

Who We Are

The Tribal PFAS Working Group (TPWG) formed in April 2020 to help address and reduce PFAS in Indian Country. The working group is comprised of members of the National Tribal Water Council, Tribal Science Council, National Tribal Toxics Council, Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee, and Tribal Pesticide Program Council.



The working group holds monthly meetings to discuss various activities that would help achieve its objectives and priorities, and at the same time learning and understanding the implications of PFAS in tribal communities.

Priorities for 2022

1 Identify tribes that are impacted by PFAS.

In 2021, the Tribal PFAS Working Group invited tribal representatives and researchers during the monthly calls to hear testimonials and presentations on how PFAS have impacted tribal lands and resources. The working group plans to continue to reach out to tribes and learn more about the effects of PFAS contamination.

2 Enhance the database and the map to reflect updated information.

With assistance from the Environmental Working Group, an interactive map was developed on PFAS contamination across Tribal lands. The TPWG plans to continue to provide updated information for the database and map. https://www.ewg.org/interactive-maps/PFAS_tribal_lands/map/

3 Enhance and promote the Tribal PFAS Working Group webpage with current publications, presentation videos, research, and resources.

The Tribal PFAS Working Group webpage was launched in 2021 to provide up-to-date information on PFAS. To access: www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc/Issues/PFAS

4 Advocate for and identify funding opportunities for tribal PFAS science needs, such as monitoring, testing, research, etc.

As more research is being conducted on PFAS, it is imperative for tribes to keep up-to-date on information on PFAS. Tribes need to learn more about monitoring technology, testing methods, and related research in order to protect human health and the environment.

5 Create opportunities for the Tribal PFAS Working Group to collaborate with the EPA Council on PFAS.

On April 27, 2021, the EPA Council on PFAS was created to better understand and reduce the potential risks caused by PFAS chemicals. The TPWG was briefed on the EPA's Strategic PFAS Roadmap and looks forward to future opportunities to collaborate. To learn more about the EPA Council on PFAS, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/pfas>

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