

# Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Operation, Maintenance, and Management Training for Tribal Operators and Leaders



The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is sponsoring a series of training workshops for Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages to help increase participants' skills and knowledge in the operation of wastewater and drinking water treatment systems. Following the passage of the 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), 160 projects on Tribal lands received ARRA funding to build wastewater and drinking water systems. While beneficial, this new infrastructure presents new operation, maintenance, and management responsibilities for busy staff and Tribal leaders. The workshops are open to all federally recognized Tribes and will assist Tribes in realizing the full potential of their water infrastructure.

## Who Should Attend:

- Water System Operators
- Wastewater System Operators
- Tribal Utility Managers
- Tribal Council Members and Leaders Involved with Water Utility Management
- All Federally Recognized Tribes, Alaskan Native Villages, and Territories are invited



## What You'll Learn:

The objective of this 3-day workshop series is to instruct staff and leaders on how best to operate, troubleshoot, and maintain small wastewater and drinking water systems. Topics covered will include:

- Operator and management roles and responsibilities
- Wastewater system operations and maintenance (O&M)
- Water system O&M
- Developing rate structures to support utility operations
- Asset management to ensure system longevity

Case studies and exercises will be used to build on classroom skills. Please join EPA for an informal and informative workshop designed to help you operate your system safely and effectively.

## Locations and Registration:

Travel, hotel, and per diem costs for attendees from Tribal reservations may be covered by a participant's local Indian Health Service (IHS) Area office. Please contact your local IHS office to learn more.

Location	Date (2011)
Seattle, Washington	June 21 - 23
Billings, Montana	July 26 - 28
St. Paul, Minnesota	August 9 - 11
Phoenix, Arizona	September 13 - 15
Kansas City, Kansas	September 27 - 29*
Anchorage, Alaska	October 25 - 27

\* The date for Kansas City was modified on 5/5/11.

There is no registration fee for the workshops. There is a cap of 50 participants at each session. Tribes and Alaskan Native Villages that received ARRA funds will be given priority.

To register, please visit [http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/tribaltraining/tcourse7\\_2011.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/tribaltraining/tcourse7_2011.cfm). All attendees are scheduled to receive copies of the California State University Office of Water Program's small wastewater and water system operation and maintenance guidebooks. In addition, EPA is applying for continuing education units for operator licenses.

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