



**Tribal Engagement Opportunities  
for National and Regional\* Water Actions**

**April 2024**

Highlights for April	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Proposed Rulemaking for PFAS Consultation Deadline
8 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, Public Comment Deadline

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Proposed Rulemaking for Incorporating PFAS Reporting Requirements into NPDES Application – <a href="#">Consultation Deadline</a>						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Proposed Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule – <a href="#">Public Comment Deadline</a>						
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
		Proposed Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, Public Webinar: 8:00am – 2:00pm PST, <a href="#">Register here</a>	Proposed Sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule, Public Webinar: 8:00am – 2:00pm PST, Register <a href="#">here</a>			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					
	PFAS Treatment Webinar: 11am-12:30pm PST, Register <a href="#">here</a>  Nevada’s Impaired Waters List: <a href="#">Consultation Deadline</a>					

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**May 2024**

Highlights for May	
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Harmful Algal Blooms Webinar
28 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Spring RTOC

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
			Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Bacteria Water Quality Standards Amendments: <a href="#">Consultation deadline</a>			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Harmful Algal Blooms, Hypoxia, and Nutrients Research Webinar Series: 11am-12pm PST, Register <a href="#">here</a>				
27	28	29	30	31		
	Spring RTOC: Table Mountain Casino, Register <a href="#">here</a>	Spring RTOC: Table Mountain Casino, Register <a href="#">here</a>	Spring RTOC: Table Mountain Casino, Register <a href="#">here</a>			

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# June 2024

**Highlights for June**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Early Engagement for CWISA-EC
- 20<sup>th</sup> UCMR 6 Consultation Deadline

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
			<p><b>Early Engagement for the Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Emerging Contaminant Program: <a href="#">Engagement Deadline</a></b></p>			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			<p><b>Sixth Proposed Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 6) for Public Water Systems: Consultation <a href="#">Deadline</a></b></p>			
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

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## Tribal Engagement Opportunities for National and Regional Water Actions 2024

### **Active National Consultations**

[Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for Incorporating Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substance Reporting Requirements](#): On January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024, EPA initiated a consultation opportunity with federally recognized Indian Tribes on a proposed rulemaking that seeks to update requirements for several of the existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit applications to address monitoring and/or reporting of Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl substances.

[Offer to Consult](#): January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024

[EPA Lead](#): Abigail Golder, [Golder.Abigail@epa.gov](mailto:Golder.Abigail@epa.gov), (202) 564-2231

[Sixth Proposed Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule \(UCMR 6\) for Public Water Systems](#): On March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024, EPA initiated a consultation and coordination opportunity with federally recognized Indian Tribes on the development of the sixth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 6) for public drinking water systems (PWSs).

[Offer to Consult](#): March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

[EPA Lead](#): Brenda Bowden, [Bowden.Brenda@epa.gov](mailto:Bowden.Brenda@epa.gov), (513) 569-7961 & Rachel Kaiser, [Kaiser.Rachel@epa.gov](mailto:Kaiser.Rachel@epa.gov), (513) 569-7835

[Public Meeting #1](#): April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8am-2pm PST

[Public Meeting #2](#): April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 8am-2pm PST

### **Updates on National Actions**

[EPA Policy on Consultation with Indians Tribes](#): On December 7<sup>th</sup>, EPA published a revised EPA Policy on Consultation with Indian Tribes and Guidance on Treaty Similar Rights. This Policy establishes national guidelines for consultation across EPA. Program and regional office consultation procedures must be consistent with this Policy.

Resources:

- [Factsheet](#)
- [Revised Policy](#)
- [Executive Order 13175](#)
- [Guidance for Discussing Tribal Treaty or Similar Rights](#)

### **State-Wide and Region 9 Consultation Opportunities\***

[Early Engagement for the Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Emerging Contaminant Program](#): On March 27<sup>th</sup>, EPA initiated an engagement opportunity regarding funding prioritization for projects to address emerging contaminants in wastewater infrastructure systems. Once established, the funding methodology will be utilized to award Clean Water Indian Set-Aside Emerging Contaminant (CWISA EC) Program funding through 2026.

[Engagement Offer](#): March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024

[EPA Contact](#): Nancy Sockabasin, [Sockabasin.Nancy@epa.gov](mailto:Sockabasin.Nancy@epa.gov), (415) 972-3772.

**State Impaired Waters List:** Every even numbered year, states must identify surface waters not meeting water quality standards on a CWA section 303(d) List of Impaired Waters, which EPA must review and approve. EPA has offered consultation on Arizona and California draft lists in 2023. On March 20<sup>th</sup>, EPA initiated a consultation opportunity for Nevada’s draft impaired waters list.

**Offer to Consult:** March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024

**EPA Contact:** Dave Guiliano, [Guiliano.Dave@epa.gov](mailto:Guiliano.Dave@epa.gov), (415) 947-4133

**Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board Bacteria Water Quality Standards Amendments:** On March 29<sup>th</sup>, EPA initiated a consultation opportunity with federally recognized Indian Tribes regarding EPA’s consideration of California’s proposed amendments to the Lahontan Water Quality Standards. These amendments remove outdated numeric and narrative water quality objectives (WQOs) for fecal coliform and incorporates the statewide WQOs for *E. coli* and enterococci that were approved by EPA in 2019.

**Offer to Consult:** March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

**EPA Contact:** Matthew Mitchell, [Mitchell.Matthew@epa.gov](mailto:Mitchell.Matthew@epa.gov), (415) 972-3508

### ***Upcoming State-Wide and Region 9 Actions***

No upcoming State-Wide and Region 9 Actions at this time.

### ***For More Information on Tribal Consultation Opportunities***

Visit [TCOTS website](#) to find Consultation Letters for all listed consultations here and others outside of Office of Water. Sign up for the newsletter to get upcoming consultation notifications: [Join-epa\\_tcots@lists.epa.gov](mailto:Join-epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov).