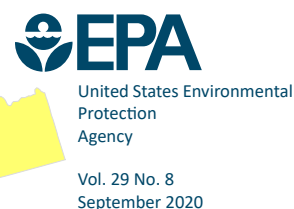


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Top News

EPA Urges Preparedness



September is Preparedness Month. EPA understands that effective emergency response and recovery is most successful when every person, community, business leader, and government official is prepared.

Local governments and community agencies can find suggestions for preparing and protecting water and wastewater facilities on EPA's [September is Preparedness Month](#) website. The website also includes information for debris management planning, since storm debris can occur in enormous amounts that overwhelm landfills and can present dangers to human health and the environment.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's website — [Ready.gov](#) also has information to help individuals and families with preparedness, including tips on making a plan and an emergency supplies kit.

Pop Quiz

What are the top ten items to include in a basic emergency supply kit?
See answer on [page 12](#).

Inspection Expectations for Partner Agencies During COVID-19

In July, Susan Bodine, the Assistant Administrator for EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance sent a letter to states, tribes, territories, and local agencies recognizing the challenges in meeting inspection commitments during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The letter says that as we work together to navigate our inspection field work during these challenging times, OECA will provide additional flexibility to assist partner agencies in meeting inspection commitments.

The letter recommends that partner agencies perform inspections, when it is safe to do so, consistent with their priorities and applicable OECA program priorities. When a partner agency's planned on-site inspections to meet applicable OECA program priorities cannot be performed due to COVID-19, OECA and EPA's regional Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Divisions encourage the use of off-site compliance monitoring activities.

Details are available on EPA's [COVID-19 Inspection Commitments Letter](#) website.

Sanitary Survey App for Recreational Waters

EPA's Office of Water released an updated version of its [EPA Sanitary Survey App for Fresh and Marine Waters](#). The app is used by state, territorial, and tribal managers to identify sources of fecal pollution in recreational waters. Sanitary surveys are one of the most widely accepted tools to assess potential sources of pollution that can adversely affect public health in recreational waters. The app facilitates identifying impaired recreational waters for remediation and using the data in predictive models for making same-day decisions on swim advisories.



The updated version includes the ability to monitor fresh waters in addition to marine waters. The app does not require the use of the internet or WiFi while the user is in the field, and survey data can be stored on EPA's GeoPlatform at no cost. The updated app includes the ability to gather more detailed Harmful Algal Bloom information.

EPA is offering two informational webinars to introduce tribes to the updated Sanitary Survey App on the following dates:

1. **September 15** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Join on EPA's [Sanitary Survey App with Tribes – 1 Web conferencing](#) website. Click 'guest'.
2. **September 23** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Join on EPA's [Sanitary Survey App with Tribes – 2 Web conferencing](#) website. Click 'guest'.

To learn more, check out EPA's [Sanitary Surveys for Recreational Waters](#) website or contact EPA by email at EPA_SanitarySurveyApp@epa.gov.

Public Health Updates to Smoke Sense App

EPA's mobile application, [Smoke Sense](#) was updated to provide valuable information about what users can do to protect their health. EPA researchers developed Smoke Sense as part of a public health study that will:

- ▶ Investigate the extent to which wildland fire smoke exposure affects health and productivity.
- ▶ Discover how people protect their health during smoke exposure.
- ▶ Develop health risk communication strategies that improve public health outcomes.

The latest update added a new module called 'What Can I Do?' which provides tips for users about steps they can take to reduce their exposure and protect their health. The tips are organized into three sections and based on the [Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials](#).



1. Stay inside and keep the indoor air clean.
2. Take precautions when outside or traveling.
3. Follow the advice of public health and other officials.

Smoke Sense



Regional News



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'Creating a Smoke Ready Community' Webinar Hosted by EPA and Partners

On July 23, the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation partnered with EPA Region 10, FEMA Region 10, and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco to host a webinar - ***Creating a Smoke Ready Community***. The interactive webinar was part of a pilot program to provide technical assistance to communities who want to develop resilience and climate adaptation plans.

The webinar was the first in a series, and featured speakers who presented information about effectively engaging with communities during smoke events, minimizing exposure to wildfire smoke, and understanding the impacts of smoke on human health and community welfare within the Colville Reservation and Okanogan River Airshed.

