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**Critical Minerals Webinar Series -
Wind Turbine Recycling - Technical and Planning Considerations for Native Nations**
Presented by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)
Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Program

Date: Monday, May 18th, 2026

Time: 8 AM to 10:15 AM Hawai'i
10 AM to 11:15 AM Alaska
11 AM to 12:15 PM Pacific/Mountain Standard
Noon to 1:15 PM Mountain Daylight/Navajo Nation
1 PM to 2:15 PM Central
2 PM to 3:15 PM Eastern

This webinar is part of the Workforce Development Webinar Series hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' (ITEP) [Tribal Wellbeing for Seven Generations Program](#).

Summary

This webinar brings together leading experts from the National Laboratory of the Rockies to explore end-of-life considerations for wind energy infrastructure, with a focus on end-of-life planning and community impacts. Aubryn Cooperman, an engineering analyst, will provide an accessible overview of how wind turbines are recycled, breaking down complex technical processes into clear, understandable concepts. Her session will help participants better understand the materials used in turbines, current recycling technologies, and emerging innovations aimed at reducing waste and improving sustainability in the wind energy sector.

Building on this technical foundation, Frank Oteri and Matilda Kreider from the National Wind Technology Center's Community Impacts Team will guide participants through key planning considerations for decommissioning wind turbines, particularly in the context of Tribal lands. Their discussion will highlight the importance of early planning, community engagement, and considering long-term community goals. Together, the speakers will provide a holistic perspective that supports informed, responsible wind energy decommissioning and transition planning.

Presenters:

Aubryn Cooperman- Wind Turbine Researcher, Mechanical Engineering Expert at National Laboratory of the Rockies

Frank Oteri and Matilda Kreider- from NLR's National Wind Technology Center's Community Impacts Team

Registration: <https://nau.zoom.us/meeting/register/liUg6vbEQmeZd53yOnWk4w>

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