



Resource: Asset Management Planning for Tribal Utilities – Upcoming Webinar

Please join us August 16th, 2023 for an upcoming webinar, *Asset Management Planning for Tribal Utilities*.

Asset Management is the practice of proactively managing infrastructure capital assets to minimize the total cost of owning and operating them, while delivering the service level customer’s desire. This management framework provides tribal utilities a way to pursue and achieve sustainable infrastructure.

During this webinar, attendees will be introduced to the core concepts of asset management that can help tribal utilities build their asset inventories and implement proactive management practices. Additionally, attendees will hear lessons learned and successes of asset management initiatives from the Great Lakes Community Action Partnership (GLCAP) and the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe’s Director of Utilities.

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- § Is your system a community or non-transient non-community tribal water system?
- § Are you concerned about how you will meet the requirement to develop an initial inventory of service line materials by October 16, 2024?

If so, please attend the upcoming EPA Region 8 webinar trainings regarding lead service line inventories!

Upcoming Webinars

EPA Region 8's Drinking Water Program is hosting several training webinars for Tribal public water system managers and operators on developing an initial service line inventory and on using the Region 8 service line inventory template.

Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory. Jill Minter, Service Line Inventory Coordinator, will be offering three training webinars scheduled for:

- § Monday, August 7th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm MDST
- § Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00 to 10:30 am MDST
- § Monday, August 14th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm MDST

Developing and Maintaining a Service Line Inventory Jill Minter

Monday, August 7th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm MDST

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Wednesday, August 9th from 9:00 to 10:30 am MDST

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This training will provide an overview of lead in drinking water, Lead and Copper Rule Revisions, and EPA guidance on developing and maintain a service line inventory and cover specific topics including the benefits of a service line inventory, service line inventory elements, service line materials including unknown, the inventory planning process or lifecycle, review of historical records, visual inspection during normal field operations, submitting the initial inventory and customer notification and public accessibility. The focus will be on developing an initial service line inventory, which consists of gathering and reviewing required records and compiling data to build an initial inventory and is due to EPA by October 16, 2024. The training will clearly identify both requirements and recommendations. The training will also touch upon service line material investigation methods, steps that follow the review of historical records and building the initial inventory and to be carried out in future years.

Completing the Region 8 Service Line Inventory Template. Erica Wenzel, Lead Service Line Specialist, will be offering three webinars scheduled for:

- § Thursday August 24, 2023 2:00 - 3:00 PM MDST
- § Wednesday September 6, 2023 9:00 - 10:00 AM MDST
- § Tuesday September 19, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM MDST

Completing the Region 8 Service Line Inventory Template Erica Wenzel

Thursday August 24, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM MDST

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Wednesday September 6, 2023 9:00 - 10:00 AM MDST

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Tuesday September 19, 2023 12:00 – 1:00 PM MDST

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Training will feature an overview and demonstration of the EPA Region 8 Lead Service Line Inventory Spreadsheet and Instructions document. The inventory spreadsheet and instructions were specifically created for Public Water Systems on Tribal lands in Region 8 that are required to complete a Lead Service Line Inventory and would like to be provided forms for conducting their inventories and submitting them to EPA. The inventory template was designed to take some of the guess work out of conducting the inventory and help your water systems succeed in meeting the requirements. The overview will explain some of the special features, and formatting of the template. The demonstration will show operators how to fill out the Water System General Information form and enter data into the spreadsheet. EPA Region 8's Service Line Inventory Template, or inventory spreadsheet, can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/region8-waterops/reporting-forms-drinking-water-systems-wyoming-and-tribal-lands-epa-region-8>.

Beginning in October, we also will have a monthly Tribal service line inventory Teams meeting or "office hours", where we can meet as a workgroup to take questions or address specific inventory topics of interest.

Resource: [WaterTA](#)

All communities deserve access to clean, reliable water. Yet too many communities across America face challenges in providing safe drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services to their residents. The [Bipartisan Infrastructure Law](#) presents an unprecedented opportunity to address water infrastructure needs by providing \$50 billion in new funding – the [largest federal investment in water in the history of our nation](#). New and existing EPA [Water Technical Assistance \(WaterTA\) programs](#) will be utilized to support effective implementation of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

What is WaterTA?

EPA's free Water Technical Assistance (WaterTA) supports communities to identify water challenges, develop plans, build capacity, and develop application materials to access water infrastructure funding. To implement WaterTA, EPA collaborates with states, tribes, territories, community partners, and other key stakeholders. Learn more about [WaterTA services and programs](#).

