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Top News

Key EPA Officials Announced

In February, the Agency's Acting Administrator, Andrew Wheeler was confirmed as Administrator of the EPA. Administrator Wheeler has spent his career in environmental policy, working in EPA's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, and on Capitol Hill with Senate committees that aim to protect human health and the environment. He most recently worked as a principal at FaegreBD Consulting, providing guidance on federal regulatory and legislative environmental and energy issues.



EPA Administrator
Andrew Wheeler



Chad McIntosh,
OITA Assistant
Administrator

W. Charles "Chad" McIntosh of Michigan is the new Assistant Administrator of EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs. EPA's OITA leads the Agency's international and tribal engagements, including the [American Indian Environmental Office](#) which oversees the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program. Mr. McIntosh comes to EPA from the Ford Motor Company, where he managed global and environmental policy for nearly 20 years. Prior to joining Ford, he served as deputy director for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality where he worked with tribal and state leaders to oversee regulatory reform and criminal investigations.

As his first tribal meeting, Mr. McIntosh met with the EPA Region 10 [Tribal Operations Committee](#) and participated in the Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit in Portland, Oregon in March. OITA and Region 10 leadership look forward to engaging on a variety of issues of importance to tribes in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest.

New Region 10 Tribal Coordinator Assignments

EPA's Region 10 Tribal Trust and Assistant Unit currently has 14 tribal coordinators available to serve each of the federally recognized tribes in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Tribal coordinators fulfill dual roles, as liaisons between the tribes and the Agency on environmental and Agency issues, and as project officers for IGAP grants awarded to tribes and tribal consortia. TTAU strives to keep tribes and tribal consortia assigned to a tribal coordinator who serves their geographic region, while also trying to keep the number of tribes that each serves relatively balanced.

Staffing changes have resulted in TTAU shifting tribal coordinator assignments to cover the work of staff that have left the unit. The remaining tribal coordinators are in the process of notifying the tribes and transferring IGAP grants under the new assignment structure. If your tribe or consortia is notified of a change in your tribal coordinator, and your organization submitted a FY2020 IGAP proposal, that notification will include information on the proposal review process for this grant cycle.

Once all affected tribes are all notified, we will update the list of assignments on the EPA [Region 10 Tribal Contacts](#) website. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make these adjustments. Our goals are to ensure smooth transitions and award the grants in a timely manner so that you can continue the important work you do in support of your communities. Please contact **Stacy Murphy**, TTAU Manager with any questions or concerns at 206-553-2106 or murphy.stacy@epa.gov.

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National PFAS Action Plan and Assessments in Two Region 10 Communities

EPA has developed a national Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) Action Plan. The PFAS Action Plan outlines steps the Agency is taking to provide the tools and technologies states, tribes, and local communities need to address PFAS and protect public health. The *PFAS Action Plan* represents a proactive, cross-Agency approach to addressing PFAS and includes key actions addressing drinking water, contaminated site cleanup, monitoring, research, enforcement, and risk communication among others.

These efforts will help EPA and our partners identify and better understand PFAS contaminants, clean up current PFAS contamination, prevent future contamination, and effectively communicate risk with the public. EPA will work with federal agencies, states, tribes, local governments, water utilities, industry, and the public in implementing the plan.

PFAS are a group of chemicals that have been manufactured and used in a variety of industries since the 1940s (including PFOA, PFOS, GenX, and others). PFAS can be found in food packaging, stain- and water-repellent fabrics, nonstick cookware, firefighting foams, and other products. There is evidence that exposure to PFAS can lead to adverse health outcomes in humans. The *PFAS Action Plan* and a summary of key actions are available on EPA's [PFAS Action Plan](#) website.



The Centers for Disease Control and **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry** is conducting PFAS exposure assessments in two communities, and has announced that eight additional communities will be added. The ten exposure assessments focus on communities located near current or former military bases that are known to have had PFAS in their drinking water. The locations selected include the Fairbanks North Star Borough in Alaska (near Eielson Air Force Base) and Spokane County, Washington (near Fairchild Air Force Base). The assessments will be phased in over time, beginning in 2019 and will lay the groundwork for a CDC/ATSDR multi-site health study that will look at the relationship between PFAS exposure and health outcomes. [ATSDR's PFAS Exposure Assessments](#) website includes details on the assessments and the list of communities selected across the country.

If you are concerned about the possibility of PFAS in your drinking water, contact your local water supplier or check your state's department of public health information on EPA's [U.S. State Resources About PFAS](#) website. To learn more about PFAS and EPA's actions, check out EPA's [Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\)](#) website.

