

## **Water Reuse Action Plan Action 2.2.15: Water Reuse and Tribes- Call for Volunteers**

### Summary:

There is substantial interest among tribes in pursuing water recycling to help address water supply challenges, and no guidance or trainings provided to date designed specifically to support tribes seeking to implement water recycling projects. Through this action, we hope to conduct focused outreach to tribes, and develop training for tribes to help them succeed in implementing reuse projects. We're seeking a few volunteers representing tribes around the US to help EPA design and carry out outreach efforts and develop water recycling training for tribes.

### The Goal of this Project:

Prepare basic outreach materials about water recycling opportunities and the 2020 Water Reuse Action Plan, conduct outreach with tribes throughout the US, and deliver initial training for tribes focusing on safe practices for implementing potable and non-potable water reuse

### How Will This Be Developed?

We are convening a small workgroup of representatives from EPA Headquarters, EPA Regions, and interested tribes to prepare outreach and training materials, conduct outreach through national and regional tribal organization events, and deliver basic training for tribes on water reuse. We plan to involve and draw upon the experiences of tribes that are already carrying out reuse projects.

### How Much Time Will This Take?

We are just now designing this effort and are still discussing how we'll work and what we'll produce. We anticipate holding 2-3 calls with the workgroup and asking workgroup members to spend perhaps 10-15 hours outside of calls over the next 4-6 months to help review outreach and training materials. If interested, we'd appreciate tribal workgroup members sharing their experiences, questions, and concerns with tribal counterparts during RTOCs and other regional and national tribal meetings. Ideally, we'll identify tribal volunteers who have some interest in and possibly experience with water recycling project implementation.

### What is the Intended Outcome?

We hope to produce basic outreach and training materials, conduct tribal outreach in most if not all EPA regions, and present at least 1 basic water recycling training session (possibly via webinar). We believe these efforts will help identify how EPA can best support tribal interest in water reuse. Depending upon level of interest among tribes, we may develop additional outreach, training, and technical support capability to support tribal reuse efforts

### OK, I'm Interested- What Do I Do Now?

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