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Top News

New Year's Greeting from Region 10 Tribal Programs

Happy New Year! We hope that this year's holiday season has been happy and healthy, despite the hardships many continue to experience from the pandemic. We are encouraged that so many of our tribal partners are resilient and dedicated, managing programs and completing important environmental projects.

EPA continues to offer flexibilities for grant recipients who are experiencing delays due to the pandemic. Please contact your [project officer](#) if you have questions or concerns. EPA's [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#) website maintains the latest news and information about reducing airborne transmission, disinfectants and cleaning practices, research efforts, and other topics.

In the months ahead, you can expect to see EPA's [Strategic Plan for FY 2022-2026](#). The strategic plan provides a roadmap for accomplishing EPA's priorities over the next four years. EPA offices that issue National Program Guidances, which communicate planning priorities for advancing the Strategic Plan, conducted early engagement with tribes in 2021. Summaries are available on the [National Program Guidance](#) website.

Throughout 2021, EPA's American Indian Environmental Office continued its review of the 2013 Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia (GAP Guidance). The GAP Guidance describes how EPA administers the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program. You can expect to see an opportunity for tribal consultation on proposed changes in the coming months. Information on the GAP Guidance Evaluation is available on EPA's [Indian Environmental General Assistance Program \(GAP\)](#) website.

Grant season is in full swing. Applications for the Region 10 Wetland Program Development Grant Mini Competition are due **January 21**. Proposals for four grant programs — Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act Sections 106 and 319, and Tribal Clean Air Act grants are each due **February 18**. Details about these and other grant opportunities are included on [pages 8-11](#).

For grant recipients with either a 4 or 5-year grant that ended on September 30, closeouts are due by **January 30**. Grant closeout requirements are described on EPA's [Region 10 Tribal Grant Closeout](#) webpage.



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New Year's Greeting from Region 10 Tribal Programs

Save the date for upcoming conferences! The [Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit](#) will be held virtually March 2-4, the [National Tribal Forum on Air Quality](#) is scheduled for May 2-5, the [Tribal Lands & Environment Forum](#) will take place August 8-11, and the National Brownfields Training Conference - [Brownfields 2022](#) is set for August 16-19.

As we head into the new year, stay tuned for additional funding announcements, conferences, and important news and events by reading the Region 10 Tribal Newsletters, Region 10 Tribal Infobox emails, and our [Tribal Programs in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska](#) website.

EPA Awards Over \$32 Million for Tribal Environmental Programs in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest

EPA announced it has awarded over \$32 million in Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants for 257 tribes and tribal consortia in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

[Indian Environmental General Assistance Program \(GAP\)](#) funding helps tribes develop environmental protection programs and make informed decisions about issues that impact the health of tribal members and the quality of their environment. Tribes use GAP grants to develop environmental plans and set priorities, seek technical assistance, conduct research, and provide outreach and education – the building blocks for successful environmental programs.

GAP grants have helped tribes in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest plan, develop, and establish core environmental protection programs. GAP grants have also helped tribes plan for climate change impacts, develop solid waste management plans, and educate and engage local communities in addressing priority environmental projects.

With GAP and other federal funding, **Chugach Regional Resources Commission** and their Alutiiq Pride Marine Institute are working with tribes in Southcentral Alaska to conduct outreach, provide training, and collect baseline data on ocean water quality, harmful algal blooms, and climate change. Their work is highlighted in an educational video: [Community Sampling for Ocean Acidification in South Central Alaska](#).

GAP funds were instrumental this summer to the **Shoshone Bannock Tribes of the Fort Hall Reservation**, which provided timely air quality information as wildfire smoke from California and Oregon drifted towards Idaho. The Tribes disseminate air quality alerts, information on building DIY box fan air filters for healthier indoor air during wildfire smoke events, and other critical information for the Fort Hall community.

EPA Performance Partnership Grants that include GAP funds, supported the **Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians in Oregon** to receive EPA approval to administer the Clean Water Act's water quality standards and certification program. The **Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe** in Washington also used the funding to prepare an application for treatment in a similar manner as a state under the Clean Water Act. These approvals will enable tribes to develop their own water quality goals and standards.

EPA is now inviting proposals from eligible tribes and tribal consortia located in Region 10 for 2023 GAP funding. Details about the application process are available on the EPA [Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding](#) website. Further information is on pages [9](#) and [10](#).

