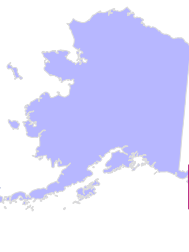
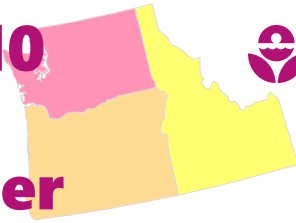


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Top News

Casey Sixkiller to Serve as EPA's Region 10 Administrator

President Biden appointed Casey Sixkiller to serve as EPA's Regional Administrator for Region 10. Casey brings two decades of experience working at the federal, tribal, and local levels to EPA Region 10. Throughout his career, Casey crafted practical solutions to complex policy problems, defended tribal sovereignty and treaty rights, secured millions in federal funding to meet local needs, and led large, complex organizations.

He served as deputy mayor of the City of Seattle — the first indigenous person in the city's 171-year history — and chief operating officer of King County, overseeing the daily operations of the largest city and the largest county in Washington State. Casey began his career in public service in Washington, D.C., first working for then U.S. Representative Jim McDermott and later U.S. Senator Patty Murray.



An enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Casey helped launch the Cherokee Nation's Washington office in 2001, serving as the nation's lead advocate before Congress and federal agencies. Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, he is a graduate of Seattle Public Schools and Dartmouth College, but his proudest accomplishment is being the father of Anna, Sam, and Will.

EPA Releases Final Strategic Plan 2022-2026

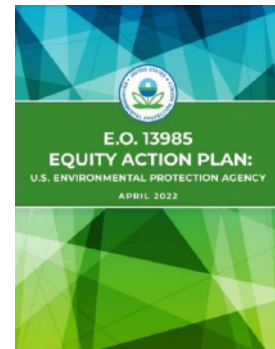
EPA published its final [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2022-2026 EPA Strategic Plan](#) to accompany EPA's FY 2023 President's Budget. The *Strategic Plan* provides a roadmap to achieve EPA's and the Biden-Harris Administration's environmental priorities over the next four years.

This strategic plan furthers the agency's commitment to protecting human health and the environment for all people, with an emphasis on historically overburdened and underserved communities.

For the first time, EPA's final plan includes a strategic goal focused exclusively on addressing climate change, as well as an unprecedented strategic goal to advance environmental justice and civil rights. The plan also includes a suite of measures that will help the agency monitor progress and ensure accountability for achieving its priorities to protect human health and the environment.

Equity Action Plan to Advance Environmental Justice and Civil Rights

EPA published its [Equity Action Plan](#) to fulfill President Biden's Executive Order 13985 directing EPA, along with other federal agencies, to assess whether underserved communities and their members face systemic barriers in accessing benefits and opportunities through the federal government. The Equity Action Plan is a critical part of EPA's efforts to break through those barriers and advance equity and justice across our efforts to ensure clean water, air, and land for all communities.



June is Healthy Homes Month

National Healthy Homes Month seeks to increase awareness of housing-related health hazards, lead poisoning prevention, the overall principles of a healthy home, and encourages residents and landlords to take action to make homes safe and healthy. This year's theme is *A Healthy Home @ Any Age*. This theme highlights the importance of recognizing potential health hazards in any home, no matter the age of the home or the age of the occupants.

The HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes has a stakeholder guide to help with outreach to families and communities. Check it out on the [National Healthy Homes Month](#) website. Also available from HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes is a fact sheet you can use on the [Eight Principles of a Healthy Home](#), and a new healthy homes mobile phone app - [Your Tribal Healthy Home](#). It will launch this year to assist with a Healthy Homes assessment.

EPA Proposes to Restore Protective Pollution Standards for Washington Waters

Water quality standards define the water quality goals for a water body and provide a regulatory basis for many actions under the Clean Water Act. EPA announced a proposed rule to restore protective federal water quality standards for the state of Washington. When finalized, this action would help protect the health of Washingtonians and tribal members who eat locally caught fish.

Under the Clean Water Act, the agency is proposing limits called "human health criteria" for dozens of chemicals that pose a health risk. Over the objections of state and tribal leaders, the previous administration rolled back protective water quality standards established by EPA in 2016. As a result of this rollback, water quality standards being implemented in Washington are inadequate to protect human health. This proposed rule follows through on the agency's June 2021 commitment to restore protective, science-based human health criteria in the state.

