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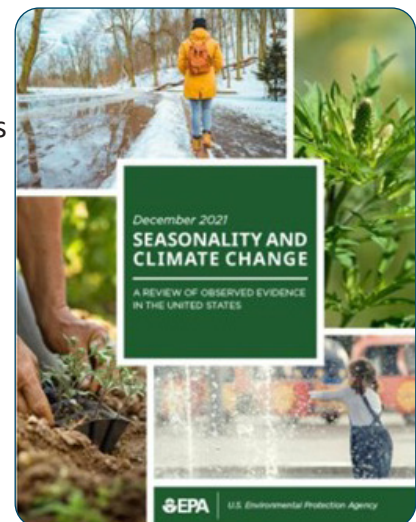
## Top News

### Report Shows How Climate Change is Influencing Seasonal Events

EPA issued a new report, [Seasonality and Climate Change: A Review of Observed Evidence in the United States](#). The report shows how climate change is affecting seasonal events and processes. Longer growing seasons, more heat waves, earlier snowmelt, and changes in leaf and bloom dates. These are just a few of the ways in which climate change is altering the nature of seasonal events.

Many of the changes underway can lead to harmful impacts on the environment and human health. More frequent heat waves can increase incidence of heat stroke, respiratory problems, and other adverse health conditions. Prolonged wildfire and pollen seasons can lead to increased exposure to unhealthy air quality and extra risks for people with asthma and allergies. Mountain snowpack plays a key role in the water cycle in the western U.S., and changes in mountain snowpack can affect agriculture, winter recreation, and tourism in some areas, as well as plants and wildlife. While a few changes can be beneficial — such as longer growing seasons for crops or reductions in winter heating fuel costs — the vast majority of effects on the climate are detrimental to human health and society.

In addition to support from the scientific literature, this report draws on data and findings from EPA's [Climate Change Indicators](#). EPA works in partnership with more than 50 data contributors from various government agencies, academic institutions, and other organizations to compile a key set of indicators related to the causes and effects of climate change. To learn more about climate change, check out EPA's [climate change](#) website.



### EPA Seeks Comment on Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures

Ongoing exposures to lead in the environment present a health risk to many people nationwide. Very low levels of lead in children's blood have been linked to adverse effects on intellect, concentration, and academic achievement. The U.S. has made substantial progress in reducing lead exposure, but significant disparities remain along racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic lines.

EPA developed and is seeking public comment on a draft [Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures and Disparities in U.S. Communities](#) (Lead Strategy). The draft Lead Strategy lays out approaches to strengthen public health protections, address legacy lead contamination for communities with the greatest exposures and promote environmental justice.

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## EPA Seeks Comment on Draft Strategy to Reduce Lead Exposures

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As part of EPA's outreach and public comment effort on its draft Lead Strategy, the agency is hosting virtual public comment sessions in each of its ten geographic regions from early February to early March 2022.

The sessions will be an opportunity for the public to provide verbal input on the draft Lead Strategy to EPA. Comments can also be provided in writing until March 16.

The session for tribes in Region 10 is scheduled for **February 8** at 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time. [Register online](#) for the Virtual Public Listening Session on EPA's draft Lead Strategy for Region 10. To learn more about lead, check out EPA's [Learn about Lead](#) website.



We'd like your input on...

THE U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY'S STRATEGY TO REDUCE LEAD EXPOSURES AND DISPARITIES IN U.S. COMMUNITIES (Lead Strategy)

February 8, 2022 6:00 PST

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Pre-registration will be required to provide verbal comment during the virtual public comment sessions. Interpretation and disability access support will also be provided.

In addition to these virtual public comment sessions, public comments may be also provided to EPA in writing until March 16, 2022.

More information about how to provide comments can be found at this web link: <https://www.epa.gov/lead/draft-strategy-reduce-lead-exposures-and-disparities-us-communities>

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## TAMS Steering Committee Call for Nominations

The Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center is announcing a call for nominations for two positions on the TAMS Steering Committee that will become available October 2022. Deadline to submit the nominations is **February 25**. Further information and the nomination forms are available on the [TAMS Steering Committee](#) website.