Participants included decision and policy makers, cross-level government representatives, the health care community, business owners, and citizens. The webinar concluded with discussion groups that met in virtual breakout rooms for question and answer sessions with the presenters to brainstorm action steps for becoming "Smoke Ready", and to talk more in-depth about the content. "People gained a good understanding of what becoming smoke ready means and tools to begin the process," said Kris Ray, Air Quality Program Manager for the CTRC.

The recording and presentations from the webinar are available on the [Okanogan River Airshed Partnership](#) and [Colville Tribes Smoke Ready Community 2020](#) websites.

[Prepare Now](#)

[Know the Facts](#)

[Stay Healthy](#)

What can our communities do to prepare for the upcoming smoke season?



Creating a Smoke Ready Community

Thursday, July 23, 2020 11:00 am – 12:30 pm



Sponsors: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation Environmental Trust Air Quality Program and the Okanogan River Airshed Partnership

This webinar is a Climate Resilience Technical Assistance in cooperation with our federal partners from EPA, FEMA and the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco.



EPA and Partners Team up to Address PFAS

Aggressively addressing per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances continues to be an active and ongoing priority for the EPA. The agency has made significant progress implementing the [PFAS Action Plan](#)—a comprehensive cross-agency plan to address an emerging chemical-of-concern that has appeared in ground and drinking water across the country. This effort is helping EPA, states, tribes, and local communities target PFAS reductions and protect public health.

EPA Region 10 convenes bimonthly state and federal agency PFAS coordination calls to help share the latest research and regulatory developments around PFAS. The calls feature EPA PFAS researchers and other experts as guests and focus attention where it makes the most strategic sense.

EPA is also delivering technical assistance to the North Slope Borough and Inupiat Community of the Arctic Slope in analyzing PFAS in Imikpuk Lake near Utqiagvik, AK. The lake (near the former site of the Naval Arctic Research Lab and airstrip) was tested for PFAS by the Navy in 2017 and PFOA and PFOS levels were found to be above EPA's Lifetime Health Advisory level.

With the help of EPA's Office of Research and Development, a study plan was developed and shared with the project partners — North Slope Borough, ICAS, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and University of Alaska. EPA scientists have begun analyzing lake water, sediment, and fish samples previously collected by the University of Alaska. EPA's regional actions complement the efforts being made to address PFAS nationwide.

[Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances](#) are a group of synthetic chemicals that have been in use since the 1940s. PFAS are found in a wide array of consumer and industrial products. PFAS manufacturing and processing facilities, facilities using PFAS in production of other products, airports, and military installations are some of the contributors of PFAS releases into the air, soil, and water. Due to their widespread use and persistence in the environment, most people in the United States have been exposed to PFAS. There is evidence that continued exposure above specific levels to certain PFAS may lead to adverse health effects.

WHAT ARE PFAS CHEMICALS?

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) are a group of man-made chemicals that includes PFOA, PFOS and GenX chemicals. Since the 1940s, PFAS have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries around the globe, including in the United States. PFOA and PFOS have been the most extensively produced and studied of these chemicals. Both are very persistent in the environment and in the human body. Exposure to certain PFAS can lead to adverse human health effects.

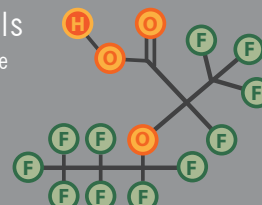
PFOA & PFOS

U.S. manufacturers voluntarily phased out PFOA and PFOS, two specific PFAS chemicals.



GenX Chemicals

GenX chemicals are a replacement for PFOA.



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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.

Register Today!

Virtual Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

September 23-25, 2020

<https://region10tels.eventsmart.com>

There are over 50 offerings for this year's summit! Seasoned professionals are working on an engaging platform that will offer many choices for how you experience the summit. There will be exciting keynote speakers, technical breakout sessions, a tribal environmental film festival, and panel discussions! Interactive polls and prizes will be provided.

The conference will release two original short films and discussions with the filmmakers and those featured in the films, on subsistence protection in Region 10.

Attendees will have access to conference materials for one year! You must register to receive the materials and access. Those who register by **September 15** will receive a cultural beading kit and pre-conference materials.

