



EPA 2020 COVID-19 Water Sector Survey Summary Report

EPA released a report relaying the results of the 2020 COVID-19 Water Sector Survey. The survey requested information on how the pandemic affected utility function across multiple areas, including chemical and equipment supply-chain, workforce, financial, sampling and analysis, and cyber security concerns.

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The results highlight the resilience of the water sector in continuing to deliver safe and reliable water services, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic. The report underscores the critical need to invest in the nation's aging infrastructure and workforce, and challenges exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The report also describes shortages and supply chain disruptions experienced, heightened water workforce staffing shortages, financial effects, operational difficulties and steps taken to ensure continuity of service.

[Click here for more information.](#)

EPA Administrator Regan Reaffirms EPA's Indian Policy

EPA Administrator Michael Regan recently co-chaired a meeting of the National Tribal Operators Committee, and reaffirmed the Agency's 1984 Indian Policy. More information on this meeting and the Policy can be found [here](#).

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State Revolving Fund and Capacity Building Webinar

EPA released an action plan to strengthen the agency's partnership with Tribes and Alaska Native Villages on water issues. Actions taken under this plan will address critical challenges and provide vital water protections to support public health, environmental protection, cultural activities, and subsistence practices in Indian Country. To view the Tribal action plan and learn more about EPA's National Tribal Water Program, go to: <https://www.epa.gov/tribalwater>. To view the press release: <https://www.epa.gov/newsreleases/epa-announces-action-plan-address-water-related-challenges-indian-country>.

State Revolving Fund and Capacity Building Webinar

Please join us November 3rd, 2021 for our *DWSRF and Capacity Building in Action: Strategic Planning for Prioritizing and Funding Water Infrastructure Projects* webinar. Additional information and [registration](#) can be found in the flyer attached. For more information on drinking water capacity and other upcoming webinars, please visit www.epa.gov/dwcapacity.

Upcoming Regulatory Dates (Refer to Tickler for System-Specific Information)

| Date | Event | Location |
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| Last day of every calendar month | Last day to collect monthly total coliform samples | Sites approved on your RTCR sample plan |
| 10 th of every month | Last day for EPA to receive total coliform monthly routine samples from the previous month | N/A |

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