency-wide effort achieved over the past eight years. In addition to conducting tribal consultation, EPA maintains frequent and regular communications and coordination activities with tribes to identify and implement human health and environmental protection solutions.



EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler meets with the National Tribal Caucus Executive Committee.

Harmful Algal Bloom Protections and Resources for Recreational Waters

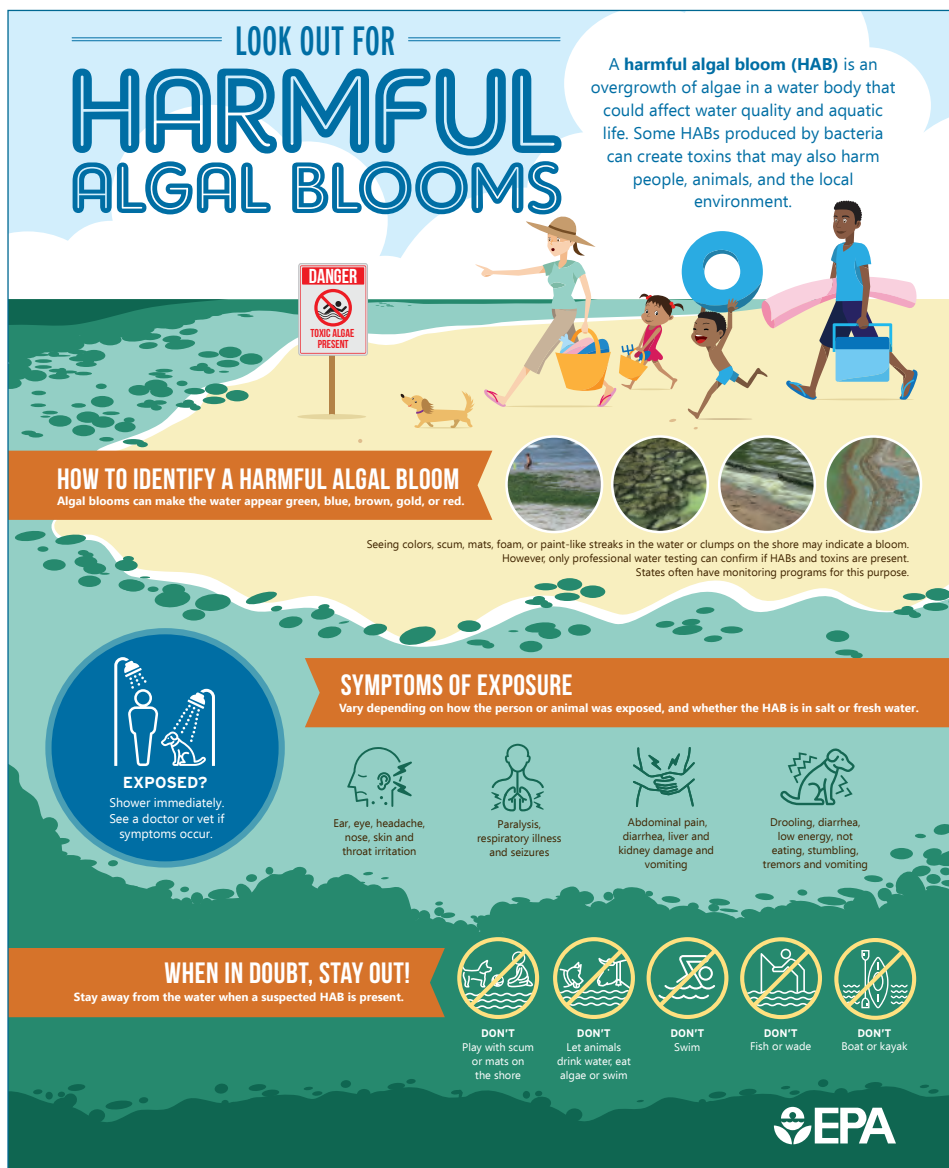
Harmful Algal Blooms are overgrowths of algae that can affect water quality and aquatic life. Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) overgrowth in freshwater can produce toxins that are harmful to people and animals when they swim, or play in or on water experiencing a HAB.

EPA recently issued recreational water quality criteria that are protective of human health for concentrations of cyanotoxins. States, territories, and tribes may consider using EPA's criteria as guidance when setting their own water quality standards and developing safe swimming advisories.

