



Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting

August 29-September 1, 2017

Isleta Resort & Casino
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Includes:

- ✓ FREE Training for Tribal Water Operators
- ✓ Opportunity for FREE Tribal Operator Certification
- ✓ FREE Operator Certification Exam
- ✓ Travel Expense Reimbursement Stipends Available
- ✓ Network with other Water Professionals in Indian Country





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TENTATIVE AGENDA

DAY 1 – TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**

8:30 – 12:00 p.m. **8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training**
Perry Hoskins, Spectra Training

Please note: The 8-Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Refresher Training is open to all and will be directly applicable to the job tasks performed by Tribal water/wastewater personnel. Those who already have their 40-hour OSHA HAZWOPER training certificate can have their training certificate renewed by attending this 8-hour refresher training.

12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **LUNCH BREAK** (on your own)

1:00 – 5:00 p.m. **8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training** (continued)
Perry Hoskins, Spectra Training

5:00 p.m. **DAY 1 ADJOURN**



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DAY 2 – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. **WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS**
ITCA and RCAC
- 8:30 – 9:45 **The Importance of having a Backflow Prevention Program**
Mary Howell, Backflow Management Inc.
- 9:45 – 10:45 **Invited Speakers: Harmful Algal Blooms**
*Kimberly Willis-Burr, Direct Implementation Coordinator, EPA Region 7, and
Eric Sheets, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, Environmental Director*
- 10:45 – 11:00 ~~BREAK~~
- 11:00 – 12:00 p.m. **Guest Presentation: The Otoe-Missouria Water Plant Project**
*Jackie Jackson, Otoe-Missouria Utility Authority Chairman and Planning
Director for the Otoe-Missouria Tribe*
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- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH (lunch provided)**

Public Health & Tribal Sovereignty through Sustainable Water Utilities
Brian Bennon, ITCA Tribal Water Department Director
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- 1:00 – 1:30 **Invited Speaker: Reciprocity with the State of New Mexico**
Eric Hall / Anne Keller, New Mexico Utility Operator Certification Program
- 1:30 – 2:30 **Hydrants**
Michael Alvidrez, Alvidrez Water Operations
- 2:30 – 2:45 ~~BREAK~~
- 2:45 – 3:45 **Review of PRVs/ARVs, VFDs, and Meters**
Mario Gonzales, PureOps
- 3:45 – 5:00 **NAWMA Roundtable Discussion**
Karl Pennock, Rural Development Specialist, RCAC
- 5:00 p.m. **DAY 2 ADJOURN**



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DAY 3 – THURSDAY, AUGUST 31, 2017

- 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. **SCADA Technologies**
Mario Gonzales, PureOps
Asim Farooq, SCADA Specialist, Schneider Electric
- 9:30 – 10:30 **Budgets, Rates, and Metering**
Bruce Robinson, ITCA Technical Assistance Projects Manager
Tom Shoemaker, Operations Innovation
- 10:30 – 10:45 ~~BREAK~~
- 10:45 – 12:00 p.m. **Chlorination Revisited**
Nicole Mangin, MEC TECH Services
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- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. **WORKING LUNCH (lunch provided)**
- SDWA and the Summer Heat**
Nora Romero, Consultant Subject-Matter Expert
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- 1:00 – 2:00 **Asset Management**
Karl Pennock, Rural Development Specialist, RCAC
- 2:15 – 2:30 ~~BREAK~~
- 2:30 – 3:30 **Invited Speaker: IHS Updated and Tribal Utility Resources**
Gretchen Tsosie, O&M Coordinator, Albuquerque Area IHS
- 3:30 – 4:30 **Water Distribution**
Michael Alvidrez, Alvidrez Water Operations
- 4:30 – 5:00 **DRAWING FOR PRIZES**
ITCA Staff
- 5:00 p.m. **DAY 3 ADJOURN**



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DAY 4 – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2017

8:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. **ITCA OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAMINATION SESSION**

Please Note: 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 Certification*.



NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR CERTIFICATION PROGRAM
EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT

REGIONAL TRIBAL WATER SUMMIT & NAWMA MEETING
NETWORKING, TRAINING, AND CERTIFICATION EXAMS

August 29 to September 1, 2017
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MEETING OBJECTIVES:

The National Tribal Water and Wastewater Operator Certification Program of the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), in collaboration with the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC), is pleased to announce a **Regional Tribal Water Summit and Native American Water Masters Association (NAWMA) Meeting**. This event is a forum for Tribal water and wastewater utility personnel working in or near the U.S. EPA Region 6 area to share ideas and concerns with peers, attend short training sessions, and earn professional certification.

FOCUS OF THIS MEETING:

The Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting will feature short training seminars on topics that may include worker safety, utility management, operations & maintenance, water regulations, backflow prevention, and operator certification. The event will include a roundtable discussion session where Tribal operators may discuss matters of interest. A Tribal operator certification exam session will be offered for eligible applicants on the last day of the event.

- ✓ **Training contact hours will be earned by each participant.**
- ✓ **A drawing for prizes will be held at the end of the Summit and may feature, among other things, water & wastewater operations reference textbooks and new Chlorine Field Test Kits.**

COST:

Tribal personnel may attend the Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting, apply for operator certification, and take a certification exam for **free**.

LOCATION:

The Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting will be held at the Isleta Resort & Casino, which is located at 11000 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. The general information phone number for the Isleta Resort & Casino is (505) 724-3800.