## 2022 Construction General Permit Finalized

EPA issued its final 2022 Construction General Permit which becomes effective on February 17, replacing the 2017 CGP. The 2022 CGP provides permit coverage to eligible construction stormwater discharges in areas where EPA is the [National Pollution Discharge Elimination System](#) permitting authority – which includes Indian Country lands in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, as well as Denali National Park and Preserve in Alaska.

To learn more, check out EPA's [2022 Construction General Permit](#) website or register for an [informational webinar](#) on **February 24** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

## Healthy Schools News Available

The January 2022 [Healthy Schools Newsletter](#) is available. The January edition features EPA's Cleaning and Disinfecting Best Practices during the COVID-19 Pandemic, an on-demand webinar on ventilation, information on mold and moisture control, funding for drinking water testing at tribal schools and daycares, schools as clean air and cooling centers, and January radon action month.

*Healthy Schools News* is published five times per year to help schools create healthier environments for students and staff in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Check it out and share it with schools in your community.

## Aleut Community of St. Paul Island Proposes a Tribal Co-Managed Marine Sanctuary



Unangaġ (or Aleut) communities on the Pribilof Islands of St. Paul and St. George located in the Bering Sea, are directly experiencing a rapidly transforming marine ecosystem - including alarming declines of fur seals, sea lions, seabirds, fish, crab, and other invertebrates, with real costs to local economies, culture, wildlife, and human and ecosystem health.

To address these concerns, the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island (ACSPI), the federally recognized tribe for St. Paul Island, Alaska, launched the Pribilof Islands Marine Ecosystem (PRIME) Initiative in December 2021, proposing a new approach to ecosystem management through Tribal Co-management, Indigenous-led research, and sustainable economic development.



The central focus of the PRIME Initiative seeks to elevate Unangan voices in addressing ecosystem concerns by working toward a designated, co-managed marine area within 100 nautical miles around the inhabited islands of St. Paul and St. George. This will adequately address shared conservation concerns while ensuring the sustainability of local and regional economies, which are intricately tied to the marine environment.

The governance framework of the PRIME will reflect co-management between the federal government and the federally recognized tribal governments of St. Paul and St. George. The proposed mechanism for establishing this area would utilize the existing National Marine Sanctuary Act, which includes existing processes for fishery management actions through the North Pacific Fishery Management Council as well as the needed flexibility to achieve co-management of the PRIME ecosystem while allowing for a balance of cultural, environmental, and economic priorities.

ACSPI submitted its [nomination of the PRIME Initiative](#) to the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries on December 17, 2021. For updates and to learn more about ACSPI and the [Prime Initiative](#) website.

The Aleut Community of St. Paul Ecosystem Conservation Office provides diverse services and products for tribal members; St. Paul residents; local, regional, state, and federal partners; and other stakeholders in the Bering Sea. ECO maintains an environmental program through funding the EPA's Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, BIA's Subsistence Resource funding, and a variety of competitive grants and funding sources.

If you have questions, contact **Dr. Lauren Divine**; Ecosystem Conservation Office Director at 907-891-3031 or [lmdivine@aleut.com](mailto:lmdivine@aleut.com).





## Tribal Healthy Homes Network – Winter Healthy Homes Checklist

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network offers a seasonal guide that describes how the home environment and air quality can affect your health and provides resources to help to learn more. The guide includes checklists for each season and actions you can take to protect your health inside and outside your home. The seasonal guides and calendars are available on the [Tribal Healthy Homes Network](https://www.tribalhhn.org/) website.

EPA collaborated with THHNW (hosted by the Tulalip Tribes) in developing the content of the seasonal guide and companion poster. EPA is in the process of printing additional seasonal guides and posters. If your tribe would like to obtain copies, please contact **Erin McTigue** at 206-553-1254 or [mctigue.erin@epa.gov](mailto:mctigue.erin@epa.gov).

