



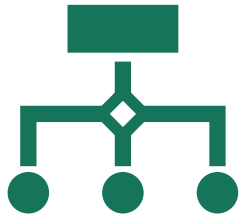
Coordinating with Tribal Emergency Response Programs

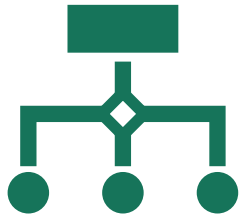
Challenges, support, and upcoming projects

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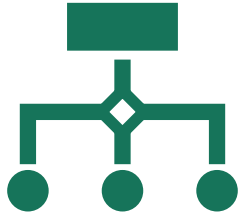




Organization Structure

Who does what?

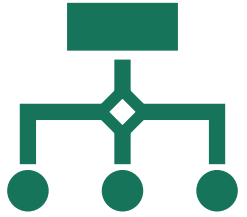
SEMD Tribal & EJ Coordinator



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- Background:
 - Education: psychology, justice administration, public policy, data analytics
 - Professional: legislative analysis and compliance programs
 - Volunteer: nonprofit conflict resolution services
- Responsibilities:
 - Facilitate communication
 - Relationship building
 - Assist with financial or technical assistance
 - Reporting and planning

At a Glance: EPA Offices (HQ)



- Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) leads EPA's international and Tribal engagements and develops and implements policy
- The [American Indian Environmental Office](#) manages programs and projects stemming from OITA's work
- OLEM also has Tribal Coordinators

Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA)

American Indian Environmental Office

Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM)

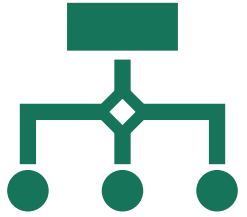
Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI)

- Tribal Coordinators

Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

- Tribal Coordinators

At a Glance: EPA Offices (Region)



Each program has a *Tribal Coordinator*, but the Tribal and International Affairs Division (TIAD) is often the primary group for Tribal Government interactions and EPA procedure.

Office of the Regional Administrator

Tribal and International Affairs Division (TIAD)

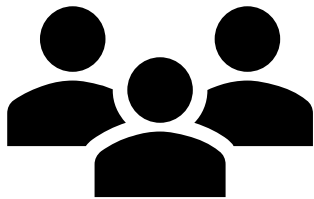
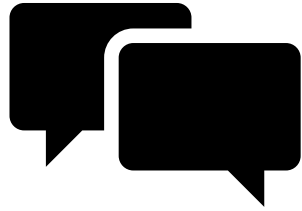
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Superfund and Emergency Management Division

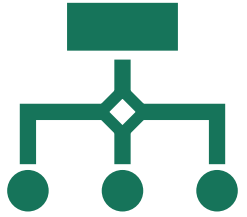
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All Other Programs

- Tribal Coordinators



Tribal Liaisons



- Dedicated positions serving as general points of contact for Tribal governments and environmental program staff
- Typically lead cross-program and inter-agency discussions of Tribal environmental matters
- Great resources for reviewing materials for Tribal governments