Two Tribes in Washington to Receive EJ Grants

EPA is awarding \$14.1 million in environmental justice grant funds for 133 projects selected through the [Environmental Justice Small Grants](#) and [Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreements](#) programs nationwide.

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving grants will benefit communities in more than 24 states, including two tribes in Washington. The two tribal projects are as follows:

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation will install an air monitoring network to provide real-time air quality data during the wildfire smoke season and provide data sharing and air quality education to help residents make informed decisions about their actions during times of high air pollution.

Tulalip Tribes of Washington will use an E-Learning approach to risk communication on indoor air hazards by creating a set of 12 educational videos and gather feedback and insights from tribal communities that help ensure the videos are culturally tailored.

For a full list of recipients and project descriptions, read the [news release](#) or check out EPA's [Environmental Justice](#) website.

Funds Awarded for Puget Sound Recovery



EPA Region 10 is providing over \$34 million in grant funds to state, local, tribal, and federal partners for Puget Sound recovery and conservation efforts. [National Estuary Program](#) funds development and implementation of the [Puget Sound Action Agenda](#), the five-year strategy for Puget Sound recovery - and work to meet tribal trust responsibilities and treaty obligations.

These [grants](#) fund a diversity of work spanning from habitat protection, to finding and fixing sources of pollution, to cutting edge stormwater research, to tribal salmon restoration projects.

Recipients include three tribal consortia, 19 federally recognized tribes, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Washington's Department of Ecology, Department of Health, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Commerce, the Puget Sound Partnership, Washington State University's Stormwater Center, and the University of Washington's Puget Sound Institute.

In addition to grants, EPA experts provide scientific and policy expertise to local, state, and tribal governments, industry and NGOs are involved in scientific research and restoration projects throughout the Puget Sound basin. The EPA [Puget Sound Program](#) also co-leads the Puget Sound Federal Task Force that works to coordinate federal programs and resources to support Puget Sound Recovery. To learn more about this inter-agency effort, see the recently posted November [2021 Progress Report](#).

How to Stay Informed About Oil Discharges and Hazardous Substance Releases

There are 271 federally recognized tribes in EPA's Region 10. Tribal participation in responses to oil spill and hazardous substance releases is crucial to ensure that the response addresses tribal concerns and protects tribal lands, resources, and culture. The protection of tribal lands and resources extends not just to your communities and reservation lands, but also to traditional use areas and other culturally important places. Tribes are invited to participate as members of the Unified Command in responses to incidents. Below is important information on how to receive notifications from the various entities involved in spill response in the event of a spill or discharge in your area.

National Response Center

You can report a spill to the [National Response Center](#) at 800-424-8802. The NRC is staffed 24 hours a day by personnel who will ask you to provide as much information about the incident. The NRC then activates the notification process by notifying stakeholders. If your tribe wants to be included in the notification process, send an email to nrc@uscg.mil or a fax to 202-267-1322. For more information, contact the NRC Senior Watch Officer at 202-372-2430.

Federal On-Scene Coordinator Notifications

EPA and US Coast Guard Federal On-Scene Coordinators will notify tribes during initial phases of responses to an oil spill or hazardous substance release. With the assistance of EPA Tribal Coordinators or US Coast Guard Tribal Liaisons, tribes within the potential impact area, including traditional use areas, will be notified. To update or confirm your tribe's contact information, please notify your EPA [Tribal Coordinator](#).

Alaska

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation maintains a distribution list for oil spill and hazardous substance release Situation Reports (SITREPs). SITREPs are issued for larger or significant spills and provide a summary of the incident and the response actions. [Sign up](#) online to receive SITREPs. DEC coordinates with tribes and provides additional information when impacts to a tribe have been identified. Visit the [Division of Community and Regional Affairs Data Portal](#) to confirm your tribe's information. All spills reported to DEC are recorded in the [Spills Database](#) available to the public.

Idaho

Tribes in Idaho can receive notification of spills and hazmat incidents by enlisting in notifications from the Idaho **State EMS Communications Center**. StateComm is an emergency communications center which provides dispatch and communications for EMS, hazardous materials incidents, public health emergencies, and other incidents. To sign up to receive notifications call 208-846-7610. To learn more, visit the Idaho State EMS [Communications Center website](#).

