



Welcome to the Full Circle Newsletter

Accepting Applications to Serve on the TWAR Steering Committee

As I am sure you all know, the Tribal Waste & Response Steering Committee is one amazing group of people. They are all working in the front lines for Tribal Nations and Native Villages, and have deep expertise in Superfund, emergency management, USTs, solid waste, and brownfields. They not only work closely with us here at ITEP (including planning the annual TLEF – see below), but also communicate Tribal professional's concerns and perspectives through many meetings with EPA as well as their annual Priorities Document.

We are accepting applications from Tribal professionals who would like to be considered for a spot on the TWAR SC. Visit their website at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/twarsc/Home/Index> where you'll find a link to the online application. The due date for applications is June 3!

Serving on the TWAR SC is a lot of responsibility, and it can also be a lot of work. But they are also the most caring and dedicated people I've worked with. They have made the TWAR SC not only an incredibly effective tool for Tribal professionals – they also created a real family. If you'd like to be considered for one of the four positions open this year, be sure and visit their site and fill out your application.

We Want To Hear Your Stories – Submit Your Proposal for the TLEF

August 8 through 11 will be the 2022 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum! We're developing this year's TLEF to be a hybrid, meaning you can join us in-person in Milwaukee or you can join in as a virtual attendee.

And we are **now accepting proposals** for sessions! We'll be considering a variety of different types, including live and in-person, live virtual, and pre-recorded. We are interested in proposals dealing with solid waste, brownfields, Superfund, UST/LUST, emergency response, habitat restoration, climate change, and cross-media issues. And we are especially interested in sessions that highlight the work you have been doing out there on the front lines.

Please check out the TLEF website at <http://www.nau.edu/tlef2022> and click on the Call for Proposals tab for more information and the **online submission form**. And do note, the deadline this year is May 16.

We can't wait to hear your stories at this year's TLEF!

When Was the Last Time You Visited Our TLAC Site?

Our Tribal Lands Assistance Center (TLAC) site is a constantly evolving resource for you. In the last few days we've added several new things to the site, including some additional training venues under our training page at <https://triballands.org/tlac/resources-learning/training/>. And in case you missed our recent discussion about Tribal Community Involvement at Superfund Sites, we also uploaded that recording. You can find the recordings of all our past TSFWG meetings at <https://triballands.org/tlac/building-relationships/tribal-superfund-working-group/>.

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Events, Webinars and, Opportunities

The US EPA Office of Research and Development is conducting a consultation and coordination process with federally recognized tribes on its Chemical Safety for Sustainability (CSS) and Health and Environmental Risk Assessment (HERA) National Research Programs, two of ORD's six National Research Programs. This consultation is taking place March 1 through May 31, 2022. You can visit <https://tcots.epa.gov/ords/tcotspub/f?p=106:5::1439::::> for more information, including the Tribal consultation letter and plan, and other background materials including the research scoping document and Tribal Consultation Booklet.

Registration and Calls for Abstracts are now open for the **2022 Traditional Ecological Knowledge National Virtual Summit**. The Summit takes place from May 10-12th, 2022. Registration is FREE for everyone, but you must register to gain access to sessions. To register and find out more about the event please visit https://oregonstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0eSV9LFRJR34XVI

The US EPA is hosting a webinar on March 31, at 2:00 pm Eastern - **The National Recycling Strategy: Part One of a Series on Building a Circular Economy for All**. To register for this webinar go to https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_riZ_M-06RXyp8fWXfQ3H8w.

The US EPA recently announced a new [Environmental Justice Small Grants \(EJSG\) Request for Applications](#) specifically for federally recognized Tribes. They are hosting two informational webinars for Tribes that are interested in learning more. These webinars will be held on April 7 and April 14. Check out the [EJ Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) website to register and learn about other upcoming EJ webinars.

US EPA's Office of Emergency Management is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes regarding proposed 40 CFR part 118 **Clean Water Act Hazardous Substance Worst Case Discharge Planning Regulations**. You can find out more at <https://tcots.epa.gov/ords/tcotspub/f?p=106:5::1455::::>. They will also be holding an informational webinar on April 6 at 1:00 pm. For more information email nichols.nick@epa.gov.