

2023 Tribal Environmental Health Regional Summit
Bemidji and Nashville Areas
August 22 – 23, 2023

Summit Objective

Connect people from different backgrounds and tribes, communities, federal agencies, tribal organizations and state and local entities to address various environmental health and environmental justice issues of mutual concern across all regions as well as issues specific to individual regions.

Day One – August 22, 2023

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| 8:30 – 9:00 AM | Registration |
| 9:00 – 9:10 AM | Tribal Welcome and Opening Prayer
Oneida Councilwoman Jennifer Webster |
| 9:10 – 9:15 AM | Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Welcome: Dr. Aaron Bernstein, Director of the National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) |
| 9:15 – 9:20 AM | Day One Overview: CDC/ATSDR: Sharunda Buchanan, Ph.D., MS; Donata Green, Ph.D., MA; and Audrey Dowling, MPA, MM; National Indian Health Board (NIHB): Brett Weber, MPA |
| 9:20 – 10:15 AM | CDC’s National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce (PHIW): Joanne Odenkirchen, MPH

CDC’s Tribal Public Health Data Site
Overview of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) new Tribal Public Health Data site designed to assist tribal partners and others with information and tools related to tribal data. The site provides guidance on accessing CDC tribal data; information on tribal data issues, tools, technical assistance, and training; and tribal data-related resources from public health partners. |
| 10:15 – 10:30 AM | Break |
| 10:30 – 12:00 PM | Environmental Health Partner Resources Panel Discussion
Knowing who to contact and the role they play when there is an environmental health emergency is key. This Environmental Health Partner Resources Panel Discussion brings together tribal, federal, state, and local partners who are all available in the Bemidji and Nashville Areas to address the environmental health needs of tribal communities in the region. This panel discussion will give members of tribal communities an opportunity to know who to contact when they are experiencing environmental health issues/emergencies, network and build relationships with these partners, and ask questions to help them find solutions for their environmental health needs. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Association of State and Territorial Health Officials, State Tribal Liaison (ASTHO/STL):<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Darin Prescott, Director of the Office of American Indian Health, Minnesota Department of Health○ Gail Nahwahquaw, Tribal Affairs Director, Wisconsin Department of Health |

- **ATSDR Soil Screening, Health, Outreach, and Partnership (soilSHOP)**
– Laurel Berman, Ph.D., MS

12:00 – 12:30 PM

Networking Session

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 PM

Lead Poisoning and Prevention Session

No safe blood lead level in children has been identified. Sources of lead exposure include lead-based paint, drinking water, contaminated soil, consumer products, and lead exposure through jobs or hobbies. Tribal lands are often in rural areas where there is a greater risk for lead exposure due to subsistence practices. Lead screening and prevention programs are critical to address childhood lead exposure among American Indian/Alaska Natives. Presenters will discuss reducing childhood lead poisoning as a public health problem through strengthening blood lead testing, reporting and surveillance, linking exposed children to recommended services, and targeted population-based interventions.

- **CDC/NCEH:** Paul Allwood, Ph.D., MPH, RS
- **Tribe Lac Du Flambeau**

2:30 – 4:00 PM

Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene in Indian Country

Access to safe water and adequate sanitation and hygiene facilities are basic needs for health and well-being. Many communities, including American Indian or Alaska Native communities, will continue to lack access to these basic services unless progress increases. Representatives from CDC's NCEH/ATSDR, partners, and others will discuss technical assistance and water, sanitation, and hygiene interventions that can address problems with private drinking water systems. These interventions include building capacity to identify hazards through inspection of drinking water and wastewater systems, responding to and preventing outbreaks, and filling crucial functions during emergencies such as testing water supplies.

- **CDC/NCEH and Indian Health Service (IHS):** CAPT Troy Ritter, Ph.D., REHS, DAAS
- **CDC/NCEH:** Rachel Rogers, Ph.D., MA
- **Choctaw Nation:** Lakesha Hawkins

4:00 – 4:15 PM

Break

4:15 – 5:15 PM

Climate and Health

The increasing magnitude and frequency of extreme weather events continue to threaten the livelihoods and economies of indigenous peoples and native communities leaving them particularly vulnerable to the associated health effects. Building adaptive capacity and resilience to address these impacts are more important today than ever. Today's presenters will:

- 1) discuss CDC's Climate Ready Tribes Initiative and other tools available to help mitigate the impact of extreme weather events and
- 2) provide examples of activities and initiatives Tribes have implemented to address climate change.

- **CDC/NCEH:** Ms. Claudia Brown, MDP
- **Tribe Menominee Nation**

5:15 – 5:30 PM

Wrap-up and Closing Prayer (Tribal/CDC Co-Facilitator)

Bus to Tour of the Oneida Reservation

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Day Two – August 23, 2023

9:00 – 9:10 AM

Welcome

9:10 – 10:40 AM

Brownfield Land and Revitalization

Land reuse sites are sites that are slated for redevelopment but may have chemical contamination. Nearly one-half million (450,000) potentially dangerous land reuse sites (sometimes referred to as brownfields) exist across the United States, including tribal lands. This session will focus on ATSDR and partners' work to promote health, community involvement, partnerships, communication, and education to support environmental public health work related to land reuse sites.

- **ATSDR:** Laurel Berman, Ph.D., MS

10:40 – 10:50 AM

Break

10:50 – 11:30 AM

CDC Funding Opportunities For Tribes Discussion

Grants and cooperative agreements are mechanisms used to transfer federal resources in exchange for services that help fulfill CDC's mission and are a direct benefit to the public. CDC's Office of Grants Services (OGS) coordinates and oversees all funding provided through the various CDC mechanisms throughout the life cycle of the award. OGS Staff is here to present on funding that CDC has provided to tribes, funding that is available to tribes, and some keys and tips for tribal communities and organizations that receive CDC funding.

- **CDC OGS:** Ms. Carla Harper, MBA, MOB
- **CDC OGS:** Ms. Shirley Byrd

11:30 – 12:30 PM

Tribal Discussion Session

An open forum for tribal attendees to share.

12:30 – 12:45 PM

Wrap-up and Closing Prayer: Oneida Councilwoman Jennifer Webster