EPA's proposal would establish clear and vital protections while providing the state with flexibility to work constructively to address compliance challenges. The proposal also supports the agency's commitment to protecting tribal reserved rights in water quality standards in the Office of Water's Tribal Action Plan.

The agency will accept comment on this proposal for 60 days and is offering two online public hearings on the following dates and times:

- **May 24** at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time – [Registration Link](#).
- **May 25** at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time – [Registration Link](#).

More information is available on EPA's [Federal Human Health Criteria for Washington State Waters](#) website and in the [news release](#).

Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe Receives EPA Approval to Administer Clean Water Act Programs

In April, EPA approved the application from the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to administer the Clean Water Act’s water quality standards and certification programs on reservation and trust lands. With this approval, the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe will assume Clean Water Act authority to manage and protect all surface waters within its reservation and trust lands. Trust lands include lands located outside of the reservation that are held in trust by the United States. The Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe’s reservation and trust lands collectively cover almost 645 acres near the Dungeness River and Sequim Bay in Washington.

EPA’s approval will enable the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe to set water quality goals and standards – the regulatory and scientific foundation for protecting water quality – for all water bodies within the reservation and trust lands. After those standards are reviewed and approved by EPA, all applicable water quality standards will be incorporated into Clean Water Act -permitted discharges into reservation waters. EPA’s approval does not alter or modify water quality standards outside of the reservation and trust Lands.

The tribe was previously approved by EPA for [Treatment in a Similar Manner to a State](#) (TAS) status for Clean Water Act section 106 (Water Pollution Protection programs) in 1996 and section 319 (Nonpoint Source programs) in 2000.

Several federal environmental laws, including the Clean Water Act, authorize EPA to treat eligible federally recognized Indian tribes in a similar manner as a state for implementing and managing certain environmental programs. The basic requirements for applying for TAS are that the tribe must be federally recognized; have a governing body to carry out substantial governmental duties and powers; the management and protection of water resources are within the jurisdiction of the tribe; and be capable of administering the functions of the program.

For additional details about this recent approval, read the [news release](#). To learn more about Treatment As a State, and a list of tribes by regulatory programs who have received TAS, check out EPA’s [Tribes Approved for Treatment as a State \(TAS\)](#) website.

Opportunities to Provide Feedback on Proposed Changes to GAP Guidance and Allocation

EPA’s American Indian Environmental Office is proposing changes to its capacity building program for tribes, GAP or the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program. 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.

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** with several opportunities to learn more and engage with EPA. Details are provided in the Calendar of Events section and are outlined on EPA’s [Indian Environmental General Assistance Program \(GAP\)](#) and EPA’s [Tribal Consultation Opportunities](#) websites.

Interview with Alan Lee — Region 10 Grants Management Official



Spring to early summer is known by many EPA project officers and grant specialists as “grants season”, because so many grant applications are due during this time. We thought it would be fitting to share some insights and perspective from Alan Lee the Region 10 grants management official.

Alan is a former EPA grant specialist, project officer, contracting officer, and grants coordinator – and brings experience working with tribal grants on solid and hazardous waste and air quality issues to his role leading the EPA Region 10 Grants Section.

➤ What is the Grants Section and what purpose does it serve?

The Grants Section supports EPA’s mission of protecting human health and the environment by providing...the administration of all assistance agreements [grants] that come through Region 10. When we’re fully staffed, we’ll have 13 grants specialists. Each grant specialist has 60-100 grants. The grant specialists that work for us are experts in grants administration and I lean heavily on their expertise. We create the assistance document, a legal document that is the financial vehicle to fund the award.

➤ What does an EPA Grants Management Official do?

Every region [of EPA’s 10 regions] has a GMO, who assures that every assistance agreement meets regulatory and statutory requirements throughout the life of the grant. The GMO obligates federal funding to an agreement, so I authorize money to be made available for drawdown for each grant. The GMO in Region 10 is the supervisor for all the grant specialists. The GMO also oversees compliance and enforcement issues related to grants administration, for example decisions to place or remove special conditions on a grantee.

➤ What advice do you have for tribes seeking to operate a successful GAP grant? Are there particular financial or administrative tips you would like share?

Review the award document very carefully, including the terms and conditions in the award, and [those that are linked in the award document](#). If you have any questions, reach out to your project officer or your grant specialist.