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 Tuesday, August 29, 2017, through Thursday, August 31, 2017, the Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting will begin each day at 8:00 A.M. and will conclude at or before 5:00 P.M. On Tuesday, August 29, 2017, meals will not be provided. Both Wednesday, August 30th and Thursday, August 31st will feature a working lunch. On Friday, September 1, 2017, operator certification exams will be administered by ITCA staff during an exam session for interested and eligible Tribal personnel starting promptly at 8:30 A.M. and concluding at or before noon. Please be advised that prior approval from ITCA is required for admission into the exam session.

ATTENDANCE & CONTACT HOURS:

Sign-in sheets will be administered for both morning and afternoon sessions of the Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting. 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) credit towards the renewal of existing certification.

REGISTRATION: Registration Deadline is August 24, 2017.

To request a seat at the Regional Tribal Water Summit & NAWMA Meeting, please register as soon as possible, but no later than close of business on **Thursday, August 24, 2017**. To register, please complete the attached registration form and return by mail, email or fax to ITCA. Confirmed registrants will receive written verification of a reserved seat. Please note: a reserved seat does not apply to the exam session. Separate written approval is required to be admitted into the certification exam session (see below).

OPERATOR CERTIFICATION EXAM SESSION: Exam Application Deadline is August 24, 2017

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. This Operator Certification Exam Session provides Tribal water and wastewater utility personnel the opportunity to apply and test, free of charge, for professional certifications through the ITCA Program, independent of attending ITCA training courses. The following professional certification examinations will be offered through Paper-Booklet Testing. An eligible candidate may take only one exam during this exam session. To determine eligibility, please contact the ITCA Tribal Water Department at (602) 258-4822.

Drinking Water (ABC standardized exams)

Very Small Water System
Treatment—Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4
Distribution—Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4

Wastewater (ABC standardized exams)

Collection—Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4
Treatment—Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4

Utility Management (ITCA exam)

Tribal Utility Management Certification-Level 1

The application and examination for ITCA certification is free. 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 Certification*. The ITCA eligibility criteria (qualifying

education, training, and work experience) and application forms are provided within the *ITCA Operator Certification Application Booklets*, which are available on the ITCA website or can be obtained by directly contacting ITCA. You are highly encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

THE EXAM SESSION PROCESS:

Step 1Register to Request Testing

Deadline: Thursday, August 24, 2017

Please complete the attached exam session registration form and return by close of business on Thursday, August 24, 2017.

Step 2Submit a Complete Application

Deadline: Thursday, August 24, 2017

Applications for New Certification are due by close of business on Thursday, August 24, 2017. Applicants deemed eligible by ITCA will receive written approval to take the requested certification exam.

On Friday, August 25, 2017, exam session registration forms that do not have a corresponding complete *Application for New Certification* will be cancelled and a notice of exam registration cancellation will be sent.

LODGING:

You are responsible for making your own travel and lodging arrangements. For your convenience, a block of rooms is available at the Isleta Resort & Casino which is located at 11000 Broadway SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105. The room rate of \$91 per night plus 6% hotel sales tax is available for attendees under the group name: “**I TC0817**”. The cutoff date for the group rate expires on August 11, 2017. Please contact the Isleta Resort & Casino to make room reservations by phone at (877) 475-3827 or (505) 848-1999.

TRAVEL EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT STIPENDS:

Travel expense reimbursement stipends 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. Preliminary applications shall include proposed travel expenses that meet the federal government GSA rates. The maximum per diem rate for the Albuquerque, New Mexico area for the period of this event is \$91 for lodging and \$51 for meals and incidentals. According to federal guidelines, local residents traveling less than fifty miles one-way are eligible only for mileage reimbursement costs for use of privately-owned automobiles at the rate of \$0.535 per mile.

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 traveling to the training course. 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.

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

Please note: Photographs taken by ITCA staff at training/meeting events may be used in ITCA publications including, but not limited to, ITCA's website, publications, and social media. If you do not consent to have your photograph published, please notify ITCA staff at the training/meeting event.



REGISTRATION FORM



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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: _____

Does the attendee have an OSHA 40-hour HAZWOPER training certificate? Yes No

Will attendee be requesting a travel expense reimbursement stipend? Yes No

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- Yes, I do plan on attending the **Regional Tribal Water Summit** at the Isleta Resort & Casino, located at 11000 Broadway SE, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
 - Yes, I understand that the ITCA will send me written confirmation of registration.
 - 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 the meeting event due to lack of enrollment or funds.

Please complete this registration form and return by mail, email, or fax by **Thursday, August 24, 2017**, to the following:

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

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EXAM SESSION REGISTRATION FORM



**EXAMINATION FOR
TRIBAL WATER AND WASTEWATER PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION**

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September 1, 2017**

(Please Print Clearly)

Name: _____
(First) (Last)

Tribe: _____ Tribal Utility/Organization: _____

Title/Position: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

(City) (State) (Zip Code)

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

NOTICE: To be considered for approval to take a certification exam, you must submit a separate Application for New Certification for the type of exam you are requesting below, by the application deadline: **August 24, 2017.**

Certification Exam Title (Select No More Than 1 Exam)

This is an Association Board of Certification 50-question exam

VERY SMALL WATER SYSTEM OPERATOR.....

The following are Association of Boards of Certification 2012 standardized 100-question exams

WATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.....

indicate a level (lowest is 1, highest is 4): L1 L2 L3 L4

WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR.....

indicate a level (lowest is 1, highest is 4): L1 L2 L3 L4

WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM OPERATOR.....

indicate a level (lowest is 1, highest is 4): L1 L2 L3 L4

WASTEWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.....

indicate a level (lowest is 1, highest is 4): L1 L2 L3 L4

This is an ITCA 100-question customized exam

TRIBAL UTILITY MANAGEMENT CERTIFICATION-LEVEL 1.....

Complete this registration form and return by mail, fax or e-mail by August 24, 2017, to the following:

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