Oregon

Oregon Department of Environmental Quality notifies tribal nations of significant hazardous material spills that occur near highways, railways, waterways or in other areas of the state. When spills occur in any given county, each tribe identified is contacted as soon as possible. There are two lists - one is for petroleum and hazardous waste releases, and another is for sewage releases. To join the email notification lists or update your information, contact **Kimberlee Van** at 971-563-8034 or kimberlee.van-patten@deq.state.or.us.

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Washington

Washington Department of Ecology uses maps provided by tribes, to indicate the areas of concern. These areas include reservations, areas with usual and accustomed access to resources, and areas with treaty harvesting rights. Tribes are typically notified for incidents that might impact tribal resources and which involve spills to water exceeding 25 gallons. To confirm or update your information, please contact **Jase Brooks** at 360-951-9490 or jase.brooks@ecy.wa.gov.

Upcoming Alaska Inland Area Committee and Regional Response Team Meetings

Save the date for upcoming oil spill and hazardous substance response participation opportunities!



The Alaska Inland Area Committee is an interagency group charged with pre-planning for oil spills and is comprised of any player who has a role in oil spill response. The EPA Federal On-Scene Coordinators and State of Alaska State On-Scene Coordinators co-chair the Area Committee. The group seeks participation from interested parties in the Area Committee in our response preparedness efforts.

The next meeting of the Alaska Inland Area Committee is scheduled for **February 15** at 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time. You can join by videoconference or attend in-person. Details will be posted on the DEC webpage for the [Alaska Inland Area Committee](#) webpage.

The Alaska Regional Response Team is a multi-agency body consisting of representatives of federal agencies and the State of Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation. The ARRT supports On-Scene Coordinators during a spill response and coordinates these state and federal agencies in supporting the response. EPA, USCG and DEC co-chair the ARRT and tribes can request membership on the ARRT.



The next ARRT meeting is scheduled for **February 17** at 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time. You can join by videoconference or attend in-person. Details on how to join are available on the [Alaska Regional Response Team](#) website.

If you can't attend both meetings and need to choose between the two, we encourage participation in the Alaska Inland Area Committee meeting. This is the best way to be involved in oil spill and hazardous substance response planning and preparedness. If you have questions or concerns, contact **Mary Goolie** by email at goolie.mary@epa.gov.

Feedback Request — Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee's Priority Document

The Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee is a federal EPA Tribal Partnership Group comprised of tribal professionals working in waste, emergency response, Superfund, Brownfields, and Underground Storage Tanks that provides input to EPA and other federal agencies. The TWAR SC Priority Document is developed each year as a tool to ensure two-way communication and foster collaboration between tribal programs and the EPA.

The Steering Committee wants to know how you would rate the priorities included in the [2021 Priorities Document](#). This document, as well as their continuous discussion with EPA and tribal colleagues, is a powerful tool to ensure tribal concerns and priorities are addressed. Please complete an online [Priority Document Feedback Form](#) on the [TWAR SC](#) website.

Tribal Projects Featured in EPA Citizen Science Story Map



Citizen science engages the public in efforts to advance scientific knowledge by formulating research questions, collecting data, and interpreting results. Community science is place-based and community-controlled scientific efforts that advance social learning, empowerment, and collective action. EPA supports these initiatives through a range of resources including funding, technical support, and tools.

Tribal nations have a long history of partnering with communities to solve environmental problems. EPA partners with tribal nations on citizen science projects that

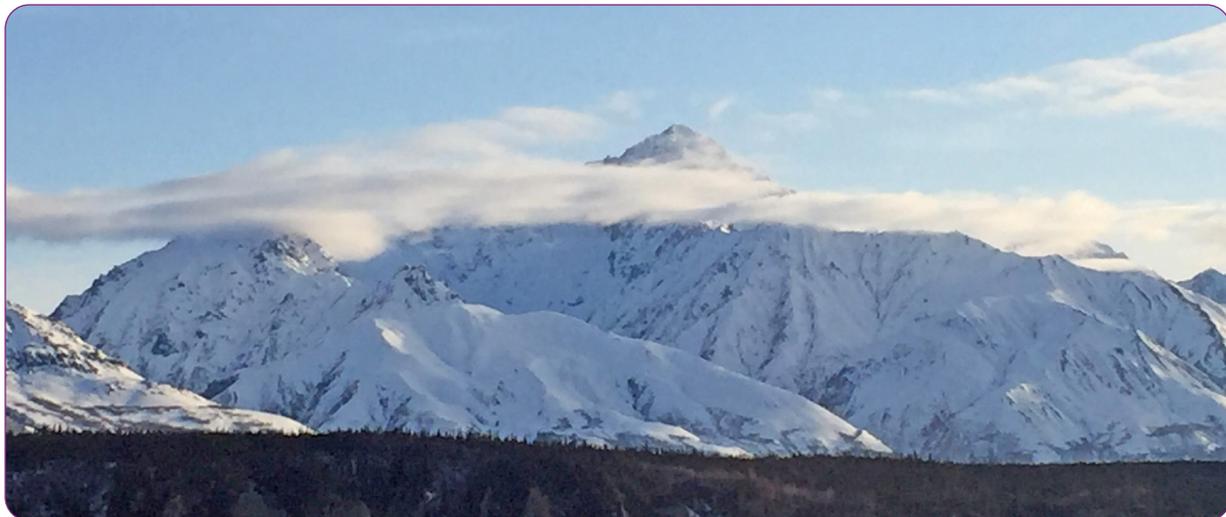
promote innovative approaches to addressing high priority environmental issues.