Tribal Liaisons

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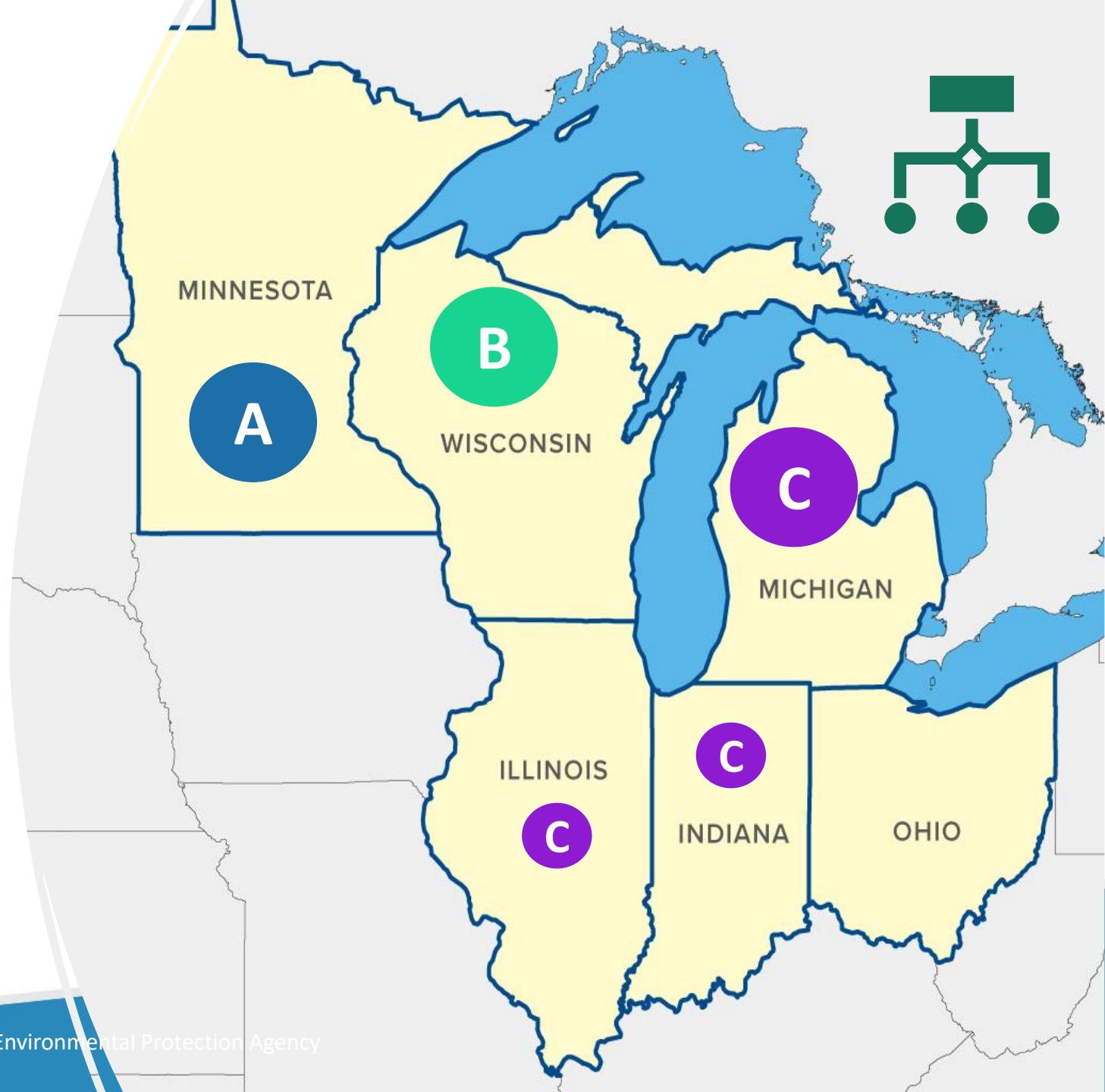
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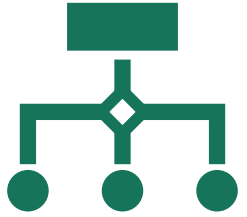
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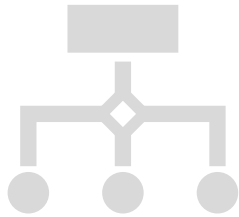
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- R5 SEMD Tribal Coordinator and Tribal Liaisons monitor internal ER notifications
- R5 SEMD Tribal Coordinator and Tribal Liaisons share (and get) information with Federal, State, and Tribal partners
- Promote federal and state resources at Tribal conferences and meetings
- Seek solutions to problems identified by Tribes



