



## Hiring: EPA Hosting Hiring Webinars for Tribal Members

EPA is hosting a hiring webinar for students and alumni of native serving institutions and tribal colleges. Attendees will learn more about:

- Job opportunities for students and recent graduates
- How to apply for federal positions
- Creating a USAJobs profile and saving searches
- Education and transcript requirements
- Federal pay, benefits, and retirement
- EPA's work toward Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Accessibility

**When: Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 PM Eastern (1:00 PM Mountain time)**

[Click here](#) to join the webinar.

## Funding: USDA RCPP Applications and Webinar for Projects that Can Protect Drinking Water Sources

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has announced up to \$225 million in available funding for Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) projects. RCPP is a partner-driven program that leverages collective resources to find solutions to address natural resource challenges on agricultural land that can be aimed at protecting drinking water sources.

RCPP Classic funding projects are implemented using NRCS contracts and easements with producers, landowners and communities, in collaboration with project partners. RCPP Alternative Funding Arrangements

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(AFA) partners have more flexibility in working directly with agricultural producers to support the development of new conservation structures and approaches that would not otherwise be available under RCPP Classic. Funding is open to agriculture and silviculture associations, non-government organizations, Indian tribes, state and local governments, conservation districts and universities, among others. View the funding opportunity on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) for [RCPP Classic](#) and [RCPP AFA](#). **Project proposals are due by April 13, 2022.**

**When: January 20th Webinar: From 3:00 – 4:30 pm (eastern time)**, USDA will share general program information for RCPP applicants. Visit the [RCPP website](#) for information on how to participate. For more information, [view the press release](#)

[Click to Register.](#)

## Regulation: EPA Announces the UCMR 5 Final Rule and Public Webinar Meetings

On December 20, 2021, EPA finalized the Fifth Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule (UCMR 5) to establish nationwide monitoring for 29 per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) and lithium in drinking water. This action is essential to addressing the public health and environmental risks of PFAS in drinking water and marks a significant milestone in EPA's [PFAS Strategic Roadmap](#).

### UCMR 5 final rule public webinars

EPA will host two identical virtual meetings to provide public water systems (PWSs), states, laboratories, and other stakeholders with a comprehensive overview of the UCMR 5 program. The meetings will address: a general introduction to the UCMR program, PWSs subject to UCMR 5 requirements, the analytes to be monitored, monitoring locations and frequency, reporting requirements, ground water representative monitoring plans (GWRMPs), and the laboratory approval program.

- **March 16, 2022; 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET - [Register](#)**
- **March 17, 2022; 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM ET - [Register](#)**

The number of webinar connections available for the two webinars is limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. If stakeholder interest exceeds the maximum number of available connections, EPA may schedule additional webinars.

Registrants will receive confirmations and further webinar information via email. Questions regarding webinar registration should be emailed to [UCMRWebinar@cadmusgroup.com](mailto:UCMRWebinar@cadmusgroup.com).

## Webinar: Sampling Guidance for Unknown Contaminants in Drinking Water Webinar

This webinar is hosted by [EPA Water Security Division's Water Utility Resilience Workshops and Webinars](#).

WLA's "Sampling Guidance for Unknown Contaminants in Drinking Water" is designed to provide utilities, emergency responders and laboratory personnel with comprehensive guidance that integrates recommendations for sample collection, preservation and transport procedures of unknown samples. By highlighting how to use the WLA's Sampling Guidance for Unknown Contaminants in Drinking Water, this webinar will examine recommendations for pathogen, toxin, chemical and radiochemical sample collection, preservation and transport procedures that support multiple analytical approaches for the identification of potential contaminants in drinking water. Participants will be presented with examples of what is required for a comprehensive sampling program, and how the guidance can be used to enhance laboratory, utility and emergency responder preparedness by supplementing emergency response plans.

**When: February 3, 2022 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM ET**

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## Webinar: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and Capacity Building in Action: Advancing Water Equity

The United States enjoys one of the world's most reliable and safest supplies of drinking water. Some communities across the country, however, face the challenge of aging or inadequate drinking water infrastructure. Many marginalized and underserved communities lack crucial access to clean and safe water and are the most vulnerable to contaminant exposure and have a harder time to overcome capacity challenges.

This webinar will focus on how States could use their DWSRF set-asides for activities that identify and prioritize water infrastructure and capacity building projects for underserved communities. You'll also hear from State presenters on their efforts to build capacity and advance water equity.

**When: February 15, 2022 2:00 PM Eastern (12:00 Mountain)**

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## Webinar: Increasing Your Utility's Chances to Access Infrastructure Funding through Effective Utility Management

Right now, small utilities have access to unprecedented levels of infrastructure funding. This webinar will describe how small systems can utilize the principles of Effective Utility Management to increase their chances of accessing this funding through improved operations, planning, and finances. The material in this webinar is best suited for individuals who operate, manage, or own drinking water systems.

**When: February 3, 2022, 12:00 Mountain**

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### Upcoming Regulatory Deadlines (Refer to Tickler for System-Specific Information)

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 <sup>th</sup> of every month	Last day for EPA to receive total coliform and DBP monthly routine samples from the previous month	N/A

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