

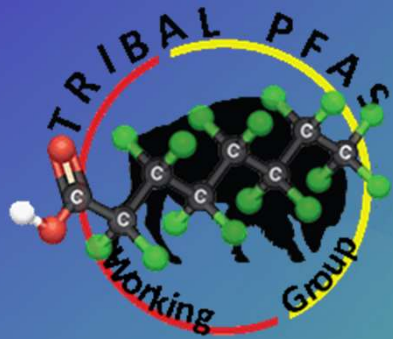


# TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP AND TRIBAL INITIATIVES

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TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP OPEN HOUSE

DECEMBER 14, 2023



# TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP



- Formed in 2020
- Members (NTWC, NTTC, TSC, TPPC, TWAR)

## 2023 Working Group Priorities

- Continue to identify tribes and coordinate with tribes that are currently impacted by PFAS.
  - ❖ 10 Tribes
- Continue to develop and identify PFAS tools and resources.
  - ❖ PFAS Tribal Fact Sheet
  - ❖ PFAS Analytical Tool
- Enhance and promote the Tribal PFAS Working Group's webpage with current publications, presentation videos, research, and resources.
  - ❖ <https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc/Issues/PFAS>
- Develop and host informal tribal workshop series on PFAS issues.
  - ❖ TPFASWG Open House- December 14<sup>th</sup> @ 1-3 pm CST

# TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES (CONT.)

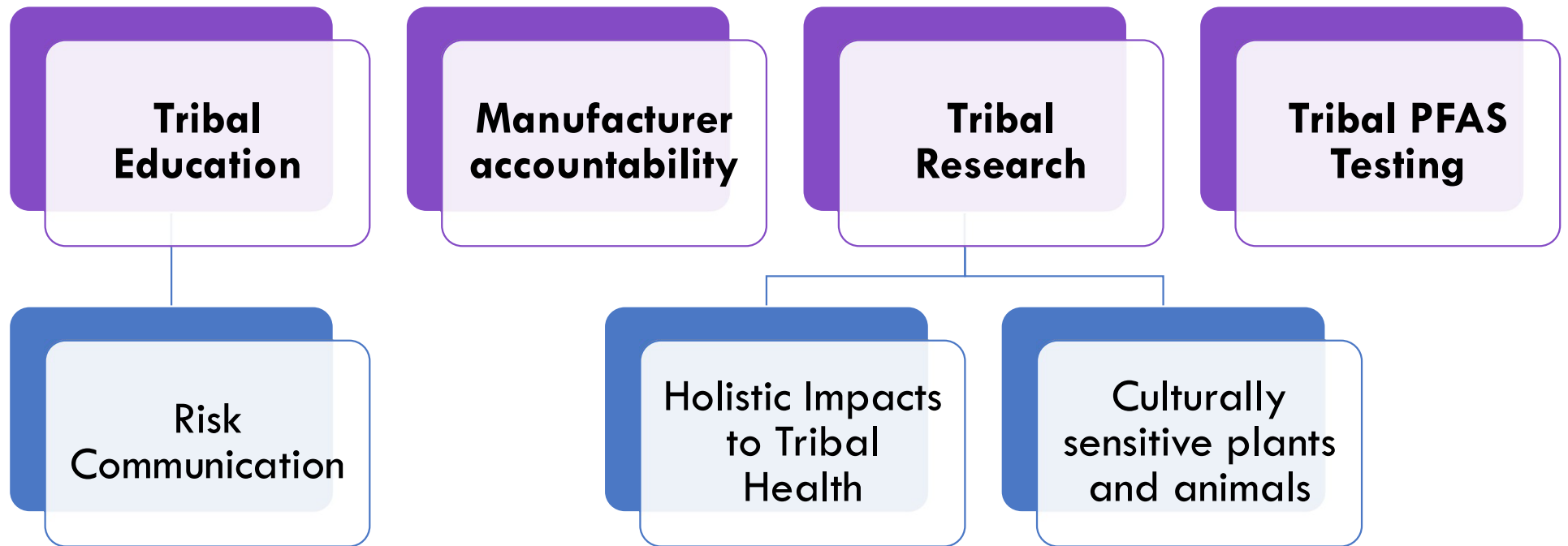
- Advocate for rulemaking, research, and education actions, with attention to inclusion of tribal lifeways.
  - ❖ Washington Draft PFAS Chemical Action Plan
  - ❖ EPA's Interim Guidance on the Destruction and Disposal of Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances and Materials Containing Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances
  - ❖ EPA's Promulgation of Tribal Baseline Water Quality Standards Under the Clean Water Act
  - ❖ EPA's Rulemaking to Designate PFOA and PFOS as Hazardous Substances under CERCLA
  - ❖ EPA's Reporting and Recordkeeping for Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances under Section 8(a)(7) of the TSCA
  - ❖ EPA's Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) on Proposed PFAS Reporting Rule
  - ❖ EPA's National Enforcement and Compliance Initiatives for Fiscal Years 2024-2027
  - ❖ EPA's Significant New Use Rule: Per- and Poly-fluoroalkyl Chemical Substances Designated as Inactive on the TSCA Inventory

# TRIBAL PFAS IMPACTS

- Kalispel Tribe- Washington State
- Saginaw Chippewa- Michigan
- Aroostook Band of Micmacs- Maine
- Choctaw Nation- Oklahoma
- Penobscot Nation- Maine



# WHAT DOES THE TRIBAL PFAS WORKING GROUP SEE AS IMPORTANT ACTIONS?



# TRIBAL INITIATIVES

Yupik people of Sivuqaq (also known as St. Lawrence Island)- Alaska Community Action on Toxics (ACAT)-Their work is informing military base cleanup projects and development of health-related policies

Sitka Tribe- Environmental monitoring with UAB

Anishinaabe (Ojibwe, Odawa, Potawatomi, Mississaugas, Nipissing, and Algonquin)- Developed culturally-tailored mobile application- Gigiigooinaan (Our Fish)

Ramapough Lunape Turtle Clan (New Jersey)-Live near 500-acre toxic waste site-partnering with the New York University School of Medicine to identify safe farming practices and restore food sovereignty

Northern Arapaho Tribe- Studies using citizen science to characterize related respiratory health outcome and examine the effects of conveying the findings on changes to risk perception and behavior

Sac & Fox of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska, Winnebago Tribe, and Santee Sioux Nation in collaboration with EPA- ROAR project- looking at uptake of PFAS in culturally sensitive plants

University of Rhode Island – Researchers have a partnership with the Mashpee-Wampanoag Tribe to evaluate exposures to PFAS among Tribal members and to develop culturally specific risk-reduction strategies.

The Aroostook Band of Micmacs testing hemp to remediate soil



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