Tribal Interest Determinations

What to consider during incidents

Tribal Land in Region 5

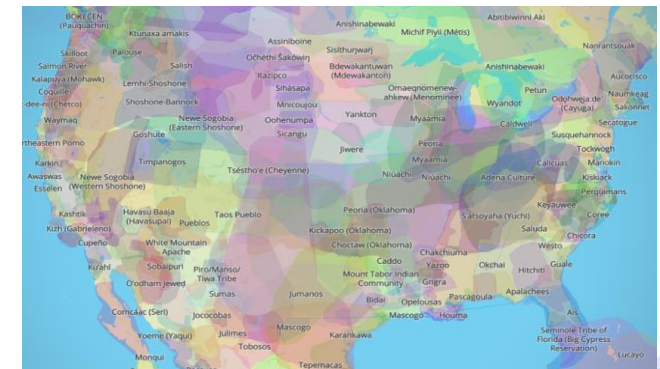
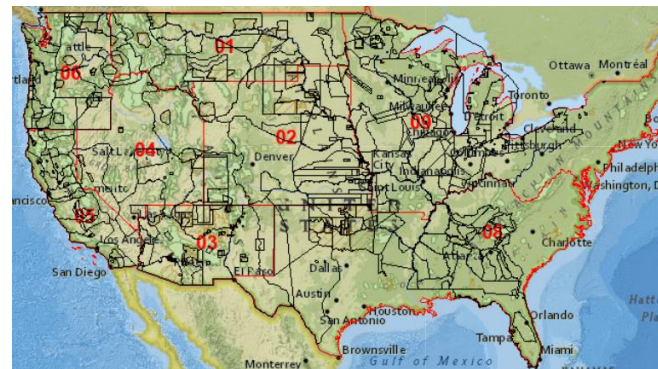
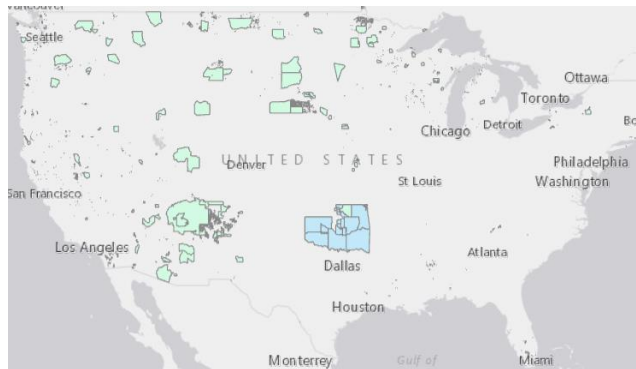
- “Indian Country”: [18 USC §1151](#) and [40 CFR §171.3](#)
- *Reservations in Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin
- Trust lands and Tribally-owned land



Tribal Land in Region 5



- Ceded territories
- Cultural, spiritual, ancestral significance





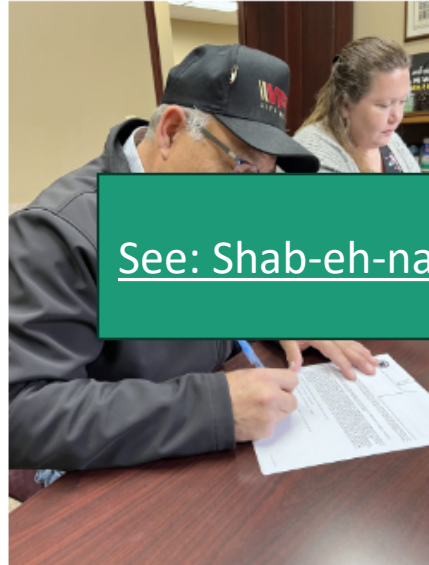
Tribal Land: Celebrations

- Tribal governments are acquiring and *reacquiring* lands every year



April 19, 2024

Via pbpindiantribe.com



At a land title office in Sycamore, IL, Prairie Band Potawatomi Chairman Joseph "Zeke" Rupnick signs document transferring 130 acres of tribal-owned land in DeKalb County to the federal government, for use as reservation land.

"Prairie Band has sought to continue our history as an original part of DeKalb County and right historical wrongs," said Prairie Band Chairman Joseph Rupnick, the fourth generation great grandson of Chief Shab-eh-nay. "We have been asking for this recognition and for what is rightfully ours for nearly 200 years, and we are grateful to the U.S. Department of Interior for this significant step in the pursuit of justice for our people and ancestors."

[See: Shab-eh-nay Reservation Frequently Asked Questions](#)