Air Quality Awareness Week, April 29-May 3

Air Quality Awareness Week 2019 will be held **April 29 - May 3**. This year's theme is **Check the Air Quality Index & Get Outside**. The goal is to promote events that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to use the [Air Quality Index](#) to determine the best time of day to be active outdoors. Each day will focus on a different topic:

- Monday – **Your Heart & Lungs**
- Tuesday – **Wildfires & Smoke**
- Wednesday – **Air Quality Index & Sensors**
- Thursday – **Air Quality in Your Community**
- Friday – **Air Quality Around the World**



Consider sharing information or hosting your own event to educate your community. EPA will make information and resources available on the [2019 Air Quality Awareness Week](#) website on Monday, **April 29**.

If you have any questions or would like EPA to spread word about your event, please contact **Debra Lee** at 919-541-0860 or lee.debra@epa.gov. Debra is interested in posting event information on the [2019 State and Local Events](#) website. If you create social media around your event remember to tag **@airnow** with hashtag **#AQAW2019**.

Air Quality Flag Program — Free Kits Available



The Air Quality Flag Program helps raise awareness about air pollution using colored flags. Schools and organizations raise a flag each day that indicates the local air quality forecast. The colors are based on [EPA's Air Quality Index](#): green, yellow, orange, red, or purple. When air quality is unhealthy, a flag is raised

to encourage people to reduce exposure to air pollution. For example, on an orange day, a school might decide to have physical education indoors or reschedule a soccer game.

The kits contain five colored flags, storybooks, bookmarks, posters, and guidance. The [air quality flag program](#) website features many other free resources to help participants run the program and educate their community.

To encourage schools, tribes, and communities to participate, EPA Region 10 has been giving away free flag kits. As a result, new flags are flying across the Northwest, including 10 tribes.

EPA Region 10 has a few remaining free kits. We are giving these kits away on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more about the program, or obtain a free kit, contact **Andrea Lindsay** at 206-553-1896 or Lindsay.andrea@epa.gov.





Alaska News

Interested in joining the Rural Alaska Children's Environmental Health Initiative?

Please contact Bryan Fiedorczyk from EPA Region 10's Children's Health Team and you'll be added to the Rural AK CEHI email list to receive future meeting invitations and updates.

Bryan Fiedorczyk

Children's Environmental Health Coordinator
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Rural Alaska Children's Environmental Health Initiative

Rural AK CEHI is a collaborative group of :

- *Federal, tribal, state, and local governments*
- *Public health and environmental organizations*
- *Academic institutions*
- *Community groups*

Rural AK CEHI focuses on sharing information and opportunities on topics related to children's health and welfare in rural Alaska and Alaskan Native Villages such as:

- *Healthy homes*
- *Healthy schools and child care facilities*
- *Air quality and indoor air environment*
- *Childhood exposures to lead and other contaminants*

Rural AK CEHI Initiative Bi-Monthly Meetings

Meetings typically feature a short presentation on an environmental health topic – recent examples include:

- *Rural Alaska Road Dust toolkit*
- *EPA Region 10's draft Lead Action Plan*
- *Radon Testing in Alaska*
- *HUD's Help Yourself to a Healthy Tribal Home guide.*

The rest of the meeting consists of attendees sharing information and updates.



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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

April 18 • Conference Call

May 16 • Conference Call

June Quarterly Meeting (date TBD) • Fort Hall, ID

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

Welcome New RTOC and NTOC Members!

Congratulations to the following people who were elected in December 2018 to serve as RTOC and NTOC representatives serving tribes in our region.

Todd Mitchell - Western Washington RTOC

Todd comes from the Swinomish Tribal Community. His alternate will be Shallee Baker of Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, who served previously in this position. Together, Todd and Shallee represent tribal communities in **Western Washington**.

Bill Picard - Idaho RTOC

Bill is from the Nez Perce Tribe and his alternate is Aaron Miles, who previously served as an alternate for Sam Penney. Together Bill and Aaron serve the communities of the **Kootenai, Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, and Shoshone-Bannock**.

Lance Whitwell - Alaska Position 3 RTOC (re-elected)

Lance works for Birch Creek Tribal Council. He will retain alternate Robert Myers of Pilot Station. Together they represent 42 communities in the **Interior** and **Upper Yukon** regions of Alaska.

Gayla Hoseth - Alaska Position 2 NTOC

Gayla is from the Curyung Tribe. She is in the process of finalizing her alternate selection. As a national representative, Gayla attends meetings with EPA headquarters offices in Washington, D.C. and attends our regional meetings. She represents all of **Alaska's federally recognized tribes** on the national level, and she and her alternate will also take on regional input from tribes in the **Upper Nushagak River/Iliamna** and **Bristol Bay** regions.