Maintain good communication with the project officer and grant specialist, especially during pre-award when grants are being processed. Post award, communicate as early as possible if there are any changes or events that might affect the work plan or budget.

Draw down funding as frequently as possible and as closely to when costs are incurred. That would be at least monthly for personnel and fringe, and more frequently for unusual one-off costs such as equipment costs. Every grantee has their own policies and procedures, but at a minimum draw down [funds] at least monthly (provided that you need the funds), even if the costs are small. Drawing down once every two weeks is a good practice.

➤ Why do frequent drawdowns of grant funds matter?

First, it is a term and condition in each award. Second, it minimizes the administrative risk [meaning that] it decreases the risk that a grantee will face an audit. The more [drawdowns] there are, the more easily the grantee will be able to provide documentation. There is a huge difference between someone providing documentation for three months of expenses versus one month of expenses. Ensure that financial records are well maintained.

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Interview with Alan Lee — Region 10 Grants Management Official



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Why do frequent drawdowns of grant funds matter?

A review or audit by EPA most frequently takes the form of a draw down review, which entails having to provide records for all expenses.

➤ Is there anything you would like to share about your life outside of EPA?

I am the son of an immigrant family. My family immigrated from South Korea and I grew up in the Seattle area. In my early career, I was involved in a lot of environmental justice work. My experience in environmental justice and social justice — and as a person of color help inform my work.

➤ Is there anything else you would like to share?

I am truly humbled by this type of work. Our grantees are doing incredible things. It's incredibly rewarding to help support all the important and difficult work being done by tribes, states, and non-profits in Region 10.

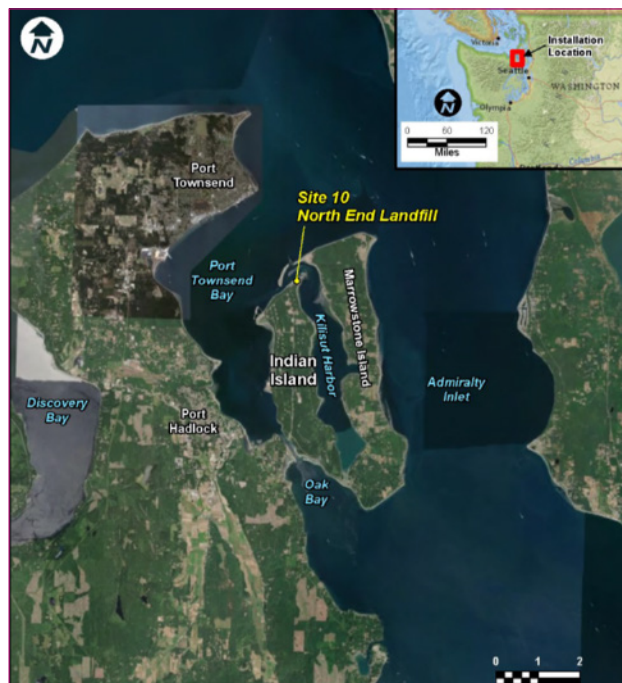
Contact **Alan Lee** at 206-553-2140 or lee.alan@epa.gov.

New Climate Adaptation Profile: Port Hadlock – Site 10 North End Landfill

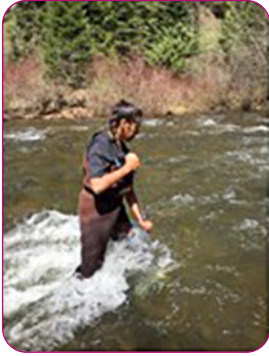
EPA's [2021 Climate Adaptation Action Plan](#) outlines actions to integrate climate adaptation into EPA policies and programs, including those addressing contaminated sites. One action involves developing site-specific profiles that illustrate a range of processes and tools for evaluating site vulnerabilities to future climate scenarios and adapting to the projected scenarios, thereby assuring site cleanup remedies remain protective of human health and the environment.

The first profile release in this series describes adaptation measures taken at the Port Hadlock – Site 10 North End Landfill, a Superfund site located on Naval Magazine Indian Island, Washington.

