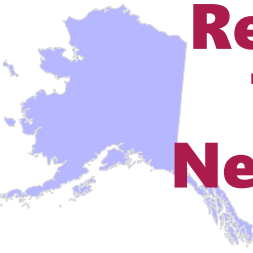


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Top News

Celebrate Earth Day April 22

EPA celebrates Earth Day **April 22** to recognize clean air, land, and water. EPA's [Earth Day](#) website has lesson ideas for teachers and students, tips for greener living, and information about the history of Earth Day that you can use in your community.

The [ENERGY STAR](#) website features ways to make your choices count by looking for the ENERGY STAR label on products to reduce your carbon footprint and taking the [ENERGY STAR pledge](#) for energy saving actions in your home.



Air Quality Awareness Week – May 2-6

EPA and our AirNow partners recognize Air Quality Awareness Week, May 2-6. The theme for this year is **Be Air Aware & Prepared!** Our goal is to promote events that increase air quality awareness and encourage people to check the [Air Quality Index](#) daily.

Consider sharing information in your community about Air Quality Awareness Week programs and events. In addition to checking the Air Quality Index daily, you might consider kicking off an [Air Quality Flag Program](#). The website features a [Tribal Air Quality Flag Program Packet](#) to help you start a program at your local school, community hall, library, or health clinic.



Each day of Air Quality Awareness Week is focused on a different theme. Daily topics are as follows: Monday – Wildfires & Smoke, Tuesday – Asthma and Your Health, Wednesday – Citizen Science & Sensors, Thursday – Environmental Justice & Air Quality, Friday – Air Quality Around the World.

Learn more about how you can celebrate air quality awareness week through our [2022 Air Quality Awareness Week Toolkit](#). Remember to tag @airnow in your social media posts and include this year's hashtag, **#AQAW2022**. Check out the [2022 Air Quality Awareness Week](#) website.

Proposed Changes to Indian Environmental General Assistance Program

EPA released proposed changes to the guidance and allocation of the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program. GAP is EPA's largest capacity building program for tribes. Enacted by Congress in 1992, GAP provides grants and technical assistance to tribes and intertribal consortia to plan, develop, and establish environmental protection programs and to implement solid and hazardous waste programs and service delivery activities.

The proposed changes reflect considerable input from tribal governments, including previous consultations on how to improve the administration of GAP grants and potential changes to the funding allocation methodology. The draft changes advance our government-to-government partnership with tribes by providing greater flexibility, access, transparency and accountability in EPA's funding and performance management.

Throughout the year, the EPA's American Indian Environmental Office is recognizing the 30th Anniversary of GAP by highlighting the successes of tribes and the environmental improvements in their communities. Tribes have used GAP for a broad range of capacity building and solid and hazardous waste implementation activities. Additionally, GAP has helped tribes receive program delegations to administer programs relevant to the Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and the Clean Air Act, and has supported the development of nearly 300 Integrated Waste Management Plans.

Tribal consultation on the proposed changes to the national GAP funding allocation and GAP Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for tribes and intertribal consortia will continue through **August 2**.

There are several opportunities to learn more and engage with EPA about the proposed revisions to the GAP Guidance and funding allocation. Visit EPA's [Indian Environmental General Assistance Program \(GAP\)](#) and [Tribal Consultation Opportunities](#) websites.

Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grants to Region 10 Tribes

Last month EPA announced grants that will be awarded to establish lower-emission diesel projects. In total, 11 tribal and insular area assistance agreements are expected to be awarded as part of the Diesel Emissions Reduction (DERA) program, which funds projects to clean up the nation's legacy fleet of diesel engines.

Older diesel engines emit more air pollutants such as nitrogen oxides and particulate matter than newer diesel engines. These pollutants are linked to a range of serious health problems including asthma, lung and heart disease, other respiratory ailments, and premature death. The projects include replacing municipal trucks, marine engines used in fishing vessels, generators used for energy production in tribal villages and four new electric school buses.

DERA grants will be awarded to the following tribes Region 10: Quinault Indian Nation, Lummi Tribe of the Lummi Reservation, and Swinomish Indian Tribal Community in Washington, and the Native Village of Deering, and Tanana Chiefs Conference in Alaska.