EPA's [Recreational Water Quality Criteria and Methods](#) website provides the recommended criteria as well as other guidelines and the latest scientific knowledge about exposure to cyanobacteria in recreational waters. Posters about how to identify and respond to a potential bloom are available for download on EPA's [Infographics to Help Educate the Public on HABs Basics](#) website.

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Harmful Algal Bloom Protections and Resources

To learn more about CyanoHABs, check out EPA's [Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms \(CyanoHABs\) in Water Bodies](#) or [Communicating about Cyanobacterial Blooms and Toxins in Recreational Waters](#) websites. Consider joining EPA's **HAB listserv** by sending an email to **Lesley Danglada** at danglada.lesley@epa.gov.

The [Local Environmental Observer Network](#) is a tool to document impacts of environmental change, such as HABs. LEO Network staff share observations of algal blooms with topic experts that can provide technical assistance and include the correspondence within each observation posted to their website.

EPA Region 10 can provide additional HAB resources to support to you and your community. If you have any questions about HABs and their toxins, including detection concerns for ambient or drinking water, please contact **Cyndi Grafe** by email at grafe.cyndi@epa.gov or **Rochelle Labiosa** at Labiosa.rochelle@epa.gov. After hours assistance is available by contacting the **Region 10 Spill Hotline** at (206) 553-1263. Select the menu option for Regional Duty Officer.

Region 10 Awards Beach Monitoring Grants

EPA is awarding up to \$9.24 million across 39 states, territories, and tribes to develop and implement beach monitoring and notification programs. Under the Beaches Environmental Assessment and Coastal Health Act, EPA awards grants to monitor water quality at coastal and Great Lakes beaches. When bacteria levels are too high for safe swimming, these agencies notify the public by posting beach warnings or closing the beach.

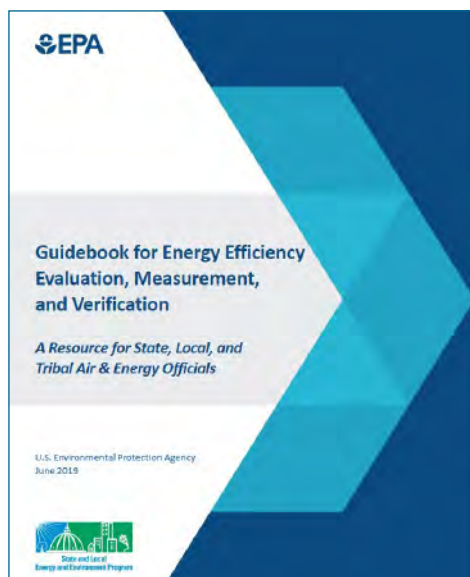
EPA is in the process of awarding Beach Water Quality Monitoring grants to the Makah Tribe and the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Washington — and to the Alaska Department of the Environmental Conservation, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the Washington State Departments of Ecology & Health. For details about this year's Beach Grant awardees, check out EPA's [Beach Grants](#) website. To check on beach closings or advisories in your area, contact your relevant state, tribal, or territorial program listed on EPA's [State, Territorial, Tribal and EPA Beach Program Contacts](#) website.



Options to Modernize Public Hearings for Water Quality Standards

The Clean Water Act requires states and authorized tribes to hold public hearings when reviewing and adopting new or revised water quality standards. EPA's new [Modernizing Public Hearings for Water Quality Standard Decisions Consistent with 40 CFR 25.5](#) offers suggestions for how states and tribes can incorporate technology into public hearings, modernizing the process. The new resource is intended to help maximize participation, simplify implementation, and reduce costs associated with public hearings.

New Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification Guidebook



EPA offers a new [Guidebook for Energy Efficiency Evaluation, Measurement, and Verification](#) (EM&V Guidebook) to help state, local, and tribal air and energy officials take steps establish, or refine evaluation, measurement, and verification approaches.

Energy efficiency in homes, businesses, and other facilities is a proven and cost-effective strategy for meeting electricity demand and reducing air pollution. To confirm that energy efficiency policies and programs are resulting in expected energy savings, jurisdictions adopt quantification and verification approaches that help states, local governments, and tribes ensure they are achieving their goals.