There are two tracks:

- General Session for Tribal Leaders and Environmental Staff — \$65
- Youth Track — FREE!

The youth track will be coordinated by an honored youth environmentalist, Maka Monture-Paki. Keynotes and sessions will be formatted a little differently than the general session track - catered to the way young people use technology. The conference organizers are also exploring options for youth attendees to earn college credit.

Register on the [Region 10 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit 2020](https://region10tels.eventsmart.com) website.



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CONTACT: **Randi Madison**, RTOC Administrator • randi@region10rtoc.net**Tribal Consultation**

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

Renewal of NPDES Construction General PermitEND DATE: **October 27.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes to inform the proposed renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit issued pursuant to the Clean Water Act. EPA renews this permit every five years. The CGP authorizes stormwater discharges from construction activities (including, but not limited to: clearing, grading, excavating, and stockpiling) that disturb one or more acres, or smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that disturb one or more acres.

Under the NPDES stormwater program, stormwater discharges from certain construction activities must be covered under a NPDES permit. With limited exceptions, EPA directly implements the NPDES program in Indian country where tribes do not have EPA authorization to administer the NPDES program; as a result, all eligible stormwater discharges from construction activities in Indian country would need to be authorized under the CGP, under an individual NPDES permit.

Construction operators intending to seek coverage under EPA's CGP must submit a Notice of Intent certifying that they meet the permit's eligibility conditions and that they will comply with the permit's requirements. A discharge without NPDES permit coverage is a violation of the CWA and may be subject to enforcement action by EPA. Additional information about the CGP can be found on EPA's [Stormwater Discharges from Construction Activities](#) website.

An informational webinar will be offered on **September 16 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time**. Register for the webinar on [EPA's Informational Webinar for Tribes, Construction General Permit 2022 Re-issuance](#) website.

CONTACT: **Katelyn Amraen** • 202-564-2740 • amraen.katelyn@epa.gov**Potential Revisions to the Federal Air Rules for Indian Reservations**END DATE: **October 30.**

EPA Region 10 is considering potential revisions for the Federal Air Rules for Indian Reservations. In 2005, the FARR established a regulatory program to protect human health and air quality on 39 Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The FARR provides important tools to manage air quality and to support tribes in building capacity to run their own air quality programs. After 15 years of experience implementing the FARR in coordination with

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tribes, Region 10 is proposing revisions to improve and strengthen the FARR to better protect human health and air quality in the areas it covers.

In 2016, Region 10 shared an early draft rule package of potential FARR revisions with tribes, inviting tribal consultation and coordination, and continued to seek input from tribal environmental staff. The draft rule package resulted from the desire to expand the protections of the FARR to additional areas, the need to address high levels of particulate matter in specific geographical areas and the requests to clarify aspects of the existing rules. In response to the valuable input received, we've updated the draft rule package and are offering an additional invitation for tribal consultation and coordination as we prepare to move it into the rulemaking process. For more information about the FARR, check out EPA's [Federal Air Rules for Indian Reservations in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington](#) website.

An informational webinar will be held on **October 1** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

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Pilot to Improve Compliance at Underground Storage Tanks in Indian Country

END DATE: **October 30.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian tribes on a proposed pilot to improve compliance at underground storage tanks in Indian country. The pilot is specifically designed to facilitate the EPA's communications with tribes about UST inspections, compliance assistance, noncompliance, and civil enforcement. In addition, it will enable the agency to address noncompliance in a more timely manner. The proposed pilot, which would run for three years, focuses on tribal facilities.

The EPA regulates certain UST systems to prevent petroleum or other hazardous substances from seeping into the soil and contaminating groundwater and to avoid other health and environmental risks, including the potential for fire and explosion. All UST owners and operators – including tribal government owners and operators – must comply with the regulations. Failure to comply can result in the EPA initiating an enforcement action, including seeking a penalty, to compel a return to compliance.

EPA directly implements the UST program and over the last 30 years has identified hundreds of violations at USTs in Indian country. The EPA has routinely addressed UST violations at non-tribal facilities with the full range of compliance assurance tools, including compliance assistance and formal enforcement (e.g., expedited administrative penalty order). EPA has responded to UST violations at tribal facilities almost exclusively by providing compliance assistance, which historically resulted in a slower return to compliance with UST requirements than at non-tribal UST facilities.