The remedy includes a capped landfill, a vegetated geogrid and a shoreline protection system that are vulnerable to potential erosion due to tidal action and storm surge from the bordering Olympic Peninsula inlet. Long-term maintenance of the vegetated geogrid and shoreline protection system was deemed preferable to more aggressive climate resilience measures that could negatively affect local shellfish harvests, including tribes holding harvest treaty rights. To learn more, check out EPA's [Climate Adaptation Profile: Port Hadlock – Site 10 North End Landfill](#) website.



Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Updates Available



EPA developed a [Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Report](#) that provides a high-level update and overview of the Columbia River Basin Restoration Program Clean Water Act Section 123 efforts over the past two years. It also includes information on our inaugural 2020 grants and a quick summary of EPA's 2021-2022 Request for Applications.

New [success stories](#) are featured such as efforts by the Nez Perce Tribe on a Clearwater River Watershed Baseline Monitoring and Toxics Assessment, as well as an updated Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group [Fact Sheet](#). These and other resources are available on EPA's [Columbia River Basin Restoration Working Group](#) website.

Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee Accepting Applications



The Tribal Waste & Response Steering Committee has expertise in Superfund, emergency management, USTs, solid waste, and brownfields. They work closely with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and communicate tribal concerns and perspectives through many meetings with EPA as well as their annual Priorities Document. The TWAR SC is accepting applications through **June 3** from tribal professionals who would like to be considered for a spot on the TWAR SC. The [Tribal Waste & Response Steering Committee](#) website includes the online application.



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

Upcoming Town Hall Meetings

The Region 10 Tribal Caucus will be conducting phone outreach to engage with tribal leaders between May 20 – June 3. These calls are in preparation for the second round of Town Hall meetings June 8-22 without EPA present, for tribal leaders and environmental staff to speak directly to the RTOC Tribal Caucus. While summer brings busy schedules, there are some important time sensitive issues to discuss. Check the [RTOC website](#) for up-to-date information.

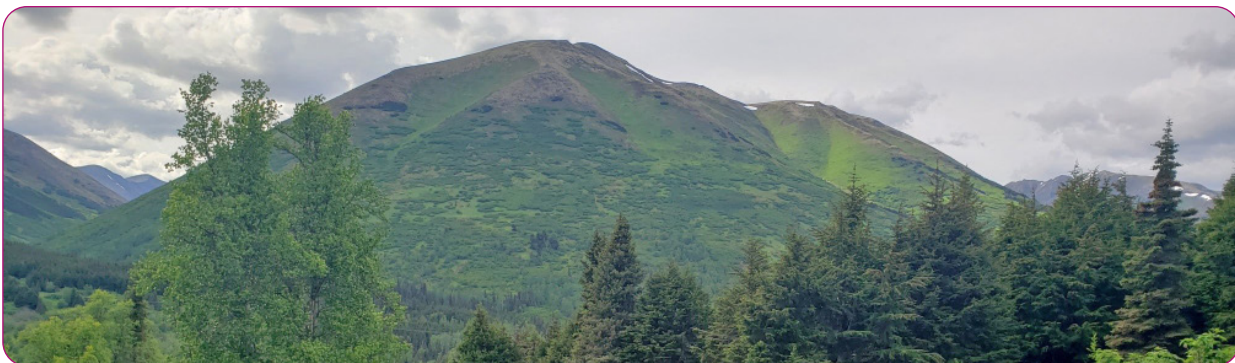
Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

The Region 10 RTOC recently held its annual TELS from the tribal lands of the Spokane, Kalispell, and Colville Indians. For a more in depth look and review of TELS, check out the [RTOC YouTube Channel](#) and the [TELS 2022](#) website for the 2022 session recordings. And consider subscribing to the YouTube page so that RTOC can create a custom URL. Thank you!

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](#)

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.

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](#).

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Draft 2022 GAP Guidance and Proposed Change to the National Allocation of GAP

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 is 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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Tribal Consultation

Recommendations for Revising the Final Guidance Grant Awards to Tribes under CWA Section 106

END DATE: August 15.

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to inform potential revisions to the [Final Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes under Section 106 of the Clean Water Act](#) (CWA Section 106 Tribal Guidance). EPA has used the CWA Section 106 Tribal Guidance since Fiscal Year 2007 as the primary Guidance for Section 106 tribal grant recipients and internal and external grant project officers.