Help for Your Community

EPA WaterTA aims to assist communities with applications for federal funding, quality infrastructure, and reliable water services. If your community is facing water infrastructure challenges and could benefit from support, we encourage you to learn more about [who can receive WaterTA and the challenges WaterTA can help your community address](#) then complete and submit a webform request by clicking on the link below:

[Request Water Technical Assistance for Your Community](#)

Resource: [Assessing Laboratory Support Webinar \(August 17, 2023, 1:00 PM Eastern Time\)](#)

Are YOU prepared for a water contamination incident?

The **Assessing Laboratory Support** resource is an interactive guide which shows how to access laboratory support at the local, state, regional, and federal levels. It includes examples of when this help may be needed and supplies a one-page summary sheet that lists key information for finding support.

Target audiences include drinking water, wastewater and storm water utilities; laboratories; public health departments; first responders; and emergency responders.

This training will cover the following:

- A description of potential users who may need to identify analytical support
- An overview of options available for identifying analytical support
- A highlight of key water security resources to aid analytical response

[Register Here!](#)

Training Resource: [20th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small System Challenges and Solutions](#)

For 20 years, the workshop has brought together professionals from states and territories, Tribes, federal agencies, academia, NGOs, local agencies, and others to share the latest information on challenges facing small drinking water systems and solutions to address them. To optimize networking, increase engagement, and to promote a shared learning experience, the workshop will be held as an entirely in-person event this year.

- **When:** September 11-14, 2023
- **Location:** Northern Kentucky Convention Center (Greater Cincinnati, Ohio Area), 1 W Rivercenter Blvd, Covington, KY 41011
- [To register](#)

Primarily designed for tribal, state, and territory personnel responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting, the workshop will provide current information, resources, and training needed to help in building systems capacity and sustainably and with providing equitable access to drinking water. System owners and operators, local and government personnel, academics, design engineers, technical assistance providers, and consultants may also benefit from attending.

Individuals who are unable to attend the event in person, will have the opportunity to benefit from some of the sessions in a virtual setting as part of the Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Announcement: EPA Releases Updates to the Funding Integration Tool for Source Water (FITS)

EPA's Source Water Protection Program recently updated the [Funding Integration Tool for Source Water \(FITS\)](#), an online one-stop-shop tool that explains how users can integrate various federal funding sources for activities that protect sources of drinking water.

The update adds three additional federal funding programs to the tool: EPA's [Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grants Program](#), U.S. Forest Service's [Forest Legacy Program](#), and Natural Resources Conservation Service's and U.S. Forest Service's [Joint Chiefs' Landscape Restoration Partnership Program](#).

- [FITS Video Tutorial](#)

The updated tool has the same look and feel, but now, with the addition of these three funding sources, outlines how 14 federal funding programs may be leveraged by states, Tribes, and territories to implement different steps of a source water protection program. The interactive, web-based tool continues to provide tips for long-term, cross-program planning as well as how state and Tribes have leveraged these funding sources in the past.

[Click here to learn more about EPA's Source Water Protection Program.](#)

Training Resource: EPA Headquarters Upcoming Webinars and Past Webinar Recordings

[EPA's Small Drinking Water Systems Webinar Series](#) (click to find upcoming webinars and past webinar recordings)

[Click here](#) to receive notifications for upcoming webinars.

Upcoming Webinars (registration only available for Cybersecurity at this time):

Date	Topic
August 29, 2023	Cybersecurity Register Here!
September 26	Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring rule (UCMR 5)
October 31	PFAS
November 28	TBD

Reminder: Disinfection Byproducts (DBP) Sampling

Many water systems who are on annual or once every three years monitoring for disinfection byproducts (DBPs) are required to sample during the month of August. Please check your To-Do to see if your system must sample for DBPs before the end of August. Your To-Do also has your approved monitoring location listed. If you have questions on whether you need to sample this month or where you must sample, please contact either Joe, Andrea, or Motaz (contact info at the end of this newsletter).

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
August 31 st	Last day to collect disinfection byproducts (DBP) sample(s) for systems who are required to monitor during the month of August (check your To-Do)	Sites approved on your DBP monitoring plan
September 30 th	Last day to collect Lead and Copper samples for system who have a seasonal monitoring period of June – September (check your To-Do)	Sites approved on your LCR sampling plan

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