To learn about energy efficiency tools available, check out EPA's [Energy Resources for State, Local, and Tribal Governments website](#).

EPA's Adaptation Resource Center — ARC-X

EPA's [Climate Change Adaptation Resource Center \(ARC-X\)](#) is an interactive online resource to help governments effectively deliver services to their communities as the climate changes. Using ARC-X, decision-makers can create an integrated package of information *tailored specifically to their community's needs*. ARC-X includes information about the risks posed by climate change to resources of concern, adaptation strategies, case studies illustrating how other communities have successfully adapted and tools to replicate their successes, as well as information on funding opportunities.

ARC-X also provides a link to the [U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit](#), specifically for tribal nations on adaptive and 'whole systems' management and ecosystem-based adaptation to help tribes deal with climate-related impacts such as flooding and associated risks to infrastructure, prolonged drought, and degradation of culturally important places.

Your Climate Adaptation Search

Geographic Region

Pick one region:



Area of Interest

Pick one or more interests:

Air Quality

- ☐ Indoor Air
- ☐ Outdoor Air
- ☐ Ground Level Ozone
- ☐ Particulate Matter

Water Management

- ☐ Water Utility Facility Operations
- ☐ Drought
- ☐ Saltwater Intrusion
- ☐ Sea-level Rise
- ☐ Storms & Flooding
- ☐ Source Water Impacts
- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Stormwater Runoff
- ☐ Erosion & Sedimentation
- ☐ Algal Blooms
- ☐ Ecosystem Protection
- ☐ Wetland Protection
- ☐ Estuaries
- ☐ Change in Fish Species

Waste Management & Emergency Response

- ☐ Contaminated Site Management
- ☐ Disaster Debris Management

Public Health

- ☐ Air Quality
- ☐ Water Quality
- ☐ Extreme Heat

Adaptation Planning

- ☐ Getting Started
- ☐ Comprehensive
- ☐ Sector-Based

Select both a Region and
an Area of Interest to search.

Submit Search

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Environmental Justice Story Map and Funding Guide Available

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice developed an [EJ Grants and Communities Story Map](#) that demonstrates how EPA's EJ grants are helping communities address local EJ concerns. The story map showcases three recent projects — a job training program in green infrastructure and environmental restoration, multilingual outreach on stormwater management, and youth environmental education. EPA's [Environmental Justice Grants and Resources](#) website offers information about EPA's EJ grant programs.



If your community is looking for federal assistance to help address environmental, economic, health, and other local needs check out the new guide — [Finding Federal Assistance and Resources for Environmental Justice Efforts](#). The guide offers tips on searching for funding opportunities and includes information for identifying tools, trainings, and other resources to address community needs. The guide is provided by the [Interagency Working Group on Environmental Justice](#)



Alaska News

How to Protect Your Health from Wildfire Smoke

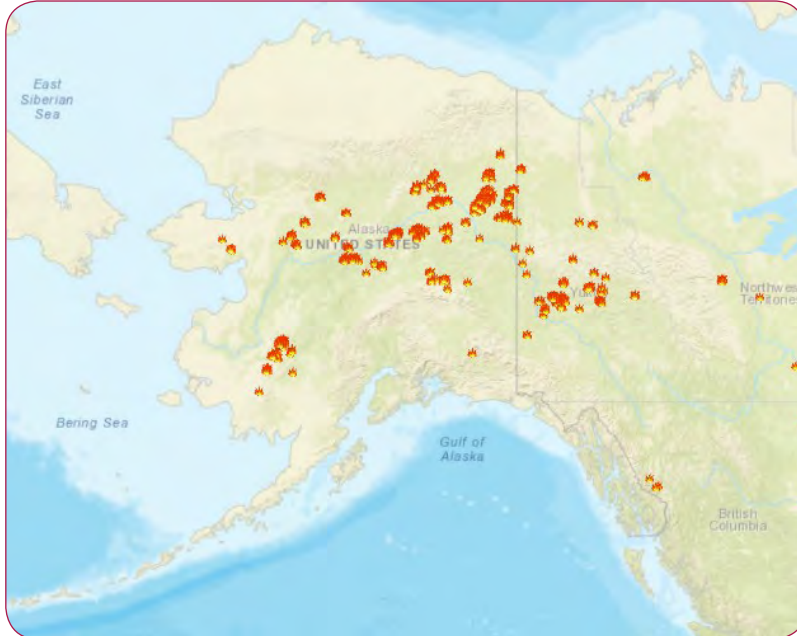
Wildfires continue to burn across Alaska this summer, impacting many communities. Wildfire smoke has significant health risks, particularly to vulnerable populations like elders, children, pregnant women and unborn babies, and people with pre-existing lung or heart conditions.