### Winter Healthy Home Checklist

**Outside Your Home**

- If severe weather causes damage (including to roof, gutters, siding, or ice dams), report or repair immediately to prevent water damage and subsequent mold.

**Inside Your Home**

- Check for signs of high humidity, such as condensation on windows or mold on ceilings or walls. Always use fans while cooking or showering, and leave on for 45 minutes after. No fan? Open windows if possible.
- Temperature below freezing? Drain or cover outdoor pipes/spigots. Watch for pipes that have burst, which can cause flooding. Report or repair immediately.
- Check for mold (behind furniture, in closets, under sinks, on ceilings). Small amount of mold? Remove with scrub brush and dish soap, and always wear a mask and gloves (do not use bleach). If mold is recurring or covers more than 10 square feet, address the moisture source and learn more at [epa.gov/mold](https://www.epa.gov/mold).
- Check the bathroom fans. Properly vented fans should be able to hold a piece of bathroom tissue against the cover when operating. Report/repair if fans do not vent or work.
- Damp dust surfaces weekly (microfiber cloths are effective), as household dust may contain allergens, lead, chemicals, bacteria, and mold spores.

- Use non-toxic products when cleaning and disinfecting. Safer alternatives can be found at: [www.epa.gov/saferchoice](https://www.epa.gov/saferchoice) and [ewg.org](https://www.epa.gov/ewg).
- If your home has a heat pump, furnace, Toyostove, or a heat recovery ventilator (HRV), have it serviced yearly. Replace or clean filters every three to six months, or more frequently when air quality is poor.
- Check woodstove for signs of damage, such as broken seals or gaskets, a loose door or cracked glass. Report or repair immediately.
- Using a portable air cleaner? Follow manufacturer's guidelines and regularly change or clean the filter. Before buying or using an air cleaner, confirm it does not produce ozone – a hazard to all, especially to people with heart or lung disease.
- Using a dehumidifier? Empty the collection tank as soon as full. Clean tank and screen with soap and water frequently.
- Use a damp cloth to wipe down heating appliances to remove built-up dust.

**Safety in Your Home**

- Using a gas-powered generator? NEVER run it inside your home or garage. NEVER use your oven, gas grill, or charcoal grill for cooking or heating indoors. This precaution will prevent deadly carbon monoxide gas from building up in the home.
- Home tested for radon? Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer. Learn more at [www.epa.gov/radon](https://www.epa.gov/radon).

Despite cold temperatures, it is still safer for family members to smoke or vape outside the home (excluding ceremonial use).

### Portland Harbor Story Map

EPA's new [Portland Harbor Story Map](https://www.epa.gov/portland-harbor-story-map) is an online location for education, learning, and building awareness about tribal, environmental justice, and general histories of the Portland Harbor Superfund Site through a storytelling lens. The [Story Map](https://www.epa.gov/portland-harbor-story-map) was developed thanks to the input received on EPA's Portland Harbor Community Involvement Plan, the City of Portland, and Oregon Department of State Land's Needs Assessment for the Information Management Plan.

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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.*

## Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

### Seeking Nominations for Environmental Excellence Awards

**Virtual Event: March 2-4**  
**Registration open!**



This year’s Tribal Environmental Leaders Award will be given in honor of the 2019 recipient, Lance Whitwell. Lance served on the RTOC for over 10 years and gave his heart and soul to serve to his community and the protection of our environment. Lance passed away in 2021.

The Region 10 RTOC has a great line-up for the virtual TELS hosted from Eastern Washington, in Spokane:

- Jane Nishida, Assistant Administrator for EPA’s Office of International and Tribal Affairs.
- Wilson Justin, Alaska Native elder and advisor to the EPA GAP Act of 1992.
- Quannah Chasinghorse, Indigenous model and environmental activist.

30 other presentations from Eastern Washington culture bearers, EPA, and tribal environmental professionals.