Since 2008, DERA grants have funded projects that have significantly improved air quality and provided critical health benefits by reducing hundreds of thousands of tons of air pollution and saving millions of gallons of fuel. For more information on the Tribal and Insular Area Request for Applications and related documents, visit EPA's [Tribal Grants: Diesel Emissions Reduction Act \(DERA\)](#) website or read the [news release](#).

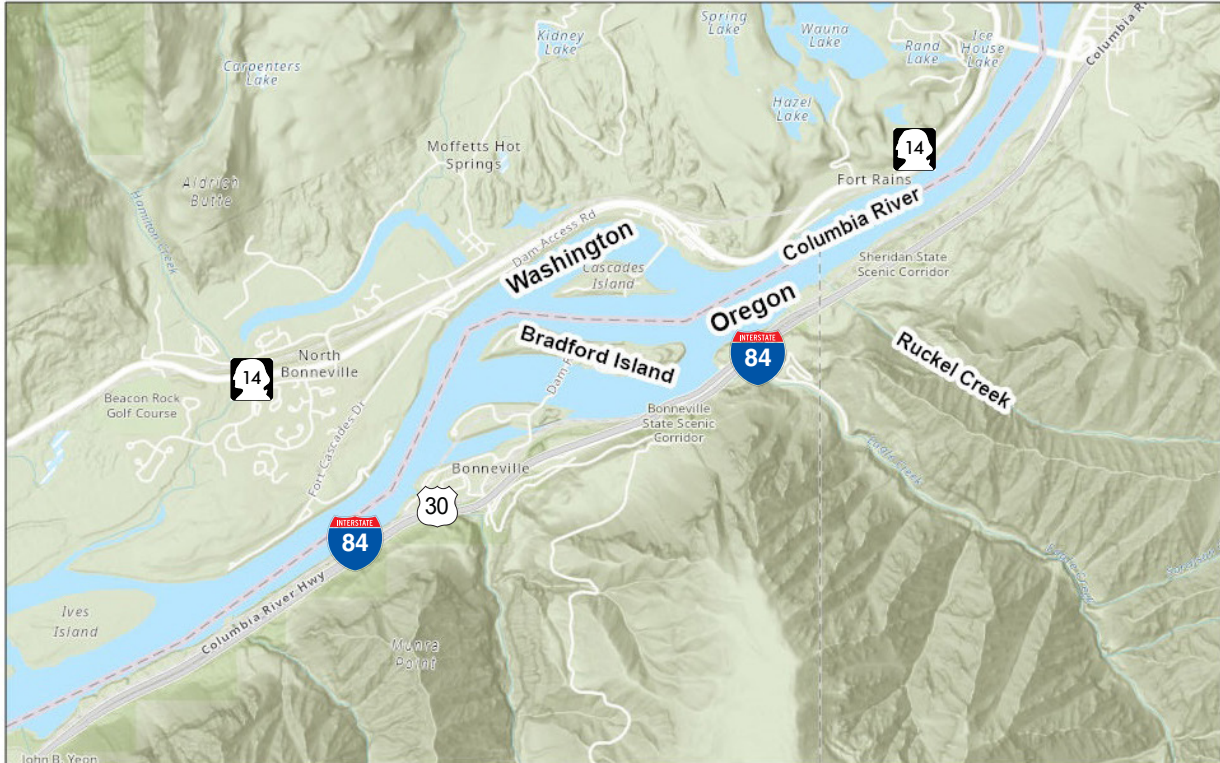
Bradford Island in the Columbia River Added to the National Priorities List

EPA recently added Bradford Island as a [Superfund site](#) on the National Priorities List. The National Priorities List is the list of sites across the country prioritized for cleanup. Bradford Island is part of the Bonneville Dam complex in the Columbia River operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Historical operations and waste disposal at the site contaminated the land and river sediments with PCBs, toxic metals, and other chemicals that pose a health threat to people, fish, and wildlife of the Columbia River Basin. The Superfund designation brings EPA into a more formal role in overseeing the Corps' cleanup work.

EPA's decision to add the site to the Superfund National Priorities List followed formal written requests from the Yakama Nation, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, and the Washington Department of Ecology, in addition to requests from community and environmental groups. Six other tribes who include Bradford Island in their traditional hunting and fishing grounds also expressed concerns about contamination at Bradford Island and impacts to natural and cultural resources.