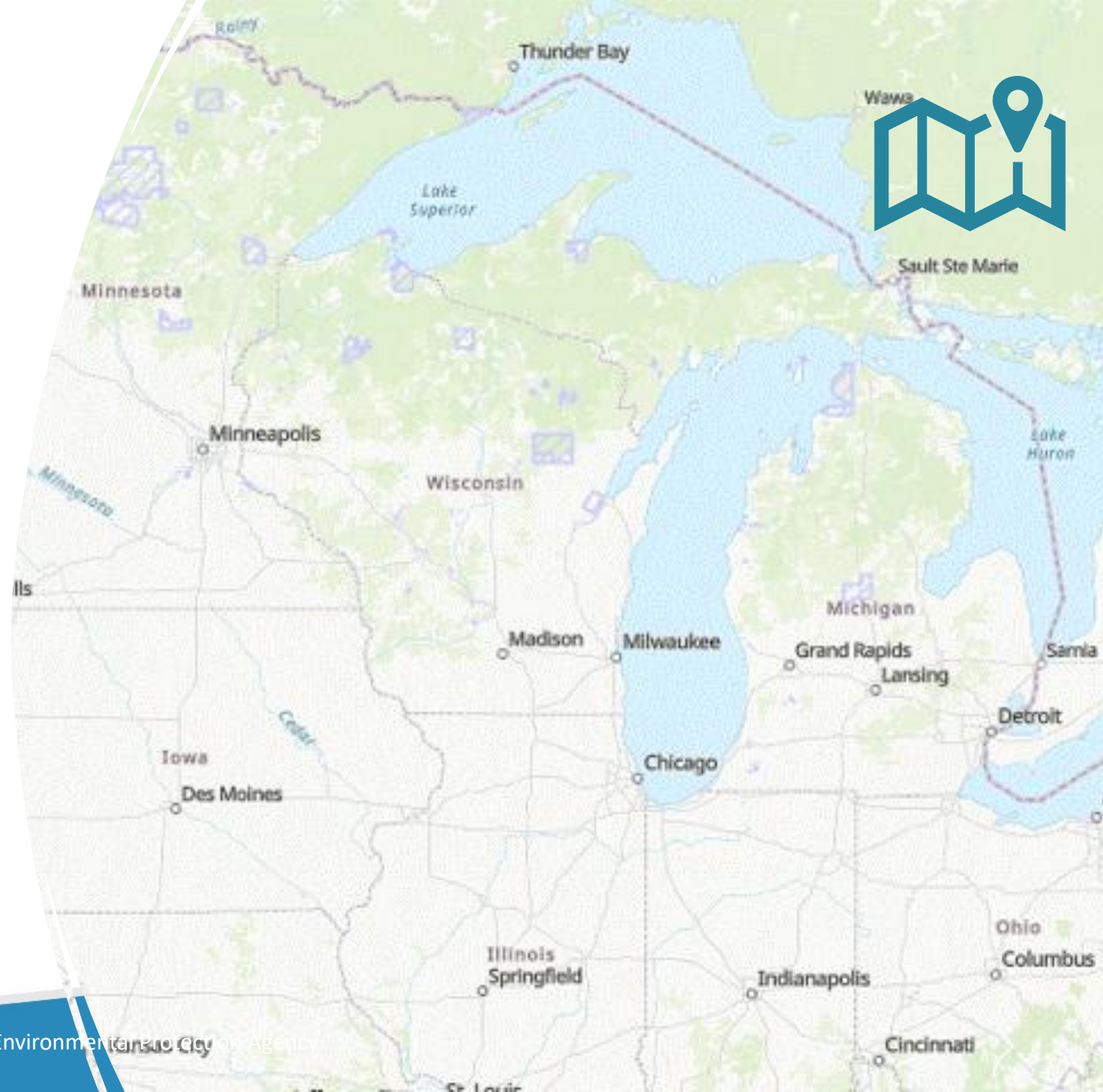
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The rightful return of this land is seen by Prairie Band as not only an acknowledgment of past wrongs, but also as a commitment to preserving and cherishing the rich history and culture of the original inhabitants of DeKalb County.

"175 years ago, our federal government unlawfully sold the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's land in Illinois," said U.S. Rep. Lauren Underwood (IL-14). "In Congress, I've been working in partnership with the Nation to correct this historic injustice. The decision to put portions of the Shab-eh-nay Reservation into Trust is an important step to returning the land that is rightfully theirs, and I am so honored to represent the first federally-recognized reservation in Illinois."

Tribal Land: Challenges

- Tribes have interest in land that is miles apart
- Some formal TERCs, most participate in County LEPCs
- Staff wear multiple hats
- Limited resources
- Oil pipelines, railways, hazardous facilities



Tribal Waste and Response (TWAR) Steering Committee

- Comprised of Tribal environmental program staff
- Superfund, emergency response, underground storage tanks, solid waste, and brownfields
- Priorities Document for EPA to address concerns and set goals
- [Website](#)



TWAR Steering Committee Priorities



Due to the very nature of Tribal lands, environmental threats are magnified in comparison to other locations. Historically, Tribal members utilize land more extensively and rely on it for sustenance, medicine, and other traditional uses to a greater degree than the general population.

Emergency response is hindered by a lack of understanding and inspection at regulated facilities, and timely access and awareness of the full federal family of resources.