Register on the [TELS website](#). If you register by **February 4**, you will receive a cultural project and conference materials by mail.

## RTOC Welcomes Ashley Corrao



Ashley Corrao

RTOC welcomes Ashley Corrao as their new executive administrative assistant! Ashley was born and raised in Staten Island, New York and is of Puerto Rican Taino descent. She currently lives in Big Lake, Alaska with her two Great Danes, Beau and Chappie.

She went to Dominican College in Rockland County, New York to study history. The first time she really saw a bunch of trees, she knew she needed to get out of the city. Her Auntie paved the way for her opening her life to two of the most beautiful states she’s ever seen, Hawaii and Alaska. She lived on the Big Island of Hawaii working as a kayak tour guide and worked for the Mat-Su Borough School District in Alaska. She looks forward to serving the tribes of Region 10!

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**RTOC****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](#) 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](#).

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**Tribal Consultation**

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

**Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category**

END DATE: **March 29.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category (the Steam Electric ELG). The Steam Electric ELG regulations cover wastewater discharges from power plants.

The current rulemaking specifically focusses on wastewaters generated by coal-fired power plants. These limitations on the discharge of pollutants will subsequently be incorporated into National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, potentially reducing pollutant discharges into waters of the United States.

On July 26, 2021, EPA announced its decision to undertake a rulemaking in which the Agency will determine whether more stringent limitations and standards for coal-fired power plants are appropriate and consistent with the technology-forcing statutory scheme and the goals of the Clean Water Act.

EPA will hold a tribal webinar and listening session on February 9 at 10 a.m. Pacific Time. [Register](#) for the **February 9** Tribal Webinar and Listening Session.

Additional information on the Steam Electric ELG can be found on EPA's [Steam Electric Power Generating Effluent Guidelines](#) website.

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# Grants

## Columbia River Basin Restoration Funding Assistance Program

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APPLICATIONS DUE: **March 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.

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.

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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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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: **March 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. Details are available on EPA's [Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Funding under the ARP](#) website.



# Training & Technical Assistance

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## Alaska Forum on the Environment

February 7-10, Virtual

The 2022 [Alaska Forum on the Environment \(AFE\) 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.

## Introduction to Meteorological Monitoring

February 8 and 10, Virtual

This webinar series offered by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will provide tribal professionals basic information on meteorology and meteorological monitoring guidance for in-situ primary meteorological monitoring variables. The webinars will provide general information on the sensors used for in-situ measurements: measurement quality objectives, verification/calibration, and accuracy criteria, as well as guidance on siting and exposure of meteorological towers. Details and registration are provided on ITEP's [2022 Webinars website](#).



## Private Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country

February 9-10, Virtual

Private applicators who plan to use or supervise the use of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) on Indian country that is covered by the *EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Pesticide Applicators within Indian Country* have the option to take EPA's private applicator training instead of submitting a copy of a valid private applicator certificate.

A private applicator is a certified applicator who uses or supervises the use of RUPs for the purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned or rented by the applicator or the applicator's employer; or on the property of another person if applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities.

EPA periodically offers a free training course via webinar. The training is a total of 12 hours, presented on two consecutive days. Details are available on EPA's [Training for Private Applicators Under the EPA Plan](#) website. To register, send an email to [EPACertplan@epa.gov](mailto:EPACertplan@epa.gov) by **February 7**.

## The Business of Trash

**February 9-10, Virtual**

Having trouble convincing your community to pay fees? Finding that your solid waste program starts and stops or doesn't seem to improve? This Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training looks at your solid waste management program as a utility operation. The training uses self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the 9 management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. You will learn your own program's weaknesses and strengths and leave with an identified approach to improving your program. This training includes developing a solid waste management budget and a community outreach strategy. Details and registration are available on the [Zender Environmental](#) website.

## Backhaul Training

**March 1-3, Virtual**

This Zender Environmental Health & Research Group backhaul training which includes OSHA 10 hr safety, DOT HMR regulations, inventory, storage, packing, shipping, labeling, and shipping paperwork. Details and registration are available on the [Zender Environmental](#) website.