If your community is impacted by wildfire smoke, follow local instructions and consider taking the following protective steps:

- 1. Stay indoors and keep indoor air as clean as possible.**
 - Keep windows and doors closed.
 - Run an air conditioner, keeping the fresh-air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside.
 - If you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed, seek shelter in a designated smoke-free evacuation center or away from the affected area.
- 2. Cease physical activity or exercise indoors, if necessary.**
- 3. With the advice of your healthcare provider, use respirators, N95 masks, and/or HEPA air filters.**
- 4. Follow the advice of your healthcare provider about medication use if you have asthma or another lung disease.**

If your community is affected by wildfire smoke, check the [AirNow](#) website for daily local air quality conditions and advisories (search by entering your state or zip code), and check EPA's [Wildfires](#) website for preparedness and recovery tips. EPA's [Air Cleaners and Air Filters in the Home](#) website provides information on portable air cleaners and filters.

Contact your [GAP Project Officer](#) or [EPA's Region 10 Tribal Air Quality Team](#) for ideas about sharing safety information, collaborating with other agencies, or conducting emergency response planning in the event of a wildfire.



EPA Withdraws Pebble Deposit Proposed Determination

In June, EPA General Counsel Matthew Leopold, Office of Water Deputy Assistant Administrator Lee Forsgren, and Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick traveled to Alaska to meet with state and federal agencies, stakeholders, tribal organizations, and communities to hear perspectives on the proposed Pebble Mine, and to see the area first hand.

EPA General Counsel Matthew Leopold subsequently signed a memo directing Chris Hladick, EPA Region 10 Administrator to resume consideration of the withdrawal of the [2014 Proposed Determination](#), which proposes to restrict use of the Pebble Deposit Area as a disposal site. On July 30, EPA took action to withdraw the Proposed Determination. Details are available on EPA's [news release](#).

In addition, on July 1, EPA submitted comments to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on the draft EIS and on the Clean Water Act Section 404 permit for the proposed Pebble Mine.



EPA officials meeting with representatives from three Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Village Corporations in Iliamna, Alaska.



Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Proposed Rule to Withdraw Certain CWA Human Health Criteria in Washington

On July 23, EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler signed a proposed rule to withdraw certain federal Clean Water Act human health criteria for waters under the State of Washington's jurisdiction. This rule is being proposed because on May 10, EPA approved, after reconsideration, the human health criteria water quality standards that Washington State originally submitted to the Agency in 2016. The EPA determined the State's criteria are protective of its designated uses, based on sound science, and consistent with the CWA. EPA now proposes to withdraw the corresponding federally promulgated water quality standards for Washington.

EPA will accept comments on its proposed withdrawal action for 60 days upon Federal Register publication. For additional details, check out EPA's [Withdrawal of Certain Federal Human Health Criteria in Washington – Proposed Rule](#) website.

Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians Joins Regional Response Team 10

In May, the EPA Region 10 Emergency Management Branch received a letter from the Tribal Chair of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians announcing that the Tribal Council unanimously approved membership in Regional Response Team 10.



The Regional Response Team is an interagency coordination group to protect public health, safety, and the environment in response to significant oil and hazardous substance incidents. Participants include 16 federal agencies, three states (Idaho, Oregon, Washington) and now three tribes (Makah Indian Tribe of the Makah Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and Confederated Tribes of the Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians). The U.S. Coast Guard - District 13 and EPA Region 10 co-chair Regional Response Team 10, which is a national leader in tribal participation.

The Makah Tribe, Yakama Nation, and Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians are also recipients of EPA's [Brownfields 128\(a\) State and Tribal Response Program](#) grants that helps to fund participation in emergency response planning and preparedness activities. This collaboration is one example of how EPA Region 10 is working across programs to build emergency response and preparedness capacity for tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

To learn about the Regional Response Team and tribal emergency response resources in Region 10, check out the [Region 10 Regional Response Team and Northwest Area Committee](#) website.

