



## Join Our Mission: Become a National Tribal Water Council Member

The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC/Council) is a technical, scientific and traditional cultural knowledge body created to advocate for the best interests of federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in matters pertaining to water quality. We are searching for new members to join our Council, an essential group that assists the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency with input and information exchange for water quality decision-making.

This is your opportunity to contribute your skills, passion, and voice to advocate for Tribes on water quality issues and concerns. We are looking for members that will help us continue to grow and serve our tribal communities effectively.

### NTWC's Mission & Priorities



*"The core mission of the NTWC has always been the protection of our sacred waters. Water is alive, it is a part of our physical and spiritual being."*

**Ken Norton, NTWC Chair**  
Hoopa Valley Tribe



*"It's always important to stay on top of rulemaking around the Clean Water Act. That is a priority of the Council."*

**Nancy Schuldt, NTWC Region 5 Representative**  
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

The NTWC's yearly activities include:

- Policy response: Conducts analysis of water policies and initiatives that impact Tribes and responds by preparing comment letters, white papers or briefs.
- Information Exchange: Engage and collaborate with national, regional, tribal organizations or working groups.
- Water Priorities: Publish a "[Tribal Water Priorities](#)" document that identifies Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act priorities and conduct activities outlined in the document.



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## Become a NTWC Member *(continued)*

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Council members duties include, but are not limited to:

- Participate in monthly virtual calls;
- Attend two in-person meetings annually; and
- Participate and provide feedback in crafting response documents to policy and/or rulemaking actions.

The Council is accepting applications from water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization to fill three (3) vacancies.

- **Region 3 Representative**

Open to tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization in Region 3 (Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, & West Virginia).

- **At-Large Representative (2 vacancies)**

Open to tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization in the United States (Regions 1 through 10).

We believe that diverse perspectives are our greatest strength, and we invite new voices to join this rewarding experience. Tribal water professionals with knowledge in the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) are encouraged to apply. Also, an applicant with a background in water infrastructure, drinking water, wastewater, and operations and maintenance, is highly encouraged.

A copy of the recruitment packet is available by clicking [HERE](#). Interested individuals must submit an application form, a letter of interest, and a professional résumé. To express your interest or obtain more information, please contact Elaine Wilson at [Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu](mailto:Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu).

Learn more about the Council: [Protecting Our Sacred Waters: An Introduction to the National Tribal Water Council - Northern Arizona University](#)



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for the application

# UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 2025 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum – Recording Available for “The World of Emerging Contaminants”

Page Hingst and Dianne Barton, co-leads for the Tribal PFAS Working Group, led a one-day workshop on “The World of Emerging Contaminants” at the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum on August 18, 2025, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The workshop provided information on PFAS, 6-PPD quinone, microplastics, and nanomaterials. The workshop recording may be accessed at ITEP’s Mediaspace page:

[https://mediaspace.nau.edu/media/Clip+of+The+World+of+Emerging+Contaminants/1\\_jwxsmwy7/381819972](https://mediaspace.nau.edu/media/Clip+of+The+World+of+Emerging+Contaminants/1_jwxsmwy7/381819972)

## National NPS Biennial Workshop, October 27–29, 2025

The National NPS Biennial Workshop will be held on October 27–29, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. This event offers an opportunity for CWA Section 319 state, territorial, and Tribal grantees to convene on national programmatic and knowledge sharing and technical assistance. The national NPS program and planning committee are developing robust Tribal specific sessions, workshops, and networking opportunities. Outreach for Tribal speakers and session participants will be happening throughout the summer. If you are interested to be involved with planning, please reach out to Margot Buckelew ([Buckelew.margot@epa.gov](mailto:Buckelew.margot@epa.gov)). Additionally, if interested to attend, registration is open and you may [Register for the workshop here](#).