The final decision to list the site was informed by over 1,700 public comments received on the September 2021 listing proposal. An overwhelming majority of commenters supported listing Bradford Island as a Superfund site. To learn more, check out EPA's [Superfund Site: Bradford Island Stay Updated, Get Involved](#) website or read the [news release](#). If you have questions, please contact **Laura Knudsen** at 206-553-1838 or Knudsen.laura@epa.gov.



Map of Bradford Island – Map shows the location of Bradford Island in the Columbia River
Map Sources: Oregon Metro, State of Oregon GEO, WA State Parks GIS, Esri Canada, HERE, Garmin, SafeGraph, METI/NASA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, NPS, USDA

Clean Air in Buildings Guidance to Improve Indoor Air Quality

As part of [President Biden's National COVID-19 Preparedness Plan](#), EPA released a concise set of guiding principles and actions known as the [Clean Air in Buildings Challenge](#), to assist building owners and operators with reducing risks from airborne viruses and other contaminants indoors. The Clean Air in Buildings Challenge highlights a range of recommendations and resources available to assist with improving ventilation and indoor air quality, which can help to better protect the health of building occupants and reduce the risk of COVID-19 spread.

While the recommended actions cannot completely eliminate risks, they will reduce them. To learn more, check out EPA's [Clean Air in Building Challenge](#) website or read the [news release](#).

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Toxics Release Inventory Shows Decline in Chemical Releases in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska

EPA released its [2020 Toxics Release Inventory National Analysis](#), showing companies that manage chemicals are continuing to make progress in preventing pollution and reducing chemical releases into the environment. The report indicates that between 2019 and 2020, total releases of TRI chemicals nationwide decreased by 10 percent — and chemical releases continue to decrease in EPA's Region 10.

In 2020, TRI facilities in EPA's Region 10 which covers Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, managed 978 million pounds of production-related waste and released or otherwise disposed of 701 million pounds of waste. Chemical waste releases reported in Region 10 have decreased by 25 percent since 2011.

The [TRI National Analysis](#) features information for tribal communities including *Quick Facts for 2020: Facilities on Tribal Lands* and a *Tribal Communities Dashboard*. In 2020, there were 42 facilities located in Indian country of 19 federally recognized tribes that reported to TRI. Many more facilities are located on or within a 10-mile radius of Indian country. 1,934 such facilities reported to TRI in 2020, representing 241 different federally recognized tribes. To learn more about TRI data and how your tribe can access it, visit EPA's [TRI for Tribal Communities](#) website.

EJScreen 2.0 — Updates to EPA's Community Environmental Justice Mapping Tool

EPA updated and redesigned [EJScreen](#), the agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool. The redesigned tool, which has been named EJScreen 2.0, makes improvements to better meet the needs of users and provides expanded insight into potential EJ concerns in overburdened communities.

The update features new indicators on environmental burdens, socioeconomic factors, climate change, health, and critical service gaps. EJScreen 2.0 now includes drought and wildfire data, layers that build on the existing climate data featured in the tool.

EPA will provide trainings and opportunities for engagement on the new data and changes to the tool. Sessions are scheduled as follows:

Mapping Tool Update Schedule on next page⇒

Updates to EPA's Community Environmental Justice Mapping Tool

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Training Schedule

- **April 6** - Training at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. [Link to join Zoom meeting.](#)
- **April 20** - Office Hours at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. [Link to join Zoom meeting .](#)
- **May 4** - Training at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. [Link to Join Zoom meeting .](#)

Check out EPA's EJScreen Office Hours website for more information about trainings and to access recordings of past sessions. If you have additional questions, contact Tai Lung by email at Lung.Tai@epa.gov.

Native Village of Eyak Awarded EJ4Climate Grant

In February, the [15 grant winners of the EJ4Climate](#) program's inaugural year, were announced by the North American Commission for Environmental Cooperation ([CEC](#)). EJ4Climate funds grants for underserved and overburdened communities, and indigenous communities, in Canada, Mexico, and the United States to prepare for climate-related impacts.

Among the 5 winners in the U.S. is the Native Village of Eyak in Alaska. The Native Village of Eyak plans to use the grant to develop sustainable mariculture in Prince William Sound to address the decline of traditional food sources.

The other winners in the U.S. include Common Ground Relief in Louisiana, Greater Baltimore Wilderness Coalition in Maryland, Upper Gila Watershed Alliance in New Mexico, and the Conservation Trust for North Carolina. EPA congratulates these winning grant applications, which will be building resilience and adapting to climate change in some of the most vulnerable and underserved communities in the United States. For more information on the winning proposals and the grant program, check out the [CEC's Environmental Justice and Climate Resilience](#) website.