## Landfill Equipment O&M Training

**March 23, Virtual**

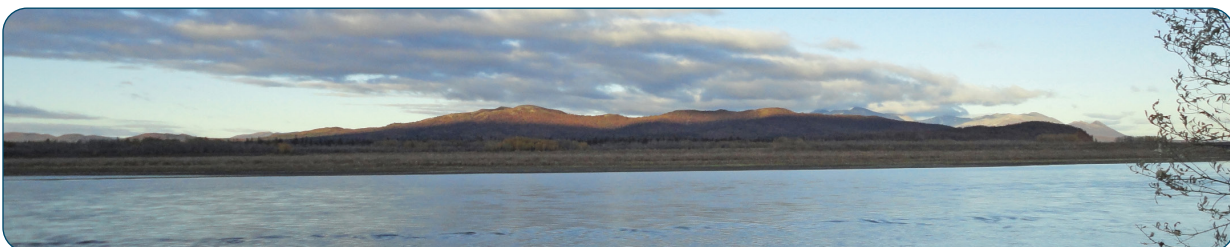
This Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training focuses on small landfill equipment such as bobcats, balers, glass crushers, and other recycling equipment. It will train operators on how to keep a piece of equipment running for 30 years to increase program sustainability and maintain the equipment workspace, facility, and ensure proper storage. Details and registration are available on the [Zender Environmental](#) website.

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## 7 Generations Training

**April 26-29, Virtual**

Communities in rural Alaska are faced with many unique and complex environmental issues. The 7 Generations training provided by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is an interactive workshop that introduces participants to a community-based approach for developing local environmental plans. The training also introduces the basics of common environmental issues that can affect health such as drinking water, wastewater, solid waste, fuel storage, air, energy and climate, etc. Details are available on ANTHC's [Capacity & Training](#) website.



# Calendar of Events

## February

- 3** Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Planning and Technical Assistance on Solid Waste – Interactive Webinar #3 on Workplan. 3:30 p.m. Alaska Time  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkde-rpjoigNDhedv27ydQij5-XyRP0cr>
- 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](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSejFUX2Ms_eQcGAI3M_YxfDxVIFqNNj5ySyOgRcO6u5rZ38Ug/viewform)
- 8** EPA's Quality Program Virtual Meeting: Session 1. 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqspjwpH9nX9QPBJVuwXISbivAPATI>
- 8** Introduction to Meteorological Monitoring – Part 1. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://nau.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvCOGgqDiiEtftsyo6HrD30UtNPgfq7YzC>
- 8** Lead Strategy Listening Session for Region 10. 6:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Register online:  
<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscu6qqj8pGmpjPcVsd6ClK1w1IJHEzOw>
- 9** EPA's Quality Program Virtual Meeting: Session 2. 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqspjwpH9nX9QPBJVuwXISbivAPATI>
- 9** Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category Tribal Webinar and Listening Session. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_c3TOTjz-TuOlG5ABN7GN1Q](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_c3TOTjz-TuOlG5ABN7GN1Q)
- 9** COVID-19: Evaluating Aerosol Treatment Technologies. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_wmgSjBRQJ2XbbNCbcv\\_Zw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_wmgSjBRQJ2XbbNCbcv_Zw)
- 9** EPA's QA Virtual Training: Using R in the QA Process. 12:15 p.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2spzMsHKUzE-4CuVuXIUd1Z0FYGI>
- 9** EPA's QA Virtual Training: Project Management. 12:15 p.m. Pacific Time  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-iqqD0pEifjmY0t02XVffvB5Hh37\\_o](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlsc-iqqD0pEifjmY0t02XVffvB5Hh37_o)
- 9** ANTHC GAP Networking Webinar. 1:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 9** EPA's QA Virtual Training: Using R in the QA Process. 11:15 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCgrjJHtJG57wBTn\\_5B7gbV-H7z84](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscCgrjJHtJG57wBTn_5B7gbV-H7z84)
- 9-10** Training for Private Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country.  
Register by **February 7** by email at [EPACertplan@epa.gov](mailto:EPACertplan@epa.gov)  
Web page: <https://go.usa.gov/xtnPw>
- 9-10** The Business of Trash • <https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/training>
- 10** EPA's Quality Program Virtual Meeting: Session 3. 9:30 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscOqspjwpH9nX9QPBJVuwXISbivAPATI>
- 10** Solutions and Resources to Address COVID-19 in Schools: Establishing Lasting Improvements to Ventilation and IAQ. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/3588072998388220685>