Join the School Food Share Program



The School Food Share Program supports schools and food banks working together to collect whole and packaged cafeteria leftovers to share within their community.



EPA Region 10 is offering technical assistance to implement cafeteria waste prevention and food recovery in schools located in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington — including tribes.

Technical assistance may include program setup assistance, health department waivers, sample posters and communications, educational materials, and more.

School Food Share has been working with schools, school districts, food banks, health departments, and other regional partners since 2015. Participating schools recovered an average of 4,000 pounds of food per year.



To express interest in joining, contact **Kendra Tyler** at (206) 553-0041 or tyler.kendra@epa.gov.

Letters of interest are due by **September 30**.

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 RTOC Meetings

August 20-22 • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

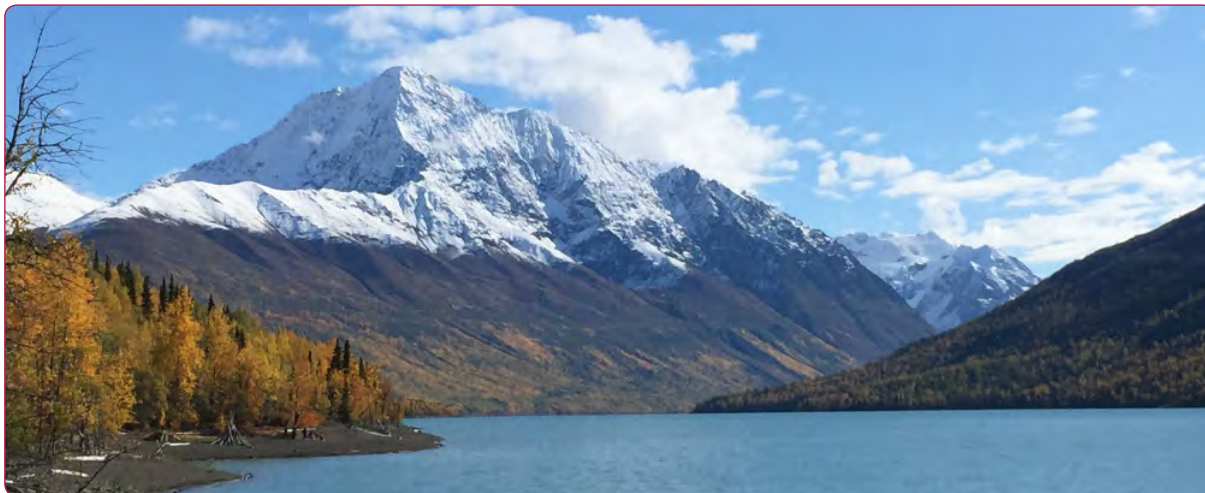
Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

- Presentations from the 2019 summit are available on the [Region 10 RTOC 2019 Presentations](#) website.
- The 2019 TELS Summit Report is available on the [Region 10 RTOC Tribal Leaders Summit](#) website.
- The next Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit will be held in the spring of 2020 in Ketchikan, AK.

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 item to a monthly meeting agenda, 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 RTOC's Executive Director, Karla Louise.

CONTACT: **Karla Louise**, RTOC Executive Director • karla@region10rtoc.net



Tribal Consultation

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

Forthcoming Revisions to CWA Compensatory Mitigation Rule

END DATE: **August 9.**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and EPA are initiating consultation with federally recognized tribes on a proposal to revise the jointly-promulgated regulations titled [Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources](#) (Mitigation Rule) (40 Code of Federal Regulations Part 230, Subpart J and 33 CFR Part 332).

The objective of the **Clean Water Act** is “to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters.” Toward achievement of this goal, CWA Section 404 prohibits the discharge of dredged or fill material into wetlands, streams, and other waters of the United States, unless a permit issued by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers or an EPA-approved state under CWA Section 404 authorizes such a discharge.

When there is a proposed discharge, all appropriate and practicable steps must first be taken to avoid and minimize impacts to aquatic resources. For unavoidable impacts, compensatory mitigation is required to replace the loss of wetland, stream, and/or other aquatic resource functions. The Corps (or approved state authority) is responsible for determining the appropriate form and amount of compensatory mitigation.