Interview with Ray Paddock III — Environmental Coordinator and RTOC Chair

For the past 10 years, Ray Paddock III has served as the environmental coordinator for the Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, based in Juneau. He's also served as the Chair of the [Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee](#) (RTOC) for the past three years and with the RTOC for six years. We interviewed Ray to share his insights, experience, and wisdom with tribes in Region 10.



➤ Are there particular issues you are passionate about?

One of my biggest passions is to build the capacity for having credible science behind the tribe and implementing traditional knowledge.

Credible science is defensible in case of litigation. When it comes to policy, that credible science is essential. I want to educate our staff and the community about what that means. Through GAP, we have been able to expand the capacity of our programs by adding water quality monitoring, a climate adaptation plan for Southeast Alaska tribes, and conducting our Southeast Environmental Conference. We operate as a regional tribe, providing capacity and resource development to other tribes that want it.

The Tlingit & Haida are collecting water quality data for multiple transboundary rivers throughout Southeast Alaska and training other tribes in the region to do the same. If there were a spill in Canada, we would have the baseline data to show what the river was like beforehand. We are trying to weave traditional knowledge in as well.

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Interview with Ray Paddock III — Environmental Coordinator and RTOC Chair

- **What changes have you seen happen for Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska tribal members through this program?**

I have seen expansion of capacity and education. There is a better understanding of the issues and how to make changes in our region. People are more involved and asking questions. There are also better relationships between tribes, who now want to partner and collaborate and build on to address environmental and natural resource regional issues.

- **What advice do you have for other tribes seeking to operate a successful GAP grant?**

My advice is to stay in contact with your project officer and have as much communication as possible. The (annual GAP grants management) training has also really helped me out.

- **You served as the Chair of the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee for three years. What does the RTOC do and why did you choose to become involved?**

One of the bigger [roles of RTOC] is to educate tribes about policy and bring their voice to Region 10 officials. We also work with the National Tribal Operations Committee (NTOC) and have several representatives that sit on the NTOC.

I was asked to run for the RTOC for several years, but I tried to stay away from the responsibility. Now, I am really happy I did [get involved]. I have a better understanding of the policies and how to work with our partners - be it with EPA or other tribes.

As Chair, I have been trying to keep up with policy changes and what they mean, and we try to keep tribes up to date as well. We started doing town hall meetings where we have each RTOC representative speak to their area about what we can do and how we can help.

As we have been able to better educate tribes on policy changes and what they mean to the tribes, we have seen more tribes request consultation during comment periods. There has been a big increase in tribal consultation. If you don't say anything, your voice goes unheard.

In the long run, I am really glad I took on the responsibility to push these programs forward. I feel some revolutionary steps happening, so I am excited!

If you want to contact **Ray Paddock III**, he can be reached at 907-209-8535 or email rpaddock@ccthita-nsn.gov.



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 assist the National Tribal Operations Committee. Note that the RTOC does not substitute for government-to-government consultation with tribes.

Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

The Region 10 RTOC recently held its annual TELS from the tribal lands of the Spokane, Kalispell, and Colville Indians. The RTOC has many people to thank including all of the culture bearers and tribal leaders from Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho, the quality of presenters and professionals who shared their work and knowledge, the funding and support of EPA, and the staff who made the event possible. For a more in depth look and review of TELS, check out the [TELS 2022](#) website.

Congratulations to Dean Henry, Tulalip Tribes



Region 10 RTOC awarded its tribal environmental excellence award to Dean Henry from Tulalip Tribes. In her nomination, Gillian Mittelstaedt wrote, "I am honored to nominate Dean Henry, a Tribal leader, Tribal spiritual leader, and a man dedicated to helping Tribal children and families breathe easier." [Read more](#) on the TELS website. The [Working Together to Address Asthma in Tribal Communities in the Northwest](#) video illustrates the power of Dean's work and message.

