

National Tribal Water Council is Accepting Applications for Membership

The National Tribal Water Council is currently accepting applications from tribal water professionals employed by a federally recognized Tribe or tribally authorized organization to fill four (4) open positions.

- **Region 2 Representative:** Open to tribal water professionals from Region 2, which includes the following states: New Jersey and New York.
- **Region 6 Representative:** Open to tribal water professionals from Region 6, which includes the following states: Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.
- **Region 10 Representative:** Open to tribal water professionals from Region 10, which includes the following states: Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. *Please note:* the NTWC currently has two representatives from the State of Alaska, thus seeking applicants primarily from Idaho, Oregon, or Washington.
- **Navajo Nation Representative:** Open to tribal water professionals from the Navajo Nation.

Member duties include but are not limited to the following:

- Participating in monthly conference calls and attending bi-annual meetings;
- Collectively crafting response documents to policy and/or rulemaking actions;
- Reviewing and discussing water-related issues in Indian Country; and
- Assisting the NTWC in informing tribes on a wide variety of water issues.

Interested applicants must submit an application form, letter of interest and a professional resume. The application deadline is **December 31, 2021**. The application packet is available on the NTWC website: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc/>



We are seeking individuals that are **passionate** and **vocal** about tribal water issues. Applicants with **strong writing skills** are encouraged to apply.



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Updates and Announcements

NEW! National Tribal Water Council is currently working on its 2021-2022 Priorities

The National Tribal Water Council members have been meeting for the past couple of months to develop its priorities for 2021-2022. The Council is currently finalizing the Priorities document. Once finalized, a copy will be available on the NTWC website in December.

The Council continues to focus on advocating for protection of tribal water and water-related resources, and developing comment letters in response to proposed policy and rulemaking actions. The Council has identified several new priorities that focus on collaborating with appropriate federal agencies and strengthening federal programs, such as the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 401, to protect tribal waters and tribal water-related resources.

NEW! EPA's Holiday Data Extravaganza

Water quality data is a powerful tool for understanding and communicating the quality of waters in Indian Country. The Water Data Integration Branch (WDIB) is hosting a week of webinars highlighting various tools and techniques for processing, analyzing, and communicating tribal data.

Below are the dates and topics for the upcoming webinars:

- December 13 (12:00 PM EST): How to own and simplify your data process for CWA 106 requirements
- December 13 (2:00 PM EST): Preparing data for analysis
- December 14 (2:00 PM EST): Using Microsoft Access to query/manipulate data
- December 15 (1:00 PM EST): Presenting data using Google Data Studio
- December 16 (2:00 PM EST): *How's My Waterway* for the Classroom
- December 17 (2:00 PM EST): Utilizing a Common Hydrography for Water Quality Programs

To sign up, please email Laura Shumway (Shumway.laura@epa.gov) and identify the webinar titles you are interested in attending.

NEW! EPA and U.S. Army's Public Hearings on "Waters of the U.S."

On November 18, 2021, the EPA and U.S. Army announced the signing of the proposed rule to revise the definition of "waters of the U.S." (WOTUS). The EPA and U.S. Army propose to return to the pre-2015 definition of WOTUS. The federal agencies continue to consult with tribes, states, local governments, and other stakeholders. The agencies will be hosting virtual public hearings in January 2022.

Here is the upcoming schedule:

- January 12, 2022 (10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET)
- January 13, 2022 (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM ET)
- January 18, 2022 (5:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET)

For more information and to register for the public hearings, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/wotus/public-outreach-and-stakeholder-engagement-activities>

EPA National Nonpoint Source Pollution Control Program Learning Module

This training module is designed to provide a high-level overview of the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319 Nonpoint Source (NPS) program for State and Territory NPS Programs. The first half of the training provides general information about the NPS program, while the second half of the module is more specific information that would be beneficial to grantees. The learning module will be updated in the future to include information specific to Tribes.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/national-nonpoint-source-pollution-control-program-basic-training>

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 live online training. Each course consists of sequential lessons that are provided in a series of live online classes that are 3-hours in length.

Upcoming courses include, but are not limited to:

- Math for Wastewater Operators: January 18 to February 10, 2022
- Federal SDWA 101 Regulations for Tribal Water Operators: January 19 to February 14, 2022
- Wastewater Collection - Level 2: January 19 to February 23, 2022

For more information, training schedule, and to register, please visit: <https://itcaonline.com/programs/environmental-quality-programs/tws-tmap/tws-training-events/>

Bureau of Indian Affairs - Relocation, Managed Retreat, Protect-in-Place in Alaska Listening Session

The Bureau of Indian Affairs is seeking input from Tribal leaders to understand the unmet infrastructure needs for community relocation, managed retreat, and protection-in-place issues in Alaska. The listening sessions will be held on December 1st (1:00 PM - 4:00 PM AKST) and December 2nd (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM ASKT). For more information, please visit: <https://www.bia.gov/guide/tribal-climate-listening-sessions/>

EPA Tools and Resources Training Webinars

- December 1, 2021: Finding EPA Resilience Resources with the Environmental Resilience Tools Wizard

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/research-states/epa-tools-and-resources-training-webinar-series>

EPA Technical Assistance Webinar Series: Improving CWA-NPDES Permit Compliance

- December 16, 2021: What to Expect When You are Expecting an Inspection

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/compliance/technical-assistance-webinar-series-improving-cwa-npdes-permit-compliance>

EPA CLU-IN Training & Events

- December 2, 2021: Strategies for Preventing and Managing Harmful Cyanobacteria Blooms

For more information, please visit: <https://clu-in.org/training/>

USGS Climate Adaptation Science Centers Webinar

- December 7, 2021: Ridge-to-Reef and Icefield-to-Ocean: Collaborative Research in Extreme Environments

For more information, please visit: https://www.usgs.gov/centers/climate-adaptation-science-centers/science/upcoming-webinar-ridge-reef-and-icefield-ocean?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

EPA WaterSense Webinars

- December 8, 2021: Achieving Water and Cost Savings in Capital Improvement Projects

For more information, please visit: <https://www.epa.gov/watersense/webinars>

NTWC Members: For more information, visit [Meet the Council](#)

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