## EPA Pacific Northwest Tribal Clean Water Act Training, November 17–20, 2025

The training will address Clean Water Act (CWA) programs including Section 106, Section 319, Section 303(d), water quality standards, and wetlands and will be useful to Tribes who work on these programs or are interested in pursuing Treatment in a similar manner as a State (TAS) status for one or more programs. The training workshop is targeted to Tribes who conduct water quality monitoring, issue water quality certifications, and address water quality issues, nonpoint source pollution, and impaired waters/TMDLs. Tribal staff from across the country are invited, although there will be a focus on examples and applications for Tribes in the Pacific Northwest.

The training workshop is free to attend, and registration is open! For more information, please visit: <https://nawm.org/trainings/pacific-northwest-tribal-clean-water-act-training>

# GRANT OPPORTUNITY

## Bureau of Reclamation Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program

**Deadline: October 28, 2025**

Eligibility: Tribes in 17 Western States (Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming)

The Bureau of Reclamation has various programs which provide technical assistance to a broad range of entities, such as the Drought Assistance, Wetlands, and Water Recycling Programs. Indian Tribes are eligible for most of these programs, and, through them, much assistance has been provided to Tribes. One program is available only to federally recognized Indian Tribes—the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance Program (TAP).

Reclamation's Native American Affairs TAP provides technical assistance to assist Indian Tribes to develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources. The program has supported a broad range of activities in each year since its inception in the early 1990s. Such activities have included water needs assessments, improved water management studies, water quality data collection and assessments, and water measurement studies.

For more information: <https://www.usbr.gov/native/programs/TAPprogram.html>

# TRIBAL CONSULTATION OPPORTUNITY

## EPA's Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category

**Deadline: October 30, 2025**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized Indian Tribes on a proposed rule and companion direct final rule to update the Effluent Limitations Guidelines and Standards for the Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category (Steam Electric ELG). The Steam Electric ELG regulations cover wastewater discharges from power plants. The proposed rulemaking specifically focuses 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 (NPDES) permits, potentially extending pollutant discharges into waters of the United States for a period of several years. For more information: <https://tcots.epa.gov>

EPA is holding a **Tribal Consultation Informational Webinar** on **October 8, 2025, 1:00 P.M. ET**

Register here: [https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_roBvO4XeRciGfXTLcavtfw#/registration](https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_roBvO4XeRciGfXTLcavtfw#/registration)

## EVENTS & WEBINARS

### Tribal Exchange Network Group - Monthly Tribal Data Drop-in Sessions

Held the third Thursday of every month from 10:00-11:30 AM (Pacific)

<https://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org/trainings-events>

### Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. – National Tribal Water & Wastewater Operator Training & Certification Program

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. National Tribal Water and Wastewater Operator Training and Certification Program is providing online, in-person, and blended trainings. To register or to view the 2025 training schedule, please visit: <https://itcaonline.com/programs/environmental-quality-programs/tws-tmap/tws-training-events/>

### Forestry and Natural Resources Webinar Portal

- October 27, 2025 (1:00 PM EDT): Teaching with Video  
We are all being encouraged to use video to teach and reach our audiences. This session will give novices some quick “straight” shooting information and challenge you to learn the simple ways of video editing too. To join live: <https://forestrywebinars.net/webinars/teaching-with-video-12th-in-series/>

### EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

To register: <https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-webinar-series>

- October 15, 2025: PFAS Destruction by a Hazardous Waste Incinerator

### CLU-IN Training & Events

To register: <https://clu-in.org/training/>

- October 7, 2025: ITRC – Overview of the Tire-Derived Chemicals 6PPD & 6PPD-quinone
- October 9, 2025: ITRC – PFAS Chemistry
- October 14, 2025: Contaminants of Emerging Concern Identification Network
- November 6, 2025: PFAS Introductory Training



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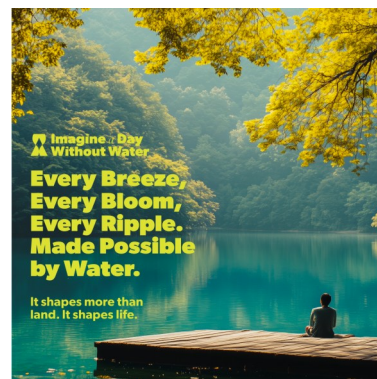
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