



Announcement: National Tribal Water Council Seeking Membership Application

The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC) is now accepting applications from tribal water professionals to fill an open membership position for an EPA Region 8 representative. The NTWC is a technical and scientific body established to advocate for the best interests of federally recognized Indian and Alaska Native Tribes in matters pertaining to water.

Member duties include but are not limited to:

- Participate in monthly conference calls
- Attend bi-annual meetings
- Participate in crafting response documents to policy and/or rule making actions

Application Deadline: August 31, 2022

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Guidance: Lead Service Line Inventory Guidance Released and Webinar TODAY

Last week EPA announced new guidance to help locate lead pipes that can contaminate drinking water. **The guidance and other information are available [here](#).**

The new guidance:

- Provides best practices for inventory development and risk communications.
- Contains case studies on developing, reviewing, and communicating about inventories.
- Includes a template for water systems, states, and Tribes to use or adapt to create their own inventory.
- Highlights the importance of prioritizing inventory development in disadvantaged communities and where children live and play.

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This guidance will help water systems comply with the Lead and Copper Rule requirement to prepare and maintain an inventory of service line materials by **October 16, 2024**. This inventory requirement exists for all community and non-transient non-community water systems.

EPA is committed to assisting your water system in the development of your inventory, through EPA staff efforts, support through contractors, IHS, and other technical assistance providers, and using funding to help develop inventories and replace lead pipes where they are found. We will reach out as all these efforts develop.

Today at noon Mountain Time, EPA headquarters is hosting a webinar to further explain this new guidance. **Registration is available [here](#).**

If you have questions, please feel free to reach out to your EPA tribal drinking water contact.

Funding: EPA Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity for WIFIA and SWIFIA

On June 13, EPA announced the 2022 notices of funding availability for the agency's [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation \(WIFIA\) program](#) and the [State infrastructure financing authority WIFIA \(SWIFIA\) program](#). This year's funding will provide up to \$6.5 billion in total funding to support \$13 billion in water infrastructure.

- [FY 2022 Notice of Funding Availability](#)
- [Press release](#)

To make WIFIA funding more adaptive to ongoing community needs, EPA is changing the way it accepts letters of interest from prospective borrowers. Prospective borrowers seeking WIFIA and SWIFIA credit assistance may submit letters of interest on a rolling basis starting **September 6, 2022** until all funds are expended.

The WIFIA program has updated materials available including:

- [2022 WIFIA letter of interest form, letter of interest checklist, sample letter of interest, and sample financial pro forma](#)
- [WIFIA program handbook](#)

Letters of Interest Submission Start Date: September 6, 2022

Funding: EPA Seeks Input on New Pollution Prevention Grant Opportunity under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting two listening sessions to collect input on the development of a new grant opportunity under the Pollution Prevention (P2) program. The new grant opportunity will encourage products, purchasing, and/or supply chains that are safer, more sustainable, and environmentally preferable.

A listening session on Sept. 7 will seek input from tribes on this new grant opportunity. Another session on Sept. 8 is for all potential applicants and stakeholders. Eligible applicants include U.S. states, tribes,

territories, or entities of these governments such as colleges, universities, or intertribal consortia. Eligible applicants may also partner with interested stakeholders. Matching funds will *not* be required for these grants.

EPA is interested in understanding how these grants can be most accessible and useful to applicants.

During these listening sessions, EPA will pose the following questions to better understand opportunities as well as barriers to potential grant-funded projects:

- Which projects would best support the grant's goals?
- How can EPA encourage grantees to partner with other organizations to maximize project impact?
- How can EPA encourage projects that will benefit underserved communities?
- How can EPA encourage projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions?
- What barriers exist to potential applicants of this grant and what can be done to minimize those barriers?

Written feedback on the above questions will also be accepted through Sept. 30 at EPP_SaferChoice_Grants@epa.gov.

Register for the webinars using the following links:

- [Listening session for tribes and intertribal consortia](#): Sept. 7, 2022, from 2:00-3:30 p.m. EDT
- [Listening session for other potential applicants and stakeholders](#): Sept. 8, 2022, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. EDT

Read more about [P2 and the P2 Grant Program](#).

Training: Creating Resilient Water Utilities

What is it? EPA's [Creating Resilient Water Utilities](#) (CRWU) initiative provides water sector (drinking water, wastewater, and storm water) utilities and stakeholders with practical tools, training, and technical assistance to increase their resilience to climate change. CRWU assists by promoting a clear understanding of climate change and helps to identify potential long-term adaptation options for decision-making related to implementation and infrastructure financing.

Do you know of a water sector utility that may be interested in working with CRWU to conduct a guided climate change risk assessment at their utility? If so, let Curt Baranowski (baranowski.curt@epa.gov) know by Friday, September 9, 2022.

How does CRWU increase resilience to climate change? Using EPA's [Resilient Strategies Guide](#) (RSG) and [Climate Resilience Evaluation and Awareness Tool](#) (CREAT), water sector utility owners and operators can begin the process of assessing risk from these events. The CRWU team provided climate change risk assessment technical assistance to 25 water sector utilities in FY22. Starting in October of 2022, the team plans to double those technical assistance efforts in FY23. To see what other utilities have already done related to climate change risk assessment with CRWU visit the [Case Studies Map](#). Reach out to Curt with more questions.

Training: Water Quality Modeling Workshop

The Association of Clean Water Administrators and the EPA Water Modeling Workgroup (WMW) will be holding an in-person workshop on Water Quality Modeling in Chicago, IL. This workshop will take place **September 20 – September 23, 2022**. This year's workshop will feature two hand-on training opportunities on Qual2K and SWAT, as well as a track designed for managers and other staff who work closely with modelers and contractors.

On September 19, there will be a pre-conference "Modeling 101" training for new staff and anyone who wants a refresher. Please note that there will be limited space in the hands-on training tracks and you will need to register ahead of time to attend.

The 2022 ACWA and EPA Water Quality Modeling Workshop supports implementation of state programs by continuing to build a community of practice among state agency staff who use or want to use water quality modeling in implementation of state 303(d) programs.

This Water Quality Modeling Workshop is a national meeting organized by ACWA, in partnership with USEPA for state program managers and staff involved in water quality modeling, as well as for both Regional and Headquarters-based U.S. Environmental Protection Agency managers and staff. You can view the agenda [here](#). You can register [here](#).

Upcoming Webinars

Title	Descriptions	Date	Registration
Lead Service Line Inventory Guidance	This webinar will focus on explaining the recently released lead service line inventory guidance.	August 10, 12:00 PM MT	Click here
Grant Funding Tribal Listening Session	This webinar is described in detail above. Essentially, the EPA is seeking input on the design of this grant program to make sure it meets the needs of tribes. The grant program will generally focus on giving money to encourage products, purchasing and supply chains that are environmentally preferable.	September 7, 12:00 PM MT	Click here

Upcoming Regulatory Deadlines (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

10th of every month

Last day for EPA to receive total coliform and DBP samples collected during the previous month

N/A

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