Three [tribal projects](#) in Alaska featured in a new Citizen Science at EPA Story Map include a Kuskokwim River water quality project in collaboration with four tribes, a project investigating microplastics in tribal subsistence foods with the Sitka Tribe, and the Local Environmental Observer Network (LEO). Check out the new story map on EPA's [Community & Citizen Science for Environmental Protection](#) website.

New Region 10 Tribal PPG Webpage

Tribes and tribal consortia can choose to combine funds from multiple federal environmental grants into one Performance Partnership Grant. A PPG reduces administrative burden and allows grant recipients to direct resources where they are most needed. Tribes and consortia are eligible for PPGs if they are eligible to receive two or more of the grants that can be combined into a PPG.

The EPA Region 10 Tribal Programs website recently added a new page that provides information about PPGs - including benefits, eligibility, how to apply, and who to contact. Check out the new [Performance Partnership Grants for Tribes in Region 10](#) website.



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The Region 10 **R**egional **T**ribal **O**perations **C**ommittee 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.

Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

Virtual Event
Rescheduled for March 2-4
Registration open!

For speaker bios, a tentative agenda, or
submit a presentation at R10tels.com



The Region 10 RTOC has a great line-up for the rescheduled virtual Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit this spring! The event will be broadcast from a new venue at the Northwest Museum of Arts and Culture with exhibit *Awakenings: Traditional Canoes and Calling the Salmon Home*. The MAC, in collaboration with the United Tribes of the Upper Columbia tells the story of the annual Columbia River Canoe Journey – from the purchase of old growth cedar logs and carving the dugouts to the annual launch and landing at Kettle Falls - through contemporary and historic canoes supported by the words of those who have experienced it.

Register on the TELS website. If you register by **February 4**, you will receive a cultural project and conference materials by mail. The RTOC is excited to see you at the summit!

Summary of Town Hall Meetings with Region 10 Tribes

The Region 10 RTOC has conducted six of seven Town Hall meetings with tribes in EPA's Region 10. The RTOC is grateful to the individuals who attended for providing insight on the priorities and environmental concerns across this vast region. To see meeting summaries, please visit the [Region 10 RTOC](http://Region 10 RTOC website) website. These priorities will help guide RTOC meeting agendas. As always, the RTOC welcomes continued and ongoing input from our tribes. If you have priorities to add, or wish to support any, email or call any RTOC representative or the RTOC Executive Director.

Stay Engaged with RTOC

- [Follow us on Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) 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](#).

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](#)

Standards of Performance for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources and Emissions Guidelines for Existing Sources: Oil and Natural Gas Sector Climate Review

END DATE: **January 14.**

The oil and natural gas sector is the nation’s largest source of methane, a potent greenhouse gas, and is a leading source of smog-forming volatile organic compounds and air toxics such as benzene. EPA is proposing to expand and strengthen New Source Performance Standards for methane and VOCs from new, modified, and reconstructed oil and natural gas sources, and to establish the first Emission Guidelines requiring regulation of methane from hundreds of thousands of existing sources nationwide.

An EPA analysis found that 112 unique tribal lands are located within 50 miles of an affected oil and natural gas source, and 32 tribes have one or more oil or natural gas sources on their lands. If you believe your tribe could be affected by these proposed actions, the EPA invites you to consult with the EPA prior to the agency issuing the final rule.