The agencies intend to propose and amend the Mitigation Rule to ensure the review process for mitigation banks and in-lieu fee programs are timely and efficient, while protecting the environment. The agencies are considering removing the Interagency Review Team or seek suggestions for retaining it while identifying efficiencies. The agencies are also seeking input on approaches to quantify stream mitigation credits that better reflect the total amount of stream ecosystem restored, enhanced, or preserved in rivers and larger streams, or stream-wetland complexes, while maximizing available credits and opportunities for larger compensatory mitigation projects within a given watershed.

CONTACT: **Charles Kovach** • (202) 566-0399 • MitigationRuleTribes@epa.gov

Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule for Public Drinking Water Systems

END DATE: **September 1.**

EPA is consulting with federally recognized tribes on the development of the fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) for public drinking water systems. The **Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule** program collects data for contaminants suspected to be present in drinking water, but which do not have health-based standards set under the **Safe Drinking Water Act**.

The SDWA requires the EPA to issue a new list of unregulated contaminants for monitoring every five years. The data collected during monitoring serve as a primary source of occurrence and exposure information that supports the Agency’s decision regarding whether or not to regulate particular contaminants in drinking water.

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Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule for Public Drinking Water Systems

The UCMR program's goal is to identify and monitor the drinking water contaminants that present the greatest public health concern. Your tribe may be especially interested in UCMR 5 if it owns or operates a public drinking water system. The EPA welcomes your comments on the selection of contaminants and any other aspects of the rule design and implementation.

An informational webinar will be held on **August 6 at 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time**. Details on how to join will be available on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#) website.

For additional information regarding UCMR, please visit EPA's [Monitoring the Occurrence of Unregulated Drinking Water Contaminants](#) website.

CONTACT: **Brenda Bowden** • 513-569-7961 • Bowden.Brenda@epa.gov

NPDES Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Stormwater Discharges

END DATE: **September 9.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on the renewal of the **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Multi-Sector General Permit** for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities under the **Clean Water Act**. The EPA renews this permit every five years.

Under the CWA stormwater program, specific categories of industrial activities must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for stormwater discharges. With limited exceptions, the EPA directly implements the NPDES program in Indian country — as no tribe has yet obtained EPA authorization to administer the NPDES program. As a result, almost all eligible facilities with stormwater discharges from industrial activities in Indian country fall under the EPA Multi-Sector General Permit or may be covered under an individual NPDES permit issued by EPA. Industrial facilities intending to seek coverage under the EPA's MSGP must submit a Notice of Intent certifying that they have met the permit's eligibility conditions and that they will comply with the permit's requirements. More information about the MSGP can be found on EPA's [Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities](#) website.

CONTACT: **Katelyn Amraen** • (202) 564-2740 • amraen.katelyn@epa.gov

Vessel Incidental Discharge Act

END DATE: **September 11.**

EPA, in coordination with the **US Coast Guard (USCG)**, is conducting consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on a proposed rulemaking to develop uniform national standards of performance for discharges incidental to the normal operations of vessels under the Clean Water Act, as amended by the [Vessel Incidental Discharge Act](#) on December 4, 2018. The standards to be developed in the proposed rulemaking will be technology-based and may be in the form of numeric standards, best management practices, or a combination thereof. The intent is to streamline the patchwork of federal, state, and local requirements for the commercial vessel community.

Clean Water Act subsection 312(p) directs the EPA and the USCG to develop new regulations for discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel, including ballast water, into

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Vessel Incidental Discharge Act

waters of the United States or the contiguous zone from regulated vessels (typically commercial vessels greater than 79 feet in length).

In addition, Clean Water Act subsection 312(p) requires that regulations be developed for ballast water discharges alone from small vessels (vessels less than 79 feet in length) and fishing vessels of all sizes. Once complete, these new regulations will replace existing requirements for incidental discharges from primarily commercial vessels established under the USCG regulations and the EPA's 2013 Vessel General Permit.

