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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Save the Date! 2025 Tribal Clean Water Act Workshop

May 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

Location: Fallon, NV

[More info can be found here.](#)

### Spring 2025 RTOC Meeting

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## Active National Consultations

- **Revising the Definition of “Waters of the United States” WOTUS** - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of the Army, hereafter “the agencies,” are initiating consultation with federally recognized Indian Tribes on certain key topics related to the implementation of the definition of “waters of the United States.” On March 12, 2025, the agencies announced their intent to undertake a rulemaking to revise this definition once and for all in light of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*, 598 U.S. 651 (2023).
  - Dates: March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025
  - See the notification of consultation here: <https://tcots.epa.gov/ords/tcotspub/f?p=106:5::2194::::>
  - Point of contact:
    - Laura Shumway  
(202)566-2514  
[CWAwotus@epa.gov](mailto:CWAwotus@epa.gov)
  - Upcoming events:
    - Tribal Consultation Kick-off Webinar: March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. 1PM ET – 3PM ET (10AM PST – 12PM PST) [Register Here.](#)
    - Tribal Listening Session: April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. 1PM ET – 3PM ET (10AM PST – 12PM PST) [Register Here.](#)
  - Public Outreach and Stakeholder Engagement Activities can be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus/public-outreach-and-stakeholder-engagement-activities>

## Updates on National Actions

- **Administrator Zeldin Announces EPA Will Revise Waters of the United States Rule** - EPA Administrator Lee Zeldin announced that EPA will work with the United States Army Corps of Engineers to deliver on President’s Trump’s promise to review the definition of “waters of the United States.” The agencies will move quickly to ensure that a revised definition follows the law, reduces red-tape, cuts overall permitting costs, and lowers the cost of doing business in communities across the country while protecting the nation’s navigable waters from pollution. The EPA and Department of the Army announced a joint memorandum issuing guidance to field staff on implementation of “continuous surface connection” consistent with the U.S. Supreme Court’s May 25, 2023, decision in the case of *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*.

The agencies announced a *Federal Register* notice publicizing a series of six listening sessions and a 30-day recommendations docket to solicit feedback on key aspects of the definition of “waters of the United States.” The six listening sessions will be held in-person with a virtual option for States, Tribes, industry and agricultural stakeholders, environmental and conservation stakeholders, and the general public. The agencies are committed to obtaining targeted input from a full spectrum of co-regulators and stakeholders on key topic areas related to the definition of “waters of the United States” in light of *Sackett v. Environmental Protection Agency*, regarding “continuous surface connection,” “relatively permanent,” and jurisdictional versus non-jurisdictional ditches. The agencies also seek input on implementation challenges related to those key topic areas. This webpage will be updated with information about the upcoming listening sessions.

Please see additional information on [Waters of the United States](#).

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

No updates on State-Wide and Region 9 Consultation Opportunities at this time.

## Upcoming State-Wide and Region 9 Actions

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

## For More Information on Tribal Consultation Opportunities

[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](#)

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:epa_tcots@lists.epa.gov).