This proposed pilot aims to ensure that tribal leadership is aware of compliance problems at tribal UST facilities and to convey information to both tribal leadership and the facilities on how to return to compliance. The proposed pilot also seeks to facilitate the use of expedited enforcement tools, including tools that assess penalties, which historically result in a quick return to compliance.

Your tribe may provide oral comments on the proposed action during the consultation events, or written comments by sending an email directly to ustpilotconsultation@epa.gov

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Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 15.**

EPA's Indoor Environments Division is offering a competitive funding opportunity for reducing public exposure to indoor air pollutants. EPA intends to award cooperative agreements for projects that will advance national policy and systems, reduce disparities and ensure programs and practices aimed at indoor air risk reduction are sustainable. Projects should reduce indoor air risks and yield measurable environmental and public health outcomes in one or more priority areas: radon, indoor environmental asthma triggers, comprehensive indoor air risk reduction.

Applications will be accepted from states, local governments, territories, tribes, and possessions of the U.S., including the District of Columbia, international organizations, public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories, and other public or private non-profit institutions. Individual awards are expected to range from \$75,000 to \$200,000, annually. Details are available on EPA's [Reducing Public Exposure to Indoor Pollutants](#) website.

WaterSMART Water and Energy Efficiency Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 17.**

The Bureau of Reclamation provides 50/50 cost share funding to irrigation and water districts, tribes, states, and other entities with water or power delivery authority. Projects conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the production of hydropower, mitigate conflict risk in areas at a high risk of future water conflict, and accomplish other benefits that contribute to water supply reliability in the western U.S.

This program provides up to \$500,000 per agreement for projects that can be completed in two years and up to \$2 million per agreement for projects that can be completed in three years. Details are available on the Bureau of Reclamation's [WaterSMART](#) website.

Supporting Equitable Development and Environmental Justice in Brownfields Communities

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 21.**

This opportunity will provide funding to eligible entities to provide training, research, and technical assistance to facilitate the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments, remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, or site preparation.

A brownfield site is defined as real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, controlled substances, petroleum or petroleum products, or mine-scarred land.

EPA anticipates awarding one grant for an estimated \$600,000, funded incrementally on an annual basis over three years, at approximately \$200,000 per year. Eligible entities include local and state governments, tribes (other than in Alaska - except for Metlakatla Indian Community), land clearance authorities, regional councils, redevelopment agencies, Alaska Native Regional Corporations, Alaska Native Village Corporations, nonprofit organizations, and others. Details are on EPA's [FY 2021 Brownfields Training, Research, and Technical Assistance Grant](#) website.

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality - Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Rethink Grants!

APPLICATIONS DUE: **October 2.**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality opened its 2020 [Materials Management Grants](#) round for projects that reduce impacts across the full cycle of materials and products. The lifecycle of materials and products includes product design, raw material extraction, manufacturing, transport, consumption, use, reuse, repair, recovery through recycling, composting or anaerobic digestion, and disposal. This funding will support projects that help advance [Oregon's 2050 Vision of Materials Management](#).

This year, focus points will be attributed to projects that increase or improve online or other access to activities that reduce the environmental and human health impacts of materials (materials management activities). Access must comply with state [COVID-19-related guidelines and restrictions](#). Additional points will be awarded for projects that increase or improve access for historically marginalized communities.

In 2020, Oregon DEQ will award up to \$600,000 in statewide funding. Nonprofit organizations, tribes, small businesses, local governments, organizations created through intergovernmental agreements, and schools may apply for a materials management project grant. Grant application details, including Frequently Asked Questions are available on [DEQ's Materials Management Grants Program](#) website.

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State of Oregon
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Bureau of Reclamation Technical Assistance to Tribes

APPLICATIONS DUE: **October 28.**

The objective of this opportunity is to invite federally recognized tribes and tribal organizations to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage and protect tribal water and related resources.

Through this opportunity, Bureau of Reclamation provides funding for projects that increase water reliability, consistent with the 2018 Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. For details, check out the Bureau of Reclamation's [Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program](#) website.



