



WATER DISTRIBUTION – LEVEL 2 Operator Training and Certification for Tribal Personnel

July 16-20, 2018
Big Pine, California

Includes:

- ✓ FREE Training for Tribal Personnel
- ✓ Opportunity for FREE Professional Certification
- ✓ Travel Expense Reimbursement Stipends Available

Comments from Past Training Participants:

“*Outstanding!*”
“*Very informative*”

“*[Instructor] was very energetic, kept the class awake.*”





REGISTRATION FORM

WATER DISTRIBUTION – LEVEL 2 **TRAINING FOR TRIBAL WATER OPERATORS**

July 16-20, 2018
Big Pine, California

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Title/Position: _____

Tribal Utility/Organization: _____

Business Address: _____
(Mailing) (Street/P.O. Box)

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____ Fax Number: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

Will attendee be requesting a travel expense reimbursement stipend? YES NO

Will attendee be taking the operator certification exam? YES NO

- Yes, I do plan on attending the **Water Distribution – Level 2** Training Course being held at the Big Pine Paiute Tribal Office, which is located at 825 S. Main St., Big Pine, California 93513.
- Yes, I understand that if accepted into this training course, ITCA will send me written confirmation of a reserved class seat.
- Yes, I understand that if I plan to take the Water Distribution – Level 2 operator certification exam, I must submit a complete ITCA Application for New Certification. I understand that prior approval from ITCA is required to be admitted into the certification exam session.**
- Yes, I understand that I am responsible for making my own travel and lodging arrangements.
- Yes, I understand the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. reserves the right to cancel or reschedule any training event due to lack of enrollment or funds.

Please complete this registration form and return by mail, email or fax by **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**, to the following:

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc.
TRIBAL WATER DEPARTMENT
2214 N. Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004
maya.cruz@itcaonline.com or raquel.begay@itcaonline.com
Telephone: (602) 258-4822 Fax: (602) 258-4825

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NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
TRAINING ANNOUNCEMENT

WATER DISTRIBUTION – LEVEL 2
TRAINING FOR TRIBAL WATER OPERATORS

Hosted by the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley
Big Pine, California
July 16-20, 2018

THE TRAINING COURSE:

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA) is pleased to offer the Water Distribution – Level 2 training course. The course is designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of Tribal drinking water system operators. Subjects covered in this training course will include: water demand & usage; water chemistry; drinking water standards; Safe Drinking Water Act and drinking water distribution system regulations; disinfection; sampling; distribution system components; hydraulics; piping and storage systems; control valves; hydrants; water line installation; corrosion; pumps; mechanical maintenance; instrumentation; meters; distribution system management; cross connection control; and worker safety. A training and reference booklet will be provided.

ITCA does NOT “teach to the certification exams.” Students intending to take an operator certification exam after this training course are encouraged to study the need-to-know criteria and recommended study guide references associated with the exam. An optional certification exam session for Tribal water operator certification will be offered for free following the end of this training course. Attendees that are only interested in the training course may choose not to take the certification exam.

COST:

Tribal personnel may attend this training course for **free**.

INSTRUCTOR:

ITCA has contracted with subject-matter expert Mr. Michael Alvidrez, of Alvidrez Water Operations, Inc., to instruct this training course. Mr. Alvidrez has extensive experience in the operation and maintenance of water distribution systems in Indian Country.

LOCATION:

The training course will be hosted by the Big Pine Paiute Tribe, and will be held at the Big Pine Paiute Tribal Office, which is located at 825 S. Main St., Big Pine, California 93513. The Tribal Office’s contact phone number is (760) 938-2003.

Ak-Chin Indian
Community
Cocopah Tribe
Colorado River
Indian Tribes
Fort McDowell
Yavapai Nation
Fort Mojave Tribe
Gila River Indian
Community
Havasupai Tribe
Hopi Tribe
Hualapai Tribe
Kaibab-Paiute Tribe
Pascua Yaqui Tribe
Pueblo of Zuni
Quechan Tribe
Salt River Pima-
Maricopa Indian
Community
San Carlos
Apache Tribe
San Juan Southern
Paiute Tribe
Tohono O’odham
Nation
Tonto Apache Tribe
White Mountain
Apache Tribe
Yavapai-Apache
Nation
Yavapai-Prescott
Indian Tribe

DATES & TIMES:

On Monday, July 16, 2018, through Thursday, July 19, 2018, the training course will begin each day at 8:30 A.M. and will conclude each day at or before 5:00 P.M. There will be a one-hour lunch break each day and meals will NOT be provided. On Friday, July 20, 2018, the training course will begin at 8:30 A.M. and conclude at or before noon.