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Welcome New RTOC and NTOC Members!

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[Lee Juan Tyler](#) - Eastern WA, Eastern OR, Idaho NTOC (re-elected)

Lee Juan is from the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes. He retains Kelly Wright as alternate. Like Gayla, he represents Region 10 on the national and regional levels. Tribes are encouraged to approach Lee Juan or Kelly Wright regarding any national environmental policy concerns. Together they represent all tribes in **Idaho, Eastern Washington** and **Eastern Oregon**.

The [Region 10 RTOC](#) website includes a detailed list of tribes served by each representative.

2019 Tribal Leaders Summit

The Region 10 RTOC hosted the 2019 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit in Portland, OR on March 6-8. The theme of the 2019 TELS was *Sovereignty, Air, Land, and Water*. Over 300 participants attended from Region 10. Keynote speakers included Daniel Rey-Bear, EPA Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick, and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Director Richard Whitman. A youth track brought in over 30 participants ranging in age from middle school to college. Presentations from the summit are available on the [Region 10 RTOC 2019 Presentations](#) website.

2019 TELS evaluations will be sent by email to attendees soon. We hope that participants thought that it was successful. The Region 10 RTOC relies upon your feedback for planning the 2020 TELS event. Please consider completing an evaluation. Thank you!

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](#).

CONTACT: **Randi Madison**, Interim RTOC Coordinator • communications@region10rtoc.net

Tribal Consultation

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

FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

END DATE: **May 3**.

The National Program Guidances communicate operational planning priorities, strategies, key activities and measures, and guide grant work planning with tribes, states, and territories. The following eight EPA offices issue National Program Guidances: Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Office of International and Tribal Affairs.

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Tribal Consultation: FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

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The EPA's consultation and coordination process includes opportunities for meaningful input. National Program Offices will continue to engage with the National Tribal Caucus, tribal partnership groups, and other relevant organizations, and will consider this feedback together with the results of the RAs' early engagement efforts, in developing their National Program Guidances.

The draft Guidances will be available for review and comment on EPA's [National Program Guidance](#) website. Commenters are requested to only use the comments template provided for submitting input. The template will be available on EPA's [National Program Guidance](#) website. Comments should be submitted to the appropriate national program office contacts and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

There will be two national tribal consultation teleconferences. The calls will be held on **April 17 and 18 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time**. To join, please call **202-991-0477** and enter conference code **266-3807**. Join the webinar portion on EPA's Adobe Connect [DRAFT FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidance Tribal Calls](#) website.

The full schedule can be found in the updated technical guidance on EPA's [National Program Guidance](#) website.

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Grants

FY 2019 Clean Air Act Tribal Funding

PROPOSALS FROM NEW APPLICANTS DUE: **March 15.**

APPLICATIONS FROM CURRENT GRANTEES DUE: **April 5.**

EPA anticipates the availability of **Clean Air Act** grant funding in FY 2019 for tribes and tribal consortia within Region 10. Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act allow EPA to provide grant support to tribes to help build tribal knowledge and increase tribal capacity to manage air quality issues.

Funding priority will be based upon sufficient evidence of and tribal capacity to address ongoing air pollution concerns. Awards typically range from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

EPA Region 10 expects that nearly all available grant funding will be awarded to provide base funding for tribes and consortia that have established eligibility under CAA §105, completing existing CAA §103 projects, or with whom DITCAs have been negotiated.

For that reason, we expect to have very limited funding for new projects and initial air quality assessment needs. The funding announcement is available on EPA's [Region 10 Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

CONTACT: **Sandra Brozusky** • 206-553-5317 • Brozusky.sandra@epa.gov

FY 2019 Exchange Network Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 1.**

The Environmental Information Exchange Network is an internet-based system used by state, tribal, and territorial partners to securely share environmental and health information with one another and the EPA.



The primary outcome is improved access and exchange of high-quality environmental data from public and private sector sources. With this outcome in mind, applications should demonstrate support for and results toward EN program priorities. Eligible applicants include states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribes, inter-tribal consortia and other entities, such as regional air pollution control districts and some public universities may apply. For details, check out the *FY 2019 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice* on the [Exchange Network](#) website.

CONTACT: **Edward Mixon** • 202-566-2142 • mixon.edward@epa.gov



Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 3.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications 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 2-8 cooperative agreements nationally.

For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website. Questions about DERA funding may be directed to cleandiesel@epa.gov.

Training & Scholarships

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

Air Quality Planning for Wildfire Smoke

April 2-3, Boise, ID

In this hands-on ITEP workshop, participants will learn and practice skills that will be useful in preparation for wildland smoke events. Prior to the workshop, participants will watch five recorded webinars and one live webinar. The webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. The webinars are required for those who want to attend the hands-on workshop in Boise, Idaho. Registration information is available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.