Training & Technical Assistance

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TribalP2Action Webinar and Roundtable Meeting Series

August 25 – September 22, Weekly Online Events

The Pala Band of Mission Indians and the Tribal Pollution Prevention Action team are excited to announce a series of online events focused on helping tribal businesses and other organizations prevent pollution and save money in the areas of hazardous substances, water, wastewater, and energy.

From August 25 through September 22 a series of five webinars and three roundtable meetings will offer pollution prevention (P2) planning and implementation guidance and resources, discussions on challenges and best practices, case studies from tribal businesses, and more. Event details and registration links can be found on the [TribalP2Action Webinar Roundtable Series](#) website.

The Tribal P2 Action Project is administered by the Pala Band of Mission Indians with funding from the U.S. EPA's P2 Grant Program. To learn more about the Tribal P2 Action Project and sign up for their email list, visit the [Tribal Pollution Prevention Action](#) website.

EPA Waste & Materials Management Training Series: Starting Community Composting Programs on Tribal Lands



September 9 and 23 – Online Training

Looking for solutions on how to manage organic materials on your lands, return nutrients to the soil, and reduce landfilling? Please join these webinar trainings to learn how to compost, identify community composting practices that may work well in your community, and chart a path towards developing a community composting program.

[Register for September 9 session:](#)

Identifying Composting Methods for Your Community.



[Register for September 23 session:](#)

Planning your Community Composting Program.

This training series is organized by EPA Regions 9 and 10 Tribal Waste programs, and is sponsored by EPA's Office of Resource Conservation and Recovery.

If you have solid or hazardous waste questions and technical assistance needs, check out EPA's [Cleaning Up Tribal Lands in Region 10](#) website.

Operator Tour – Successful Rural Landfill Operation and Composting

September 21, Virtual Training

Zender Environmental Health & Research Group is offering this 1.5-hour distance training. The webinar will be provided by long-time landfill operator and solid waste expert, Paul Berry that gives a step-by-step tour of what a small rural Alaska landfill facility can look like and how he developed each program component at the Gustavus Disposal and Recycling Center. Operations include composting, recycling, used oil disposal, backhaul, baling, materials resale, inventorying, fee charging, and recordkeeping. Gustavus didn't get there overnight, but persistence and steady efforts paid off and many or all components can work in your community too.

This training will be given live by toll-free phone with live online presentations. If you don't have reliable internet, Zender Environmental will mail you all the presentation materials to follow along by phone. No internet required. For a detailed description and to apply, check out the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Trainings](#) website.

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

Water and Soil Sampling Training

October 6-8, Virtual Training

In this virtual Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training, you will learn how to take your own water and soil samples to send for laboratory contaminant testing, how to test on-site for surface water fecal coliform, and how to sample and monitor for the basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter. One-on-one follow-up will be provided post-training to each attendee to answer questions, troubleshoot testing, and help with writing QAPP's and more.

This training will be given live by toll-free phone with live online presentations. If you don't have reliable internet, Zender Environmental will mail you all the presentation materials to follow along by phone. No internet required. For a detailed description and to apply, check out the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Trainings](#) website.

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Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act Online Training

This online training course is designed to help state, local, and tribal agencies know the requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act and its implementing regulations. The course supports agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities prescribed in law and is also designed to prepare participants for chemical emergencies and to provide compliance assistance to facilities.

Participants will learn facilities' reporting requirements providing information on the storage and releases of hazardous chemicals and how state and local agencies should use that information to prepare and protect the community from chemical emergencies. Each lesson contains text, interactive exercises, and knowledge checks. Register on EPA's [EPCRA Online Training](#) website.

Backhaul Training

November 5-6, Virtual Training

This virtual Zender Environmental Health and Research Group backhaul training will cover collection, storage, inventory, supplies, packing, working with vendors and transporters, shipping, labeling, paperwork.

This training will be given live by toll-free phone. Zender Environmental will mail all the presentation materials in advance. No internet required or used. For a detailed description and to apply, check out the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Trainings](#) website.

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Air Pollution Training Institute

EPA's Air Pollution Training Institute helps air professionals plan training tailored for your job, learn from self-instructional and web-based training, track training progress and access transcripts. Some courses are offered periodically in classrooms.