CONTACT: **Juliette Chausson** • (202) 566-0190 • chausson.juliette@epa.gov

CERCLA Section 108(b) Financial Responsibility for Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution

END DATE: **October 1.**

Section 108(b) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA or Superfund) gives EPA the authority to require that classes of facilities establish and maintain evidence of financial responsibility to cover the costs associated with releases or threatened releases of hazardous substances from their facilities. EPA is in the process of deciding if financial responsibility requirements are warranted for the Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution industry.

The Agency completed a rulemaking under Section 108(b) for the Hard Rock Mining industry in early 2018, “with a decision to not impose financial responsibility requirements”. Information about that rulemaking is available on EPA's [Final Action: Financial Responsibility Requirements Under CERCLA Section 108\(b\) For Classes of Facilities in the Hardrock Mining Industry](#) website.

The Agency has identified three additional industry classes to assess for potential financial responsibility. The Electric Power Generation, Transmission, and Distribution industry is the next class of facilities the Agency is evaluating. If you believe your tribe could be affected by this proposed action, your tribe is invited to consult prior to the Agency issuing the final rule. Check out EPA's [Superfund Financial Responsibility](#) website for more information.

CONTACT: **Kim Katonica** • (703) 308-6087 • katonica.kim@epa.gov



Grants



US Department of Housing and Urban Development Indian Housing Block Grant

APPLICATIONS DUE: **August 8.**

Tribes and tribally-designated housing entities are eligible to receive grants to carry out a range of affordable housing activities. Grant funds may be used to develop, maintain, and operate affordable housing in safe and healthy environments, and other affordable housing activities which could include rehabilitation work that improves air quality.

Details are available on the Department of Housing and Urban Development's [FY 2019 Indian Housing Block Grant Program – Competitive Grants](#) website.

Lead Hazard Reduction Grant

APPLICATIONS DUE: **August 9.**

The purpose of the Lead-Based Paint Hazard Reduction grant program is to maximize the number of children under the age of six years protected from lead poisoning by assisting states, cities, counties/parishes, tribes, or other units of local government in undertaking comprehensive programs to identify and control lead-based paint hazards in eligible privately-owned, rental, or owner-occupied housing populations.

HUD expects to make approximately 70 awards from the funds available. The Notice of Funding Availability is posted on HUD's [FY 2019 Lead Hazard Reduction Grant Program](#) website.

Healthy Homes Production Grants for Tribal Housing

APPLICATIONS DUE: **August 9.**

The Healthy Homes Production Program is part of HUD's overall Healthy Homes Initiative launched in 1999. The program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time.

HUD expects to make approximately 12 awards from the funds available. The minimum award amount is \$500,000 and the maximum is \$1,000,000 per project period. Details and the Notice of Funding Availability is on HUD's

[FY 2019 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing](#) website.

NOAA Marine Debris Removal

LETTERS OF INTENT DUE: **September 4.**

Projects awarded through the removal grant competition will create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for **N**ational **O**ceanic and **A**tmospheric **A**dministration trust resources, with priority consideration for efforts targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium and large-scale debris. Projects will also foster public awareness of the effects of marine debris to further the conservation of living marine resource habitats, and contribute to the understanding of marine debris composition, distribution, and impacts.

Eligible applicants are state, local, tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris and any institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial (for-profit) organization with expertise in a field related to marine debris.

This funding opportunity requires a letter of intent to be submitted by **September 4**, before full proposals will be invited. If invited, full proposals must be submitted by **December 4**. The full grant announcement is available on NOAA's [Marine Debris Program](#) website.

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. We cannot attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites, nor does EPA endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications.

Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training

August 19-20, Green Bay, WI

EPA Region 5 is sponsoring a Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training in partnership with the Oneida Nation and the National Tribal Emergency Management Council. Debris management is an integral part of emergency management, especially in response to extreme weather or other disasters. Tribes that incorporate sustainable materials management into their disaster debris management plans will also be better prepared to handle disaster debris in a more efficient, environmentally beneficial manner.

Tribal staff will have the opportunity to work in small groups with staff from other tribal and other governmental agencies to begin developing effective, sustainable debris management plans before disasters strike. Please register by emailing **Dolly Tong** at tong.dolly@epa.gov.