[2024-2025 Priority Document](#) >>

EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans



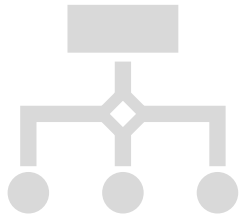
- EPA-Tribal Environmental Plans (ETEPs)
- 3 to 5-year environmental strategic plan and a performance management tool
- Inform EPA about how Tribes are, or want to, engage in program





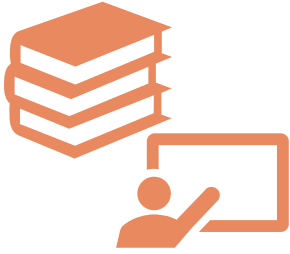
Meetings with R5 EPA and Tribes

- [Regional Tribal Operations Committee \(RTOC\)](#)
- Bimonthly or quarterly calls
- Annual Tribal Environmental Program Management Conference
- Annual Tribal Environmental Lands Forum



Resources

How can you learn more



Resources: Tribal Emergency Response Fact Sheets

- Provide responders with an overview of important contacts and information they can use for their response activities
- Updates coming:
 - Expanding to all Tribes in the region
 - Updating template to cross-link to other resources
 - Developing automations for more frequent reviews

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<p>III State Police, Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (24 Hour emergency notification) Phone: (202) 344-1234</p> <p>III Department of Health and Human Services (Division of Environmental Health) Phone: (202) 344-1234</p> <p><i>For public health emergencies, contact Agency/Representative Phone number (input as needed)</i></p> <p>III Pollution Emergency Alert System Hotline: Phone number</p> <p>III Department of Environmental Assistance Phone number</p> <p>EPA Planning OIG: First Last Office: (202) 344-1234 Cell: (202) 344-1234 E-Mail: [redacted]@epa.gov</p> <p>EPA Region 5 Ball Line Installed 2015 (year): (202) 344-1234</p> <p>EPA Region 5 Tribal Liaison: First Last Office: (202) 344-1234 E-Mail: [redacted]@epa.gov</p> <p>Updated: YYYY-MM-DD</p>	<p>CONTACTS <i>Emergency 911</i></p> <p>Primary Tribal POC: First and Last Name, Title, Phone, Email Tribal Environmental Response Coordinator: First and Last Name, Phone number, Email Tribal Materials Preservation Officer (TMPO): First and Last Name, Phone, Email Tribal Environmental Program Director: First and Last Name, Phone, Email</p> <p>Tribal Police: Phone number Tribal Fire and Rescue: First and Last Name, Phone number Tribal Health Clinic: Phone number Hazardous Waste</p> <p>RESERVATION DESCRIPTION County FIPS Code:</p> <p>Land Area: (202) 344-1234 Estimated Population: 1000 Major Industries: Major Rail Lines: Major Roadways: Major Rivers: Major Water Bodies: Ports:</p> <p>HOSPITALS WITH TRAUMA CENTERS System Name (Level II): Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone</p> <p>OTHER HOSPITALS System Name (Level II): Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone</p> <p>CLINICAL BURN UNIT System Name (Level II): Street Address, City, State, Zip Code, Phone</p> <p>PLANNING TOOLS ESTABLISHED TERC ON TOPIC (If no, list relevant cross-agency relationships or LUPC memberships)</p> <p>APPLICABLE RESPONSE PLANS Federal: • Region 5 Regional Contingency Plan/State Contingency Plan State: • Tribal: • County/Other: •</p> <p>ON FACILITY Name: Address: City/State: Phone:</p>
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Resources: Interactive Mapping

- State government viewers and Inland Sensitivity Atlas
- EJScreen

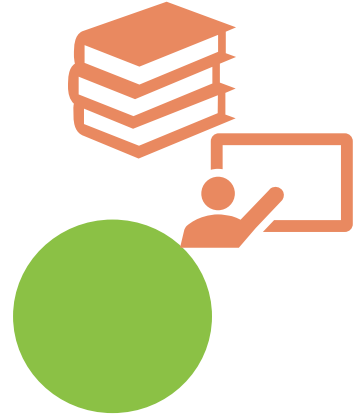


Resources: Public Presentations & Videos

- [Tribal Lands and Environment Forum Presentations](#)
- [2021 R5 Working Effectively with Tribal Governments Training](#)
- [Tribal Oil Spill Prevention and Chemical Emergency Preparedness Webinars](#)

Resources: Exercises

- Tabletop exercises
- Inter-agency and cross-agency partnerships and presentations



Resources Outside EPA

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- Broader
 - Native Governance Center ([YouTube](#))
 - National Indian Health Board, Working with Tribes Training Module ([Self-Paced](#))
- Regional
 - Tribal Government websites
 - Tribal Colleges and academic programs
 - Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission ([YouTube](#))

States and Tribes | Discussion

- What programs or offices do States have to liaise with Tribes directly?
 - State-recognized Tribes?
- What training exists for State colleagues to understand Tribal land interests and lifeways?
- What agreements between States and Tribes or Tribal consortiums exist?
- What opportunities for relationship building exist?



Additional Discussion