There are several online courses available on topics related to Introduction to Air Pollution Control, Air Toxics/Hazardous Air Pollutants, Quality Assurance for Air Pollution Measurement Systems, and more. Online courses include modules, narration, knowledge checks and exams. Courses are available on EPA's [Air Pollution Training Institute APTI-Learn](#) website.

Grants Management Online Training

This online training course is designed to introduce EPA grant applicants and recipients to key aspects of the entire grant life cycle, from preparation of an application through grant closeout. The course is divided into separate modules that can be completed individually. Each module includes knowledge checks to verify your understanding of key concepts. Upon completion, you will be prompted to generate a downloadable certificate of completion. You can access the online course on EPA's [Grants Management Training for Applicants and Recipients](#) website.

ITEP E-Learning Online Courses

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is offering courses conducted over the internet and include presentations via videos, assignments, activities, discussion boards, and exams. ITEP offers instructor-led or self-paced online courses. Topics include quality assurance project planning, introduction to rural Alaska landfill planning, HAZWOPER 8-hour refresher, partnerships and community outreach, and more. Browse their [full catalog of online courses](#).

Pop Quiz Answer from Page 1

Top Ten recommended items to include in a basic emergency supply kit:

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| 1. Water, one gallon supply per person per day, for 3 days. | 6. First aid kit. |
| 2. Three-day supply of non-perishable food. | 7. Dust mask. |
| 3. Battery powered or hand crank radio. | 8. Moist towelettes, garbage bags, and plastic ties for personal sanitation. |
| 4. Flashlight and extra batteries. | 9. Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities. |
| 5. Whistle to signal for help. | 10. Can opener for canned food. |

Check out the [Ready.gov Build A Kit](#) website for additional details, including COVID-19 preparedness.

Calendar of Events

September

- 1-2** **Waste Assessment Training for Tribes.** Webinar from 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time.
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/667544703316212240>
- 8** **Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule State and Tribal Webinar 2.**
12:00 noon Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2Q9PDKm>
- 8** **ANTHC IGAP Networking Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://bit.ly/2GRKy4f>
- 9** **Identifying Composting Methods for Your Community.** Webinar at 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time.
<http://bit.ly/3gg93YP>
- 9** **Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Rule State and Tribal Webinar 3.**
12:30 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/3iUjklO>
- 10** **Information Systems to Advance Environmental Justice.**
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/3ghp0xl>
- 14-17** **Virtual National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference.**
<https://sites.google.com/view/2020-nticc-itep/home>
- 15** **Sanitary Survey App Informational Webinar for Tribes #1.**
11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/epassatribes1/>
- 16** **Construction General Permit 2022 Re-issuance Informational Webinar for Tribes.**
11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5241471293956443149>
- 17** **E-Enterprise Digital Strategy.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.eenationalmeeting.net/september-2020>
- 21** **Operator Tour! Successful Rural Landfill Operation and Composting.** Virtual Training.
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 22** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 23** **Planning Your Community Composting Program.** Webinar at 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time.
<http://bit.ly/34jGjfi>
- 23** **Sanitary Survey App Informational Webinar for Tribes #2.**
11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/epassatribes2>
- 23-25** **Digital Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit.** • <http://region10rtoc.net/home>

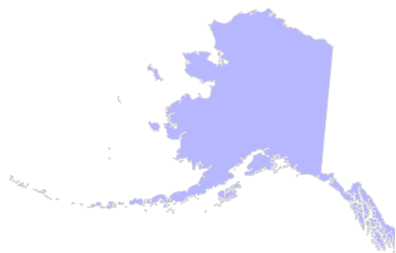
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10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join, contact **Christi Duboiski** • 360-753-9081 • duboiski.christi@epa.gov
- 6-8** **Water and Soil Sampling.** Virtual Training. • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 20** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 26 – November 13** **Virtual Data Academy and Conference.** • <http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org>

November

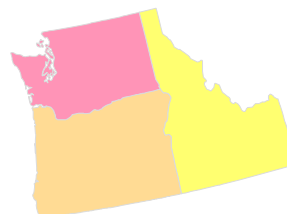
- 5-6** **Backhaul Training.** Virtual Training • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 24** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>

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