

2023 Tribal Environmental Health Regional Summit

Summit Objective

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One Day – July 25, 2023

8:30 – 9:00 AM	Registration
9:00 – 9:10 AM	Tribal Welcome and Opening Prayer
9:10 – 9:15 AM	CDC Welcome
9:15 – 9:20 AM	Day One Overview
9:20 – 10:15 AM	National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce Overview of new center, tribal data sharing, and possible funding CDC's New 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 Southern Plains Region 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.
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM	Networking Session
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 PM	PFAS Session PFAS are man-made chemicals that have been used in industry and consumer products worldwide since the 1940s. They have been used to make nonstick cookware, water-repellent clothing, stain resistant fabrics and carpets, some cosmetics, some firefighting foams, and products that resist grease, water, and oil. During production and use, PFAS can migrate into the soil, water, and air. Most PFAS (including PFOA and PFOS) do not break down, so they remain

in the environment. Because of their widespread use and their persistence in the environment, PFAS are found in the blood of people and animals all over the world and are present at low levels in a variety of food products and in the environment. Summit attendees will learn about CDC's efforts to mitigate the effects of PFAS and how PFAS have impacted Tribal communities.

2:30 – 3:30 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.

3:30 – 3:45 PM

Break

3:45 – 4:45 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.

4:45 – 5:00 PM

Wrap-up and Closing Prayer

6:00 PM

Tribal Observance/Event TBD

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Day Two – July 26, 2023

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| 9:00 – 9:10 AM | Welcoming and Opening Prayer |
| 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. |
| 10:40 – 11:00 AM | Break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | Tribal Discussion Session
An open forum for Tribal attendees to share with CDC and NIH. |
| 12:30 – 12:45 | Wrap-up and Closing Prayer |