Complete a Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit Survey

The RTOC invites all the 2022 TELS attendees to fill out a survey to evaluate program content and develop the 2023 TELS, which will be held as a hybrid event, both in person and virtual in Fort Hall, Idaho on Shoshone-Bannock land. [Access the survey here.](#)

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](#)

National Primary Drinking Water Regulations for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances

END DATE: **April 16.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to obtain input on the Agency's forthcoming proposed **National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR)** for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), including perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) and perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), in accordance with the requirements of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and other applicable statutes. EPA is developing a proposed PFAS NPDWR to improve public health protection by reducing drinking water exposure for PFOA, PFOS, and potentially other PFAS.

PFAS are a group of synthetic chemicals that have been manufactured and used by many different types of industries since the 1940s. Current scientific research indicates that exposure to PFAS chemicals at certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including prenatal and postnatal development, cancer, liver effects, immune effects, and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes).

Details about this opportunity are available on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#). Additional background information can be found on EPA's [Safe Drinking Water Act Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances \(PFAS\)](#) website.

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Proposed Revisions to the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Tribal Set-Aside Allocation Formula

END DATE: **May 2.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to inform potential revisions to the Drinking Water Infrastructure Grant Tribal Set-Aside (DWIG-TSA) allocation formula.

The allocation formula is used to determine how DWIG-TSA funds are distributed among the EPA's Regions with federally recognized tribes. These funds are then distributed to eligible tribal drinking water infrastructure projects within each Region.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests an unprecedented nationwide total of \$50 billion investment to address disproportionate environmental burdens in historically underserved communities across the country. EPA is reviewing the DWIG-TSA allocation formula to ensure that there is an equitable distribution of funds to areas of greatest drinking water infrastructure needs, taking into consideration new data sources and the institutional knowledge gained in the over two decades since the DWIG-TSA program's inception. Details about this opportunity are available on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#).

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Tribal Consultation Continues ⇨

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Tribal Consultation

Implementation of Office of Research and Development

END DATE: **May 31.**

EPA’s Office of Research and Development is conducting a consultation and coordination process with federally recognized tribes on its Air, Climate and Energy National Research Program, one of [ORD’s six National Research Programs](#). ORD provides the data, tools, and information that form the scientific foundation for EPA’s work to protect the environment and safeguard public health. ORD recognizes the unique relationship of each sovereign tribe with the United States government and is committed to long-term engagement with tribes. Several opportunities with this same end date are listed below.

Air, Climate and Energy National Research Program

EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#) includes a background scoping document to give an overview of the draft planned research areas that will comprise the ACE Strategic Research Action Plan (StRAP) for fiscal years 2023-2026.

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Chemical Safety for Sustainability (CSS) and Health and Environmental Risk Assessment (HERA) National Research Programs

EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#) includes scoping documents as background to give an overview of the draft planned research areas that will comprise the CSS and HERA Strategic Research Action Plans (StRAPs) for fiscal years 2023-2026.

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Sustainable and Healthy Communities and Homeland Security

EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#) includes scoping documents as background to give an overview of the draft planned research areas that will comprise the Sustainable and Healthy Communities and Homeland Security Strategic Research Action Plans (StRAPs) for fiscal years 2023-2026.

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Safe & Sustainable Water Resources National Research Program

EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#) includes scoping documents as background to give an overview of the draft planned research areas that will comprise the Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Strategic Research Action Plans (StRAPs) for fiscal years 2023-2026.

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Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revision

END DATE: **June 14.**

Consumer Confidence Report Rules, also known as annual drinking water quality reports, provide consumers of community water systems information about their local drinking water quality. The original CCR rule was promulgated in 1998 following a mandate in the 1996 amendments to the Safe Drinking Water Act. In accordance with the amendments to the CCR section of SDWA by the America’s Water Infrastructure Act of 2018, EPA is developing a proposal to revise CCR regulations to improve readability and accuracy of CCRs; require biannual delivery of CCRs for large systems; and allow electronic delivery of CCRs to consumers.

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Tribal Consultation Consumer Confidence Report Rule Revision

EPA is requesting your input on considerations to inform the development of the forthcoming proposed revisions to the CCR rule and requirements. Additional details about this opportunity are available on EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#). EPA is planning a [national webinar](#) for tribal officials on **April 7** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

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END DATE: **August 2.**

GAP Guidance:

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to receive input on the draft 2022 Guidance on the Award and Management of Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia (2022 GAP Guidance). When final, the 2022 GAP Guidance will replace the 2013 Guidance and will be effective for negotiating and awarding GAP financial assistance agreements.

