



Nate Delano on Extended Leave

Nate Delano will be on parental leave from September 20, 2021 to January 18, 2022. During this time, the other members of the tribal team (Emily, Andrea, and Joe), will backfill for Nate. Emily will be the main point of contact for tribal water systems located in **Wyoming**, and Andrea will be the main point of contact for tribal systems located in **Utah or Colorado**. Please feel free to reach out to any member of the tribal team (contact information below) with any questions, and we will get you to the right person. You will continue to receive all routine communication from EPA Region 8 drinking water.

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Webinar Series on Adapting Drinking Water Utilities to Climate Change

EPA's [Creating Resilient Water Utilities \(CRWU\)](#) initiative is providing a series of five free 2-hour webinars for **drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater (water sector) utility owners and operators**, as well as other water sector stakeholders. This webinar series is for the Northern Great Plains Climate Region of the US (MT, WY, ND, SD, NE). This webinar training series titled "*Building Resilience and Adapting to Climate Change Impacts for Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities*" begins with an Introductory webinar concentrating on building resilience to the impacts of climate change, as well as the identification and implementation of adaptation options, a utility climate change risk assessment case study, and utility infrastructure financing. The following four webinars focus on conducting a climate change risk assessment using EPA's [Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool \(CREAT\)](#), as well as the financing of adaptation options. CREAT is a web-based risk assessment application for water sector utilities to assess and address current and potential future climate change impacts. As part of this process, we will work with a "pilot" utility and provide technical assistance in conducting a climate risk assessment using CREAT. This case study will then be used during all five training webinars. Other CREAT case studies can be found on our [Case Study and Information Exchange Map](#).

Introductory Webinar on Climate Impacts	Tuesday, September 21, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M.T
CREAT training Session 1	Tuesday, October 19, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M.T
CREAT training Session 2	Thursday, October 21, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M.T
CREAT training Session 3	Tuesday, October 26, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M.T
CREAT training Session 4	Tuesday, November 9, 2021 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. M.T

You can register for the Introductory webinar here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7009638832007080715>

You can register for the CREAT training sessions here: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5399534895056502541>

Helpful Links to EPA Forms to Update Your System in EPA's Database

Water systems need to keep EPA informed of changes to system contacts, and facilities. The easiest way to do this is to complete forms available on [this webpage](#) and send them to EPA.

In addition, the website [Drinking Water Watch](#) displays helpful information about your water system, such as current sampling schedules, facilities, and violations.

Please reach out to your tribal team representative (listed below) or Bolor Bertelmann (bertelmann.bolor@epa.gov) for more information.

Announcement of the Draft CCL 5

On July 19, 2021, EPA published the Draft Fifth Contaminant Candidate List (CCL 5). The CCL is a list of contaminants that are currently not subject to any proposed or promulgated national primary drinking water regulations, but are known or anticipated to occur in public water systems. Contaminants listed on the CCL may require future regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA).

- [Federal Register Notice](#)
- [Press Release](#)

The Draft CCL 5 includes 66 chemicals, three chemical groups (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), cyanotoxins, and disinfection byproducts (DBPs)), and 12 microbes, which were selected from a universe of chemicals used in commerce, pesticides, biological toxins, disinfection byproducts, and waterborne pathogens. EPA is seeking comment on the Draft CCL 5 and the process used to select the contaminants. Instructions on how to submit comments are included in the Federal Register notice and may also be submitted using the docket link below.

- **Comment Deadline: September 17, 2021.** Please submit comments [here](#).

List of Systems Required to Sample Under UCMR 5 to be Finalized

The Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR5) is expected to be finalized around December 2021, with monitoring under this rule expected during the 2023 – 2025 timeframe. While not finalized, some tribal systems from EPA Region 8 are expected to be selected for sampling. UCMR5 is the first UCMR to be subject to new requirements outlined in the America's Water Infrastructure Act (AWIA), which may increase the number of small systems (population equal to or less than 10,000) that are expected to monitor under UCMR5. In preparation for UCMR5, Region 8 encourages tribal systems to familiarize themselves with this [EPA website](#), and to be on the lookout for future communications from Region 8 on this rule. You may reach out to [Kendra Morrison](#), Region 8's UCMR Coordinator, or your tribal team member, at any time with questions.

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

Date	Event	Location
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
End of September	Lead and Copper samples for systems required to monitor AND who are on annual or triannual sampling schedules	Highest tier sites available in your distribution system. Contact ransom.chelsea@epa.gov with questions.*

* Tier 1 sites are the highest tier sites. Sites must be selected and reported to EPA in accordance with the tiering criteria in 40 CFR §141.86(a).

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Other R8 Drinking Water Employee Contact Information Can be Found [Here](#).

This newsletter can be viewed online by visiting: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/epa-region-8-tribal-drinking-water-monthly-newsletter>.

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