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

Using Compost to Grow Food on Tribal Lands

April 9-11, Tucson, AZ

This ITEP course is for tribal employees intended to focus on diverting waste streams to create a usable product — compost. The course will be taught by a few different tribal presenters that have been successful in starting their own composting programs and using that compost to help them grow food. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting and growing topics of different sizes.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit two different styles of composting projects and farms in the Tucson area including a mid-sized compost facility located on a farm that grows traditional foods, and a community garden with a three-bin system that works in partnership with the Tucson Food Bank. These field trips will allow participants to better determine the right size composting program and learn how to get started. Details are available on [ITEP's Waste and Response Training](#) website.

CONTACT: **Julie Jurkowski** • 928-523-9404 • Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu

Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska

April 9-12, Anchorage, AK

This ITEP course is designed for tribal environmental staff who are responsible for managing air quality projects in Alaska communities. Topics include visioning and planning for air quality, creating an air quality plan, developing and managing an air quality project, engaging the community, building partnerships, using a Quality Assurance Project Plan, developing a grant work plan with outputs and outcomes, and grant reporting. Participants should have attended prior trainings or have equivalent background and experience. Registration information is available on [ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

CONTACT: **Sharlene Brown** • 928-523-5504 • Sharlene.brown@nau.edu



Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training

April 23-25, Anchorage, AK

SWANA Alaska Chapter and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are offering Rural Alaska Landfill Operator training. This RALO training will include learning solid waste management concepts with hands-on demonstrations, understanding best management practices for rural Alaska landfills, sharing local problems and solutions, guest speakers from agencies, landfills, and consulting, and a half-day field trip to the Anchorage Regional Landfill and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. The application form to attend and other details are available on [DEC's Division of Environmental Health Solid Waste Program](#) website.

CONTACT: Lori Aldrich • 907-269-7622 • lori.aldrich@alaska.gov

Qualified Sampler Training (Soil and Water Sampling)

May 8-10, Anchorage, AK

This Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training will include three days of a combination of classroom and field training that includes taking water and soil samples to send for laboratory contaminant testing, testing surface water for fecal coliform, sampling and monitoring for the basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter, and determining flow rates and discharge for your water body using a flow probe.



Passing this course satisfies the State of Alaska training requirements to become a qualified sampler. Trainees with approved QAPPs and appropriate sampling equipment can receive **follow up assistance** to help them complete the State's requirement for supervised work in the field. Full attendance and completion of the training can provide participants with University of Alaska - Fairbanks course credit for the ENVI 110 *Introduction to Water Quality*.

If you are interested in attending, please complete an online application on the [Zender Environmental Health & Research Group](#) website.

Composting & Solid Waste Training

June 11-13, Anchorage, AK

Need assistance with your solid waste program? This training explores several topics in-depth that are needed to manage your solid waste program. Some of the training topics will include developing codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables, hazardous waste, electronic-waste, landfill problem solving, and composting and solid waste funding. To attend, please complete an online application on the [Zender Environmental Health & Research Group](#) website.