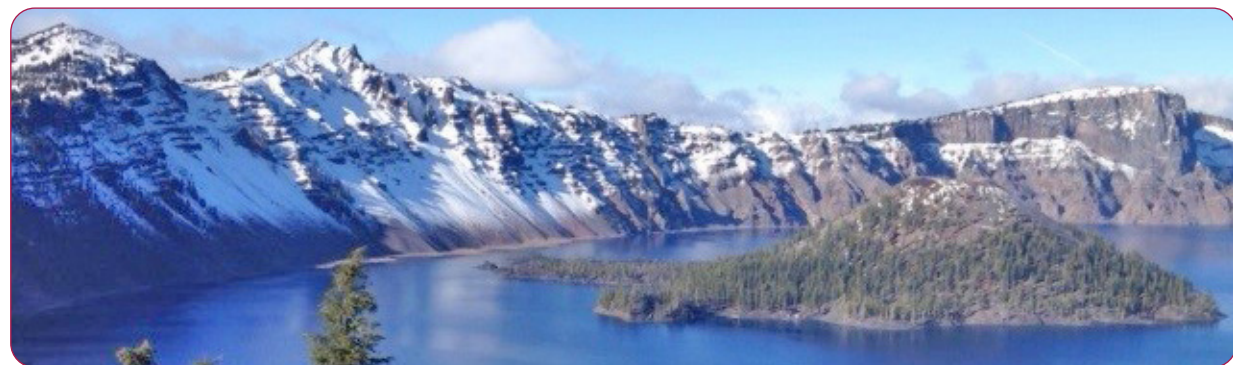
In 2018, EPA consulted with tribes to hear the full range of tribal perspectives and to identify ways to improve the 2013 GAP Guidance and its implementation. During tribal consultation and in related tribal engagement efforts, EPA received more than 800 comments from tribal governments, intertribal consortia, and tribal partnership groups. A summary of the comments are located on EPA’s [GAP Guidance Evaluation Phase 1 Tribal Comment Summary](#) website.

EPA is now seeking input on draft 2022 GAP Guidance, which is the result of the efforts of the GAP Revision workgroup and (where possible) addresses concerns and proposed revisions identified in the 2018 GAP Guidance consultation process. Details are available on EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#).

GAP Allocation:

EPA is also initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to receive input on proposed changes to the national allocation of GAP funds to tribal and intertribal consortia recipients, which increases the annual per tribe national allocation while improving the transparency and accountability. The proposed changes to the funding allocation formula, if adopted, will take effect for all GAP awards made with FY 2023 funds. Details are available on EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#).

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Two Pollution Prevention Grants Pollution Prevention Grant Program (EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-001)

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 11.**

EPA is announcing a grant competition to fund two-year Pollution Prevention assistance agreements for projects that provide technical assistance (e.g., information, training, tools) to businesses to help them develop and adopt source reduction practices - also known as “pollution prevention” or “P2”. P2 means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise being released into the environment prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal.

Eligible entities States, state entities (colleges and universities recognized as instrumentalities of the state), the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., and federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia.

EPA anticipates issuing up to 20 awards. Individual grant awards could be up to \$800,000 for the two-year funding period or \$400,000 funded per year. Note that there is a special **National Emphasis Area** for Tribes as part of this opportunity. NEA #6: Supporting Pollution Prevention in Indian Country, available only to federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia to carry out P2 technical assistance and projects with businesses in Indian country.

Details about P2 grant opportunities are available on EPA’s [Grant Programs for Pollution Prevention](#) website or on [Grants.gov](#) under EPA-HQ-OPPT-2022-001.

Pollution Prevention Grant Program Funded by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

(EPA-I-OCSP-OPPT-FY2022-001)

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 11.**

Eligible entities include states, state entities (colleges and universities recognized as instrumentalities of the state), the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, any territory or possession of the U.S., and federally recognized tribes and intertribal consortia.

Through funds provided by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$13.9 million in total federal pollution prevention grant funding to support up to 50, two-year P2 grant agreements. Grants will be fully funded at the initial award with a maximum individual award ceiling of \$350,000. There is no cost share/match requirement. Assistance agreements are ineligible for inclusion into performance partnership grant agreements.

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Details about this P2 grant opportunities are available on [EPA’s Grant Programs for Pollution Prevention](#) website or on [Grants.gov](#) under EPA-I-OCSP-OPPT-FY2022-001.