An optional certification exam session will take place at the same location on Friday, July 20, 2018, starting promptly at 1:00 P.M. and concluding at or before 5:00 P.M. The Association of Boards of Certification (ABC) 2012 Edition Standardized Exam for Water Distribution – Level 2 operator certification will be administered to interested and eligible Tribal personnel. *Please be advised that prior approval from ITCA is required for admission into the exam session. There will be no late admission into the exam session.*

ATTENDANCE & CONTACT HOURS:

Student sign-in sheets will be administered for both morning and afternoon sessions on each day of the training course. All attendees will receive written recognition of earned training contact hours based on attendance. Training contact hours may be accepted towards the training requirements for new certification or as Professional Development Hour (PDH) / continuing education credit towards the renewal of existing certification.

REGISTRATION: Class Registration Deadline is July 10, 2018

Classroom space is limited. To request a class seat, please register as soon as possible. To register, complete the attached registration form and return to ITCA no later than close of business on **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**. Registration is subject to close before this deadline if all class seats are allocated. Registrants that are accepted into the training course will receive written confirmation of a reserved class seat. Please Note: A reserved class seat does not apply to the exam session. Separate written approval is required to be admitted into the certification exam session (see below).

ITCA PROGRAM OBJECTIVE:

The National Tribal Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program at the ITCA serves to meet the needs of system operators working on Tribal lands and to provide a jurisdictionally-correct alternative to state certification programs. The ITCA is a U.S. EPA-approved provider of certification services under the U.S. EPA Tribal Drinking Water Operator Certification Program Guidelines and makes its services available to all Tribal water and wastewater system operators working in Indian Country. ITCA-issued certification in drinking water or wastewater is deemed equivalent and accepted through reciprocity (exam waiver) by numerous states. Tribal operator certification is an additional way by which Tribal governments can exercise their sovereignty and promote their self-determination goals.

EXAMINATION & CERTIFICATION: Exam Application Deadline is July 10, 2018

ITCA staff will be available to proctor the ABC 2012 edition standardized, 100-question paper-booklet exam following the training course (at the same location) to eligible Tribal personnel seeking Water Distribution - Level 2 Operator Certification. Participants must have prior written approval from ITCA to be admitted into the examination session. Approval is based upon submittal of a completed ITCA *Application for New (Drinking Water) Certification* by close of business on **Tuesday, July 10, 2018**. Please refer to the ITCA Application Booklet for complete operator certification eligibility criteria and the application, which is available on the ITCA website or by directly contacting the ITCA Tribal Water Department. You are highly encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

Tribal personnel may apply for Tribal operator certification and take the Water Distribution – Level 2 operator certification exam for free. Students intending to take the certification exam are encouraged to study the ABC 2012 Edition Standardized Exam Need-to-Know Criteria and list of recommended study guide references found at <http://www.abccert.org>.

LODGING:

You are responsible for making your own travel and lodging arrangements. For your convenience, a few of the hotels within the area are listed below. This is a non-inclusive, non-endorsement listing.

- Big Pine Resort Cottages, 505 S. Main St., Big Pine, CA 93513, (760) 938-2922
- Starlight Motel, 511 S. Main St., Big Pine, CA 93513, (760) 938-2525
- Creekside Inn, 725 N. Main St., Bishop, CA 93514, (760) 872-3044

TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS:

Limited travel expense reimbursement stipends (partial reimbursement) are available for individuals who are working on Tribal lands and who attend the entire training event. Prior to traveling to the training event, preliminary applications for proposed travel expense reimbursement stipends will be considered for funding by ITCA. Preliminary applications will be considered on a first-come first-served basis and will be subject to funding availability.

Please follow the steps below if you are interested in receiving a travel expense reimbursement stipend.

1. Submit a completed Preliminary Application for Travel Reimbursement Stipend to ITCA **before close of business on Tuesday, July 10, 2018**. The form must include the signature of the attendee's supervisor. The Preliminary Application Form is available upon request.
2. Applicants that are approved by ITCA will receive written notice stating the level of funding available for their travel reimbursement stipend.
3. Following travel, the traveler must submit a complete Final Travel Expense Reimbursement Claims Form with attached receipts.

Preliminary applications shall include proposed travel expenses that meet the federal government GSA rates. The maximum per diem rate for Big Pine, California for the period of this event is \$112 for lodging and \$64 for meals and incidentals. According to federal guidelines, local residents traveling less than 50 miles one-way are eligible only for mileage reimbursement costs for use of privately-owned automobiles at the rate of \$0.545 per mile.

For additional information, please contact the ITCA Tribal Water Department staff at (602) 258-4822.

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