7 Generations Environmental Planning

September 10-12, Anchorage, AK

During this interactive workshop, participants will learn a community-based approach for developing local environmental plans. The training focuses on team building, community involvement, identifying environmental concerns that can impact health, and learning about ways to address local issues. For more information, check out [ANTHC's Capacity & Training](#) website.

CONTACT: **Oxcenia O'domin** • (907) 729-3492 • orodomin@anthc.org



TRAINING

Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Refresher, Community Waste Education, and Business of Trash-Lite

September 10-12, Anchorage, AK

Have you started developing an Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan and are having trouble finishing it? Zender Environmental Health and Research Group and USDA Rural Development are pleased to offer an ISWMP refresher to assist you in putting those finishing touches on your plan. Learn how to enhance your waste education and outreach program, including identifying goals and audience for program or event outreach and how to build curriculum for a school recycling program. Learn the key principles of managing your landfill utility and the science of changing people's waste disposal habits for the better.

Travel stipend of at least \$750 per person is offered. To attend any Zender Environmental Health and Research Group trainings, please complete an online application on their [Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](http://SolidWasteTrainingandTechnicalAssistanceProgram.org) website.

CONTACT: **April Reed McCoy** • (907) 277-2111 • areed@zendergroup.org

Backhaul, Household Hazardous Waste, and Safety

September 16-20, Anchorage, AK

This training is being offered by Zender Environmental Health and Research Group. The first half will be taught by Sustainable Workplace Alliance. They will be covering HAZMAT safety, proper selection and use of PPE, and respirator use and fit testing. If anyone has workers using respirators for their job, this is an opportunity to get fit tested and learn proper use.

The second half of training will be backhaul-focused and will include hands-on packaging training for lead acid batteries, e-waste, fluorescent lights, and full DOT hazardous materials regulations training.

Travel stipend of at least \$1,000 per person is offered. To attend any Zender Environmental Health and Research Group trainings, please complete an online application on their [Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](http://SolidWasteTrainingandTechnicalAssistanceProgram.org) website.

CONTACT: **April Reed McCoy** • (907) 277-2111 • areed@zendergroup.org

Basic Environmental Geophysics

September 24-25, Seattle, WA

This course provides individuals who have little or no geophysical exploration experience with practical information on the strengths and limitations of the most used geophysical techniques on hazardous waste sites. It is intended to enable students to select the appropriate methods and to effectively supervise geophysical surveys during hazardous waste site investigations. The course includes hands-on training with instruments and is open to tribes. For details and to register, check out the [TRAINEX](http://TRAINEX.org) website.

CONTACT: **Kira Lynch** • (206) 553-2144 • lynch.kira@epa.gov

Calendar of Events

August

- 14** **National Environmental Justice Advisory Council Public Teleconference.**
12:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/2XWiE2C>
- 19-20** **Tribal Disaster Debris Management Training.** Green Bay, WI
Dolly Tong • (312) 886-1019 • tong.dolly@epa.gov
- 19-22** **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum.** Palm Springs, CA
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
- 20** **Webinar for Tribal Water Systems on EPA's Updated Risk Assessment and Emergency Response Plan Tools.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/2JWi1MG>
- 20** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 20-22** **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Seattle, WA
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings/>
- 28** **ANTHC Tribal Capacity & Training Monthly Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time.
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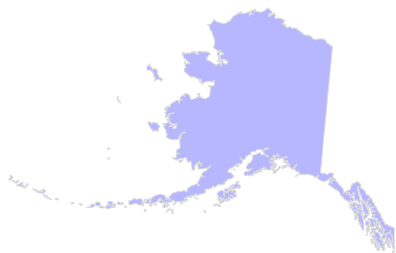
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- 10-12** **Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan Refresher and Community Waste Education Training.** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 16-20** **Backhaul, Household Hazardous Waste, and Safety Training.** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 17** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 24-25** **Basic Environmental Geophysics.** Seattle, WA
<https://bit.ly/2JKMTkg>
- 25** **ANTHC Tribal Capacity & Training Monthly Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time.
Oxcenia O'domin • orodomin@anthc.org
- 25-26** **Alaska Tribal Air Summit.** Anchorage, AK
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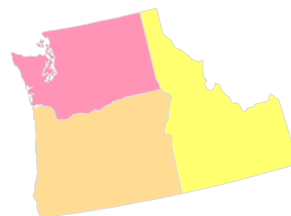
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