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# Calendar of Events

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*Links to websites outside of EPA are provided for additional information that may be useful or interesting to our readers. We cannot attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites, nor does EPA endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications.*

- 10 **Introduction to Meteorological Monitoring – Part 2.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://nau.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEvcOGgqDliEtftsyo6HrD30UtNPgfq7YzC](https://nau.zoom.us/join/tZEvcOGgqDliEtftsyo6HrD30UtNPgfq7YzC)
- 10 **EPA's QA Virtual Training: Using R in the QA Process.** 11:15 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdcCgrljHtJG57wBTn\\_5B7gbV-H7z84](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltdcCgrljHtJG57wBTn_5B7gbV-H7z84)
- 10 **EPA's QA Virtual Training: Project Management.** 11:15 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJlscO2tpzkiH1mDPesKr9Bw99fwmiP89qE>
- 15 **Alaska Inland Area Committee Meeting.** 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time • CONTACT: Mary Goolie at [goolie.mary@epa.gov](mailto:goolie.mary@epa.gov) or <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/inland-area>
- 15 **Interagency Arctic Research Policy Committee Webinar on Biennial Implementation Planning.** 11:00 a.m. Alaska Time • <https://www.iarpccollaborations.org/events/22355>
- 17 **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting.** 9:00 a.m. Alaska Time • CONTACT Mary Goolie at [goolie.mary@epa.gov](mailto:goolie.mary@epa.gov) or join by videoconference at <https://usepa.zoomgov.com> with meeting ID: **161 6961 3152** and passcode: **9073124310**
- 22 **Local and Tribal GHG Inventory Tool Office Hours.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://bit.ly/3LaBJDp>
- 22 **FY 2023 GAP Grants: Applying in Grants.gov.** 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Please register in advance:  
[https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_mAMn9Vy-RRumpa0PBGHCKA](https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_mAMn9Vy-RRumpa0PBGHCKA)
- 23 **EPA's EJSCREEN Tool Office Hours.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen/ejscreen-office-hours>
- 24 **2022 Construction General Permit Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
[https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_DsNwf8dQTzC1pCk0HCyVnQ](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_DsNwf8dQTzC1pCk0HCyVnQ)
- 28 – March 1 **Advancing Environmental Health Equity Through Implementation Science**  
<https://bit.ly/3F5cUve>

## March

- 1-3 **Backhaul Training** • <https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/training>
- 2-4 **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit** • [R10tels.com](http://R10tels.com)
- 9 **ANTHC GAP Networking Webinar.** 1:00 p.m. Alaska Time •  
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 15 **LEO Network Alaska Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<https://www.leonetwork.org/posts/show/A9841BA7-0228-444D-A9C7-885601F4044C>
- 23 **Landfill Equipment O&M Training** • <https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/training>

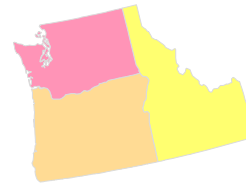
## April

- 13 **ANTHC GAP Networking Webinar.** 1:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 26-29 **7 Generations Training.**  
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>



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### Helpful Links

R10 Tribal Programs:  
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NW Reservations under Federal Air Rules  
for Reservations (FARR)  
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To report a possible environmental violation, submit information online to the EPA at <https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>