Revising the CWA Section 106 Tribal Guidance is necessary to update links and out-of-date information, reflect advances in the program over the last 15 years, and allow continued effective support to tribes as they develop, maintain, and expand their water quality programs and increase staff capacity. The goal of these updates is to improve the existing Guidance and ensure it serves as a water quality program development roadmap, clarifies eligible activities, and better integrates current resources and technical recommendations. Details are available on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#).

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Potential EPA Actions to Increase Tribal Capacity to Maintain and Expand Nonpoint Source Management Programs

END DATE: September 30.

As outlined in EPA's September 27, 2021 national policy memorandum, [Near-term Actions to Support Environmental Justice in the Nonpoint Source Program](#), in fiscal year 2022 EPA will be engaging the national NPS community, including state, tribal, and territorial §319 grantees, in a dialogue on advancing equity and environmental justice in the national NPS program.

As part of this engagement effort, EPA has initiated this consultation and coordination process with tribes to help identify potential §319 program actions to address challenges facing tribal NPS programs. Potential program actions could include revisions to EPA's §319 grant guidelines, changes to EPA's tribal §319 grant allocation formula, and new approaches for providing EPA technical assistance and training support to tribal NPS programs. Details are available on EPA's [Tribal Consultation Promotion Page](#).

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Brownfields Section 128(a) State and Tribal Response Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Funding

APPLICATIONS DUE: **June 3.**

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (“Infrastructure Law”) invests \$1.5 billion over five federal fiscal years (FY22-FY26) through the EPA’s Brownfields Program to scale-up community-led brownfields revitalization. This amounts to approximately \$60 Million per year, in cooperative agreements for states and tribes to build response program capacity, oversee brownfields cleanups, and conduct site assessment and cleanup activities.

EPA anticipates that it may allocate approximately \$57.9 million in Section 128(a) Infrastructure Law funds under this FY 2022 Funding Guidance. Details are available on EPA’s [Funding Guidance for State and Tribal Response Programs Fiscal Year 2022](#) website. For additional information, including program resources and highlights, check out EPA’s [Types of Brownfields Grant Funding](#) and [State and Tribal Response Program Grants](#) websites.

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BIA Tribal Climate Resilience

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 6.**

The Secretary of the Interior through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Trust Services, Branch of Tribal Climate Resilience solicits proposals from federally recognized tribes and authorized tribal organizations to receive awards to support tribal climate resilience planning and strategy implementation, and ocean and coastal management planning.

The Branch supports tribes as they prepare for climate change impacts on tribal treaty and trust resources, economies, regenerative agriculture and food sovereignty, conservation practices, infrastructure, and human health and safety.

The Branch’s Annual Awards Program will provide funding for projects that support tribal climate resilience as tribes incorporate science, including Indigenous and Traditional Ecological Knowledge, Indigenous languages, and technical information. There are several new categories of funding this year. Details are available on BIA’s [Annual Awards Program Fiscal Year 2022 Request for Proposals](#) 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.

New Air Quality Training Website — AirKnowledge.gov



EPA launched a new and improved [AirKnowledge.gov website](https://www.airknowledge.gov). AirKnowledge provides training material to assist EPA, tribal, state and local air agency staff in implementing aspects of the Clean Air Act. State, local, and tribal air agencies can continue to access these

materials via their AirKnowledge Learning Management System.

The trainings are arranged by eight subjects: a foundational Air Pollution Basics curriculum and seven curricula that relate to particular job functions within air quality agencies. Questions and feedback may be sent by email to airknowledge@epa.gov.

Training Modules for Tribal Water Quality Assessments

EPA's Office of Wetlands, Oceans and Watersheds offers online training modules in presentation format to assist EPA and tribes learn and present information on water quality assessments and decisions. The training modules were designed to be easily understood and modular for individual needs. The modules cover the four topics listed below:

1. Understanding Water Quality Standards.
2. Overarching Considerations in Assessing Water Quality.
3. Assessing Data for Specific Water Quality Parameters.
4. Analyzing Data to Determine Use Support for Water Quality Assessment Reports.

The Tribal Assessment Modules are available on EPA's [Ambient Water Monitoring and Assessment](https://www.epa.gov/ambient-water-monitoring-and-assessment) website.



