



## TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP

# PRIORITIES



In 2020, the Tribal PFAS Working Group (TPWG) was formed 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, Tribal Pesticide Program Council, and National Tribal Air Association. The working group has identified the following priorities to focus on:

◆ **Identify tribes and coordinate with tribes that are currently impacted by PFAS.**

The Tribal PFAS Working Group will continue to invite tribal representatives and researchers during the monthly calls to hear testimonials and presentations on how PFAS have impacted tribal lands and resources. Throughout the year, the working group will follow-up with tribes that are impacted by PFAS.

◆ **Develop and identify PFAS tools and resources.**

Develop and identify PFAS tools and resources, such as databases, outreach materials, maps, funding opportunities, fact sheets, tools and resources to characterize PFAS that will support and allow tribal nations to evaluate their exposure to PFAS.

◆ **Promote the Tribal PFAS Working Group's webpage with current publications, presentation videos, research, and resources.**

The working group will also seek and identify treatment technologies and their effectiveness. To access documents and resources, please visit: [www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc/Issues/PFAS](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc/Issues/PFAS)

◆ **Advocate for rulemaking, research, and education actions, with attention to inclusion of tribal lifeways.**

Advocate for tribal PFAS work across federal and state agencies, including comment responses to proposed policies and rulemaking actions, research funding opportunities, and science education. Ensure appropriate consultation occurs, advocating and ensuring engagement and consultation with tribes.

◆ **Develop and host tribal webinars / workshops on PFAS issues.**

Webinar / workshop topics may include introduction to PFAS, testing, assessing impacts, potential treatment and disposal, rulemaking actions, etc. Three webinars / workshops will be held during the year with two held virtually and one in person at the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum.

◆ **Expand the scope of the working group to explore and research emerging contaminants, such as 6-PPD, microplastics, flame-retardants, and PFAS and emerging contaminants' impact on various environmental media, including air quality.**

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