



Announcement: Chemical Plant Fire and Potential Impact on Supply Chain Disruptions

Current Status

A large fire broke out at a Carus Chemical Company plant in LaSalle, IL during the morning of Wednesday, January 11. This facility produces the following chemicals that are used for water and wastewater treatment: phosphate-based corrosion control chemicals (e.g., blended phosphates, dipotassium orthophosphate, sodium polyphosphate, zinc orthophosphate), potassium permanganate, and sodium permanganate.

U.S. EPA will continue to monitor this situation.

1/17 Update: *Carus has released a statement noting that additional details on potential impacts to its permanganate lines will be forthcoming and that it does not anticipate significant impacts to its production or deliveries of phosphate chemicals.*

For more information and updates:

<https://www.epa.gov/waterutilityresponse/chemical-plant-fire-and-potential-impact-supply-chain-disruptions>

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Announcement: Annual R8 Newsletter, Monitoring and Reporting Requirements Coming in February

The Region 8 Drinking Water Unit will be sending our annual "mass mailer" in February. This package will include your water system's anticipated monitoring and reporting requirements for 2023, an in-depth and

detailed annual newsletter with articles by R8 staff, and other important items for maintaining compliance with SDWA throughout 2023.

Free Climate Resilience Training for Tribal Water Utilities and Stakeholders

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) [Creating Resilient Water Utilities \(CRWU\)](#) initiative, in coordination with Indian Health Service (IHS), is providing a *free* webinar series for tribal drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater (water sector) utility owners and operators, as well as other tribal water sector stakeholders nationwide. Session 1 will kick off with an introduction to climate change impacts as it relates to tribes across the country, an overview of CRWU’s risk assessment tools and climate data resources, and a case study presentation from a tribal water utility. Session 2 will dig into CRWU’s tools and demonstrate how tribal utilities can identify climate adaptation strategies to protect their assets. Session 3 will bring in tribal funding experts to identify financing programs to pay for adaptive **infrastructure projects**.

This *free* training series will help tribal utilities incorporate climate change considerations into their decision-making, identify adaptation projects to build long-term resilience, and learn about federal and local resources for financing tribal utility resilience projects. To learn more about CRWU success stories, visit our [Adaptation Case Studies Story Map for Water Utilities](#). To view previous online trainings, visit CRWU’s [CRWU Training and Engagement Center](#).

Session 1	Tuesday, March 7, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Session 2	Thursday, March 9, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
Session 3	Tuesday, March 14, 2023 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

[Register here](#) for the *free* **National Climate Resilience Training for the Tribal Water Sector** under the name “EPA CRWU Three Part Webinar Series.”

Training Resource: Water Distribution 1 Training for Tribal Operators (brought to you by the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) and EPA Region 8)

Title	Descriptions	Dates	Registration
Water Distribution – Level 1	Water Distribution – Level 1 Live Online Training Course for Tribal Operators. Priority registration will be given to Tribal Operators working in EPA Region 8. Training course size is limited.	Jan 30, and Feb 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 13, 15, 17, 22, 24, 27 and March 1, 3, 6, 8 (in 2023)	Click Here

		Meets 10 am – 1pm (Central Time)	
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Upcoming Regulatory Deadlines

Date	Event	Location
Last day of every calendar month	Last day to collect monthly total coliform samples	Sites approved on your RTCR sample plan
10 th of every month	Last day for EPA to receive total coliform and DBP samples collected during the previous month	N/A

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This newsletter can be viewed online by visiting: <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/epa-region-8-tribal-drinking-water-monthly-newsletter>.

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