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Drivers and Environmental Impacts of Energy Transitions in Underserved Communities

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 28.**

EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing community-engaged research that will address the drivers and environmental impacts of energy transitions in underserved communities.

Rapid large-scale transformations of energy and transportation systems to low-carbon, renewable, and energy efficient sources and technologies are essential to avoiding the most severe impacts of climate change. These energy transitions provide challenges and opportunities to improve environmental and public health in ways that also reduce the inequities prevalent in the current energy and transportation systems, such as the disproportionate impact of environmental hazards on minority and low-income populations.

Public and private nonprofit institutions/organizations, public and private institutions of higher education, and hospitals located in the U.S. and its territories or possessions; state and local governments; federally recognized tribal governments; and U.S. territories or possessions are eligible to apply.

It is anticipated that a total of approximately \$10 million will be awarded. EPA anticipates funding approximately 11 (6 regular and 5 early career) awards. Details are available on EPA's [Research Grants](#) website.

Exchange Network Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 1.**

The purpose of the Exchange Network grant program is to foster better environmental management and decision-making through increased access to timely, high quality, environmental information. The Exchange Network Grant Program requests states, tribes, inter-tribal consortia, and territories submit applications with goals supporting the three EN funding areas. EPA expects to award 20-30 grants of up to \$400,000 each, totaling approximately \$8,000,000 in FY22. Most awards will be in the \$50,000 to \$200,000 range. Details are available on EPA's [Exchange Network Grant Program](#) website.

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Tribal Environmental Justice Small Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **May 20.**

The EJ Small Grants program awards grants that support community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues — and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities.

Applicants may request up to \$100,000. Approximately 16 to 20 EJ Small Grants will be awarded to federally recognized tribal governments nationwide. Details about this opportunity, including how to join webinars about the solicitation scheduled for **April 7, April 14, and May 3** at 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time are available on EPA's [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#) website.

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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.

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7 Generations Training

April 26-29, Virtual

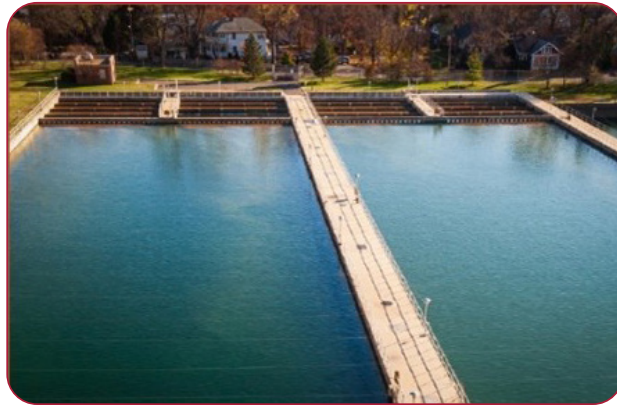
Communities in rural Alaska are faced with many unique and complex environmental issues. The 7 Generations training provided by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is an interactive workshop that introduces participants to a community-based approach for developing local environmental plans. The 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 on ANTHC's [Capacity & Training](#) website.

Training for Water and Wastewater Utility Operators Serving Tribes and Small Communities

April 20, 27, and May 4, Virtual

A well operated wastewater or drinking water facility lasts longer and lowers the overall cost to a community. Tribes and small communities face challenges in operating these utilities often because of small budgets and challenges with retaining qualified staff.

EPA is sponsoring three online webinars to provide insight into effective strategies for asset management, utility rate setting, staff retention and to provide information on maintaining wastewater lagoons and onsite septic systems.



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- **April 20** at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time: [Asset Management – Planning for the Future.](#)
- **April 27** at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time: [Finding and Retaining Good Leaders and Staff.](#)
- **May 4** at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time: [Wastewater Lagoons and Onsite Septic Systems.](#)

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Integrated Solid Waste Management in the Field

May 10-12, Gustavus, AK

Looking to up your game in solid waste? Want to see a compost program in action, how a glass crusher is used, how to operate a recycling baler, how to operate a pay as you throw program, or setting up a community materials reuse program function?

Zender Environmental Health and Research Group is offering an on-site 3-day training at the Gustavus Landfill. The Gustavus landfill operator will host this training and you or your landfill staff will see and learn firsthand what these various programs and equipment look like in real-life, in- action, and in a small off-road community. Details are available on the [Zender Environmental Health and Research Group Training](#) website.