This proposal was published in the [Federal Register](#) on November 15. For more information about this proposed rule, check out EPA’s [Controlling Air Pollution from the Oil and Natural Gas Industry](#) website.

Grants

Region 10 Wetland Program Development Grants – Mini Competition

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 18.**

Wetland Program Development Grants assist state, territorial, tribal, local government agencies, and interstate/intertribal entities in developing or refining state, territorial, tribal, local programs which protect, manage, and restore wetlands.

There will be two separate applicant tracks for eligible applicants. Eligible states, territories, and tribes can submit applications under either Track One or Track Two. Under Track One, states and tribes must submit applications for either: 1. carrying out grant-eligible actions from a current EPA-approved WPP or 2. developing or updating a WPP.

It is anticipated that approximately two to three awards will be made under Track One and approximately one to two awards will be made under Track Two. Awards will likely range from \$25,000 to \$200,000 in federal funds. Details will soon be available on EPA’s [Region 10 Wetland Program Development Grant RFA](#) website.

Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 8.**

EPA has issued two requests for applications for the second round of Clean Water Act Section 123 Columbia River Basin Restoration Program grants. For basin-wide projects, applicants may apply under **both** the Lower Columbia River Estuary Request for Applications and the Middle and Upper Columbia River Basin RFA.

Lower Columbia River Estuary:

EPA is issuing a Request for Applications from eligible entities to improve water quality in the Lower Columbia River Estuary, through specific actions to reduce toxics, increase monitoring, and/or increase public education and outreach. EPA anticipates awarding about 15 cooperative agreements, ranging from \$75,000 to \$350,000 for the Lower Columbia River Estuary portion of the Basin.

The Columbia River Basin Restoration Program will assist tribal, state, and local governments; nongovernmental entities, and others as they implement the Columbia River Basin Toxics Reduction Action Plan and the Lower Columbia River Estuary Plan - Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan and conduct activities to support EPA national goals for the Columbia River Basin.

Middle and Upper Columbia River Basin:

EPA is issuing a Request for Applications from eligible entities to improve water quality in the Middle and Upper Columbia River Basin, through specific actions to reduce toxics, increase monitoring, and/or increase public education and outreach. EPA anticipates awarding about 15 cooperative agreements, ranging from \$75,000 to \$350,000 for the Middle and Upper Columbia River Basin portion of the Basin.

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Both Requests for Applications are available on EPA's [Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program](#) website.

FY 2023 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 18.**

EPA provides Indian Environmental General Assistance Program funds to tribal governments and intertribal consortia to assist in planning, developing, and establishing the capacity to implement federal environmental programs administered by EPA and to assist in implementation of tribal solid and hazardous waste programs. EPA administers this program in accordance with the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Act of 1992.

Applicants may request funding between \$75,000 and \$125,000 for FY 2023, depending on program need and existing balances. Tribes with large reservations may request a higher level of funding. For Umatilla, Spokane, and Quinault, funding may be up to \$150,000.

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FY 2023 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)

For Coeur d'Alene, Nez Perce, Shoshone Bannock, and Warm Springs, funding may be up to \$160,000. For Colville and Yakama, funding may be up to \$170,000.

The FY 2023 Notice of Funding Availability is available on the EPA [Region 10 Tribal Environmental GAP Funding](#) website. If you have questions or concerns, please contact your EPA [Tribal Coordinator](#).

Clean Water Act Water Pollution Control Program Section 106 and Nonpoint Source Program Section 319

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 18.**

The Clean Water Act authorizes the EPA to provide financial assistance to tribes under the Water Pollution Control Program, Section 106 - and the **Nonpoint Source Program**, Section 319. EPA Region 10 is announcing the availability of grant funds to support 2023 activities.

Section 106 Tribal Program

The CWA Section 106 program provides financial assistance for maintaining adequate measures for prevention and control of surface and ground water pollution from point and nonpoint sources. The program funds water quality management program activities including watershed assessments, water quality planning, standards development, monitoring and assessments, inspections and enforcement, permitting, training, advice and assistance to local agencies, and public information. It also funds participation in program activities related to the restoration of impaired watersheds.