Calendar of Events

May

- 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.
- 24 **Online Public Hearing for Proposed Rule to Restore Protective Human Health Criteria in Washington.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-proposed-rule-to-restore-protective-human-health-criteria-in-wa-registration-299493752877>
- 24 **Managing Common Indoor Pests – Cockroaches, Rodents, and Fleas.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/7930153265782071822>
- 24 **Lead Service Lines Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/small-drinking-water-systems-webinar-series>
- 24 **The Importance of Wetlands to Tribal Communities.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6034397312840038159>
- 25 **Alaska Tribal Air Work Group.** 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time.
To join, contact **Andy Bessler** at andy.bessler@nau.edu
- 25 **Applying the Pre-Incident All-Hazards Waste Management Plan Guidelines.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Call 877-853-5247 and enter password 979363, or join online <https://nau.zoom.us/j/81916649664?pwd=SjdMbzBSdnlXcFk3YmhkRGI0UVlJdz09>
- 25 **Waste Management Planning for Natural Disasters.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://nau.zoom.us/j/81916649664?pwd=SjdMbzBSdnlXcFk3YmhkRGI0UVlJdz09#success>
Or call 877-853-5247 and enter password 979363
- 25 **Online Public Hearing for Proposed Rule to Restore Protective Human Health Criteria in Washington.** 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-proposed-rule-to-restore-protective-human-health-criteria-in-wa-registration-300106094407>
- 25-26 **Workshop to Support EPA's Development of Human Health Assessments: Artificial Intelligence and Open Data Practices in Chemical Hazard Assessment.**
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/epa-workshops-ai-open-data-practices-in-chemical-hazard-assessment-tickets-277108287347>

June

- 1 **Benthic Harmful Algal Bloom (HABs) Discussion Group.** 12:30 p.m. Pacific Time
www.epa.gov/cyanoHABS/epa-newsletter-and-collaboration-and-outreach-habs#benthic
- 2 **EPA Tools & Resources Webinar: Visualizing Ecosystem Land Management Assets (VELMA).** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Z3nSarOAQtOUFfbFyZc8RQ
- 8 **Tribal Nonpoint Source Management: Leveraging Opportunities to Protect and Restore Waters.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time • [Register online.](#)
- 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>

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Calendar of Events

June *⇒ Continued*

- 14 Invitation to Join Tribally Driven Research on Landfill Contaminants in Rural Alaska.**
1:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://usepa.zoomgov.com/j/1605436940> • Meeting ID: 160 543 6940
- 14 LEO Network Alaska Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<https://www.leonetnetwork.org/posts/show/F8C295BA-645E-485A-B94B-F481CE5D6BE6>
- 15 National Tribal Air Association Informational Webinar on the Key Findings from NTAA's Baseline Needs Assessment.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/346129981662801165>
- 15 GAP Guidance Proposed Changes Facilitated Discussion: GAP Flexibilities.**
12:30 p.m. Pacific Time • [More information is available on the web](#)
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- 16 GAP Allocation Informational Webinar for Intertribal Consortia.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
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- 22 Pollution Prevention Finance Forum.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time
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- 23 GAP Guidance Proposed Changes Facilitated Discussion: Intertribal Consortia and GAP.**
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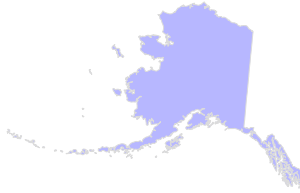
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or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 731 868 885.
- 13 GAP Allocation Facilitated Discussion with Tribes.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 106 019 660.
- 25 Facilitated Discussion: Overview of the draft 2022 GAP Guidance.** 12:30 p.m. Pacific Time.
[More information is available on the web](#) or call 202-991-0477 and enter code 212 023 556.

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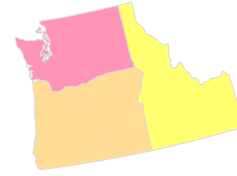
- 8-11 Tribal Lands & Environment Forum.** Milwaukee, WI
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
- 16-19 Brownfields 2022.** Oklahoma City, OK
<https://brownfields2022.org/register/>
- 29 – Sept. 1 National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference.** St. Paul, MN and Online.
<https://sites.google.com/view/nticc-itep/home?authuser=0>
- 29 – Sept. 1 EPA Drinking Water Workshop.**
<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/19th-annual-epa-drinking-water-workshop-small-system-challenges-and-solutions>

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Helpful Links

R10 Tribal Programs:
<http://go.usa.gov/xkdMv>
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