Calendar of Events

April

- 6 - May 13 Online Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training (RACEJT).**
<https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/racejt-job-training>
- 11 GAP Allocation Proposed Revisions Overview.** 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 284 180 451.
- 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>
- 14 Environmental Justice Small Grants Pre-Application Assistance Webinar.**
 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program>
- 15 Public Listening Session on White House Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool.**
 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_dLw3xChiTlaOLGdHXQWk0w
- 19 Tribal Wetlands Working Group (TWIG) Spring Online Workshop.**
 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time
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- 19 Arctic and Western Alaska Area Committee Meeting.** 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time
<https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/contingency-plans/response-plans/arctic-western-area>
- 20 EJSscreen Office Hours.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1610600521>
- 20 Use of Electronic Health Records to Address Pressing Environmental Health Questions.**
 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series>
- 20 Public Meeting on EPA Collaborative Research Program to Support New Chemicals Review.**
 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/3r2uGUK>
- 20 Overview of the GAP Guidance Proposed Revisions.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 292 282 927.
- 20 Training for Water and Wastewater Utility Operators: Asset Management – Planning for the Future.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUof-ivqjvkEtWtKkJY5t_hzfAGQGh9XpO5
- 21 Public Meeting (Day 2) on EPA Collaborative Research Program to Support New Chemicals Review.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://bit.ly/3r2uGUK>
- 26 GAP Guidance Proposed Revisions Facilitated Discussion.** 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 614 770 08.
- 26 and 28 Smoke Management in the Northwest Conference.** • <https://bit.ly/3r1E7Ux>
- 26-28 Salish Sea Ecosystem Conference** • <https://salishseaconference.com>
- 26-29 7 Generations Training**
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 27 Fish Programs – Health Approaches with Tribes and Indigenous Peoples.** 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time
https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_LnGEW1iyRVOtsfsHFy-10w

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- 27 **Training for Water and Wastewater Utility Operators: Finding and Retaining Good Leaders and Staff.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUsdOyoqD4pHNTVM4QE5oEoaas5-jVdj9mC>
- 29 **White House Tribal Consultation #2 on Indigenous Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Federal Decision-Making.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
https://pitc.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_NOcHbTPzTZSgmhHr9eUcFA

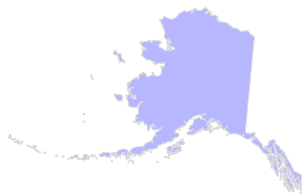
May

- 2-4 **National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.** Tulsa, OK and online.
<https://sites.google.com/view/ntfaq2022/home>
- 4 **EJScreen 2.0 Training.** • 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1601367041#>
- 4 **Training for Water and Wastewater Utility Operators: Wastewater Lagoons and Onsite Septic Systems.** • 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlIfu2qrzgiE9OnNr1nKapX-8-fkum2jsXA>
- 3 **Environmental Justice Small Grants Pre-Application Assistance Webinar (includes EJScreen Live Demo).** • 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-small-grants-program>
- 10-12 **Integrated Solid Waste Management in the Field.** Gustavus, AK
<https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/training>
- 11 **GAP Guidance Proposed Revisions: Scope of GAP.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 898 649 979.
- 11 **ANTHC GAP Networking Webinar.** 1:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 16-24 **Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training (RACEJT).**
<https://zendergroup.org/what-we-do/racejt-job-training>
- 17-19 **Tribal Pesticide Inspector Residential Training: Tribal Risk Assessments, Pollinator Protection, and Worker Protection Standards.** Tulsa, OK • <https://go.usa.gov/xu3vt>
- 18 **Wildfires: Helping Building Managers to Prepare for Smoke.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series>
- 23 **GAP Allocation Proposed Changes Facilitated Discussion.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 773 205 399.

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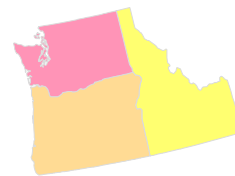
- 8 **ANTHC GAP Networking Webinar.** 1:00 p.m. Alaska Time.
<https://anthc.org/what-we-do/community-environment-and-health/tribal-capacity-and-training>
- 16 **GAP Allocation Informational Webinar for Intertribal Consortia.** 11:00 a.m.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 916 834 372.

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.



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Helpful Links

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<http://go.usa.gov/xkdMv>

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