Currently 40 tribes within EPA Region 10 are eligible to receive CWA Section 106 funds. Region 10 anticipates awarding approximately \$3.5 million to up to 40 tribes. The Funding Announcement is available on the [Region 10 Clean Water Act Section 106 Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

Section 319 Tribal Program

EPA provides grants and technical assistance to support tribal environmental programs in assessing and managing nonpoint source pollution problems and threats. A wide range of activities are eligible for funding under §319 including: NPS training for tribal staff, developing watershed-based plans, riparian planting, livestock exclusion fencing, lake protection and restoration activities, NPS ordinance development, outreach and education, and more.

Base Funding:

Base funding amounts are the same as previous years at either \$30,000 or \$50,000 depending on the size of reservation and trust lands. Your work plan must align with and flow from your tribe's approved NPS Assessment Report and NPS Management Program.

Competitive Funding:

If your tribe is eligible for base funding, then it is eligible to submit a proposal for up to \$100,000 in competitive funding.

Details and related documents are available on the [Region 10 Clean Water Act Section 319 Tribal Program Funding](#) website. If you have questions or concerns, contact **Krista Mendelman** at 206-553-1571 or mendelman.krista@epa.gov.

Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 18.**

Funding is available for tribes and tribal consortia under Clean Air Act Sections 103 and 105 to carry out Clean Air Act protections within reservations and tribal communities. Funding ranges from \$20,000 to \$250,000 for individual awards. Eligible activities including the following:

CAA Section 103: Research, training, investigations, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, and control of air pollution.

CAA Section 105: Implementation of programs for the prevention and control of air pollution (including both ambient and indoor air pollution) or implementation of national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards, including activities related to planning, developing, establishing, carrying out, improving, or maintaining such programs.

Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements: Assisting the EPA with any activity required to implement the Clean Air Act or supporting regulations such as the Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR), is eligible under DITCA authority.

If your tribe or organization is interested in applying, please submit a draft workplan and budget by email to your [project officer](#) by **February 18**. If you are a new applicant, please contact **Sandra Brozusky** by email at Brozusky.sandra@epa.gov. Additional details are available on the EPA [Region 10 Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities

APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 25.**

EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards is soliciting applications from eligible entities to conduct ambient air monitoring of pollutants of greatest concern in communities with environmental and health outcome disparities stemming from pollution and the COVID-19 pandemic.

EPA will award funds to support community and local efforts to monitor their own air quality and to promote air quality monitoring partnerships between communities and tribal, state, and local governments. The grants will be focused on collecting information that addresses air pollution problems identified by communities and effective partnerships.

EPA anticipates awarding a total of 50-70 grants or cooperative agreements. Approximately \$2 million of the total amount will be awarded to tribal governments under a tribal government set-aside, and approximately \$2 million will be awarded to eligible community-based organizations under a community-based organization set-aside.

EPA will offer an informational webinar about the funding opportunity on **January 11** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Details are available on EPA's [Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Funding under the ARP](#) website.



Training & Technical Assistance

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

Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities

January 25-27, Virtual

This Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals workshop is for environmental professionals who are just beginning to address ambient air quality issues in tribal communities. At the end of the event, participants will articulate their community's main ambient (outdoor) air quality concerns and identify the resources needed to begin addressing air quality issues in their community. [Apply online](#) to join the course by **January 12**. Contact **Christal Black** with any questions at 928-523-8410 or Christal.Black@nau.edu.

ITEP Student Summer Internship

ITEP offers Student Summer Internships for Native American students. The purpose of the internship programs is for students to gain hands-on skills with EPA or other governmental and tribal environmental offices. The 8-week, paid internships have an air quality research, technical, educational, or policy focus. Some internships will be local, and some may be virtual. The internship programs are funded by a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The deadline to apply is **February 1**. Details are on ITEP's [Student Summer Internship](#) website.

Alaska Forum on the Environment

February 7-10, Virtual

The 2022 [Alaska Forum on the Environment Conference](#) will feature more than 40 technical sessions, 4 keynote speakers, virtual exhibitor

booths, daily films, and an after-hours meet and greet. Topics will include climate change, science, contaminated sites, cleanup and remediation, emergency preparedness, marine debris, and more. AFE 2022 will be a virtual event, hosted on the Alaska Connect online training platform in partnership with Knik Tribe.



Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program Training

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment published a new Disadvantaged Business Enterprise Program training. This optional online training course is designed to introduce EPA grant applicants and recipients to key aspects of the DBE Program, including when and how to complete and submit [EPA Form 5700-52A](#) (pdf). You can take the training online on EPA's [Office of Grants and Debarment Recipients Training](#) website.