The Business of Trash: Effectively Managing Your Community's Waste

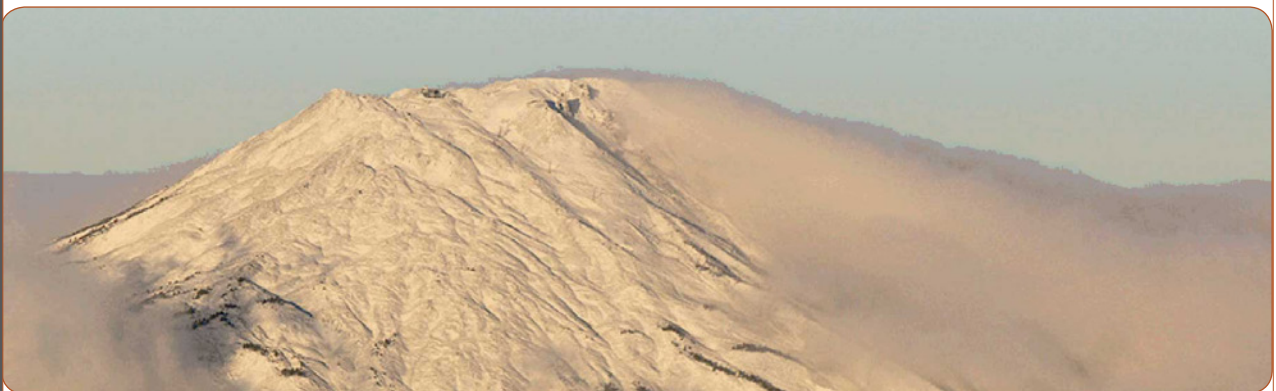
June 26-27, Utqiagvik, AK

Having trouble convincing your community to pay fees? Finding that your solid waste program starts and stops or doesn't seem to improve? Based on a successful model developed by the USDA, this Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training looks at your solid waste management program as a utility operation. Self-assessment exercises and discussions will explore the 10 management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. Participants will learn your own program's weaknesses and strengths and leave with an identified approach to improve your program. Details are available from [Zender Environmental Health & Research Group](#).

DOE Office of Indian Energy Technical Assistance

Federally recognized tribes, other tribal groups (including Alaska Native regional and village corporations), and tribal energy resource development organizations can apply annually to receive on-request technical assistance with energy planning; housing, building energy efficiency, and resilience; project development; village power; and policy and regulation. Assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations at no cost.

The goal of the technical assistance is to address a specific challenge or fulfill a need that is essential to a current project's successful implementation. The intended result is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward. Details are available on DOE's [Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs On-Request Technical Assistance](#) website.



Calendar of Events

April

- 2 – 3** **Air Quality Planning for Wildfire Smoke.** Boise, ID
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 3** **Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Tribal Forum.** Seattle, WA.
 To attend, email: wotus-outreach@epa.gov
- 3** **EPA's Online Drinking Water Training System Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://bit.ly/2TYU7XK>
- 9 – 11** **Using Compost to Grow Food on Tribal Lands** Tucson, AZ
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 9 – 12** **Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska.** Anchorage, AK
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 10** **Northern and Interior Alaska Monthly Solid Waste Training Teleconference.**
 1:30 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://bit.ly/2FknSua>
- 16** **Webinar: Identifying and Prioritizing Environmentally Impacted and Vulnerable Communities.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/2THYcR3>
- 16** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 17** **EPA's Draft FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances First Tribal Consultation Call.**
 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Call **202-991-0477**, enter conference code **266-3807**
<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/rsl6jm8qflpx>
- 18** **EPA's Draft FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances Second Tribal Consultation Call.**
 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Call 202-991-0477, enter conference code 266-3807
<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/rsl6jm8qflpx>
- 18** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23 – 25** **Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training.** Anchorage, AK
<http://dec.alaska.gov/eh/solid-waste>
- 29 – May 3** **Water Quality Standards Academy.** Washington, DC • <https://bit.ly/2ObfKz0>

May

- 6 – 9** **National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.** Temecula, CA
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf
- 7 – 9** **Managing Household Hazardous Waste at Tribal Transfer Stations.** Fort Lauderdale, FL
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 8** **Northern and Interior Alaska Monthly Solid Waste Training Teleconference.**
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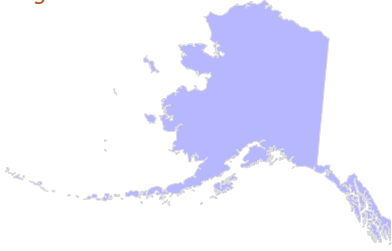
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- 8 – 10** **Qualified Sampler Training (Water and Soil Sampling).** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 15** **Alaska Inland and Arctic, and Western Alaska Area Committees Meeting.** Fairbanks, AK
<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/regional-area-planning>
- 16** **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting.** Fairbanks, AK • <https://alaskarrt.org>
- 16** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 21** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 21** **Harmful Algal Blooms and Algal Toxin Treatment Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series>
- 21 – 23** **Strategic Planning for Waste Diversion.** Duluth, MN
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 22** **Lead and Copper Rule 101: Training for States, Tribes, and Water Utilities – Part 1.** 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/2TJuPO9>
- 29** **Lead and Copper Rule 101: Training for States, Tribes, and Water Utilities – Part 2.** 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/2Fn2jYT>

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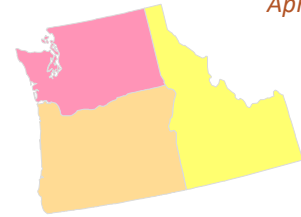
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<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-systems-monthly-webinar-series>
- 26 – 27** **The Business of Trash: Effectively Managing Your Community's Waste.** Utqiagvik, AK
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Report Spills and Violations

In the event of an oil spill, release of hazardous materials, or accident that may lead to an immediate threat to human health or the environment, please call **911**. Then, report it to EPA's **National Response Center** by calling **1-800-424-8802**.

To report a possible environmental violation, submit information online to the EPA at <https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>.