Development and Implementation of Tribal Solid Waste Codes and Ordinances Training

February 7-10, Virtual

March 9, Virtual

April 18-21, Virtual

This Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals virtual course with online assignments and follow-up workshop will focus on the writing and implementation of effective tribal solid waste codes. It has been developed for tribal environmental professionals without law experience, yet all level of experience, other tribal staff, and council members are welcome.

The course will be limited to twenty-five participants and is competitive. A notice of confirmation and fact sheet with additional course details will be sent to those who are selected to attend the course. An [application form](#) is available online. Applications are due by **January 14**. If you have questions, please contact **Julie Jurkowski** at 928-523-9404 or Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu.

PPE for Tribal Environmental Professionals

Personal Protective Equipment for Tribal Environmental Professionals was added to the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals free online training courses. This [online course](#) was developed for tribal environmental employees to identify when and what PPE is necessary to protect them from hazards in the workplace or during fieldwork. Access this course at your convenience by creating an account on [ITEP's Online Training](#) website. If you have questions, send an email to itep-elearning@nau.edu.



Calendar of Events

January

- 11** **Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring for Communities Funding Webinar.**
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1613283271#success>
or call 1-669-254-5252 and enter meeting ID: **161 328 3271**
- 12** **Waters of the United States Public Hearing.** 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-and-department-of-the-army-wotus-public-hearing-jan-12-2022-registration-211244667487>
- 12** **Grants Innovation Exchange Presentation: New Unique Entity ID (SAM) for Recipients.**
9:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/repeat-session-on-unique-entity-id-sam-tickets-227265496217>
- 12** **Native Village of Georgetown’s Mining Webinar Series: Episode 2 Featuring Orutsararmiut Native Council.** 12:30 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://www.georgetowntcenvr.com/miningwebinar>
- 13** **Waters of the United States Public Hearing.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-and-department-of-the-army-wotus-public-hearing-jan-13-2022-registration-211258017417>
- 18** **National Climate Assessment: Tribes and Indigenous Peoples Engagement Workshop.**
9:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/national-climate-assessment-indigenous-peoples-engagement-workshop-registration-210142731567>
- 18** **National PFAS Roadmap – Update for Tribes & Indigenous Peoples.**
11:30 a.m. Pacific Time • https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DOaSGEL9SD2AFcLwyz42xA
- 18** **Waters of the United States Public Hearing.** 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-and-department-of-the-army-wotus-public-hearing-january-18-2022-registration-211274536827>
- 19** **Native Village of Georgetown’s Mining Webinar Series: Episode 3 Featuring Calista Corporation.** 12:30 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://www.georgetowntcenvr.com/miningwebinar>
- 20** **EPA Watershed Academy Webinar: How’s My Waterway.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/how-s-my-waterway-january-2022-webcast>
- 24-27** **Alaska Marine Science Symposium** • <https://alaskamarinescience.org>

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- 25 **LEO Network Alaska Winter Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 25-27 **Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities** • https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScxeDm4dFiOWDbzAd9X_kC3-WW8f0uBZDqH4xx2IFOCJqKS7g/viewform
- 26 **Superfund Redevelopment Mapper Training.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/superfund-redevelopment>
- 26 **Native Village of Georgetown’s Mining Webinar Series: Episode 4 Featuring Donlin Gold.** 12:30 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://www.georgetowntcenvr.com/miningwebinar>
- 26-27 **White House Environmental Justice Advisory Council Public Meeting.** 1
2:00 p.m. Pacific Time
https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_A3OF1BBNSKOuYNqrrOklyQ

February

- 7-10 **Alaska Forum on the Environment**
<https://akforum.org>
- 7-10 **Development and Implementation of Tribal Solid Waste Codes and Ordinances Training.** https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejFUX2Ms_eQcGAI3M_YxfDxVIFqNNj5ySyOgRcO6u5rZ38Ug/viewform
- 15 **Alaska Inland Area Committee Meeting.** 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time
CONTACT: **Mary Goolie** at goolie.mary@epa.gov or
<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/inland-area>
- 17 **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting.** 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time
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<https://usepa.zoomgov.com>. Meeting ID: **161 6961 3152** Passcode: **9073124310**
- 28 – March 1 **Advancing Environmental Health Equity Through Implementation Science**
<https://bit.ly/3F5cUVe>

March

- 2-4 **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit** • R10tels.com

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