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# ITEC NEWS

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## ITEC Conference 2024

### ITEC Member Tribes

- Absentee-Shawnee Tribe
- Alabama-Coushatta Tribe
- Alabama-Quassarte Tribe
- Apache Tribe
- Caddo Nation
- Cherokee Nation
- Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes
- Citizen Potawatomi Nation
- Comanche Nation
- Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana
- Delaware Nation
- Delaware Tribe
- Eastern Shawnee Tribe
- Fort Sill Apache Tribe
- Iowa Tribe
- Jicarilla Apache Nation
- Kaw Nation
- Kialegee Tribal Town
- Kickapoo Tribe
- Kiowa Tribe
- Miami Tribe
- Modoc Tribe
- Muscogee Nation
- Osage Nation
- Otoe-Missouria Tribe
- Ottawa Tribe
- Pawnee Nation
- Peoria Tribe
- Ponca Tribe
- Pueblo of Laguna
- Pueblo of Pojoaque
- Pueblo of Santa Clara
- Pueblo of Taos
- Pueblo of Tesuque
- Quapaw Nation
- Sac & Fox Nation
- Seneca-Cayuga Nation
- Shawnee Tribe
- Thlopthlocco Tribal Town
- Tonkawa Tribe
- United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees
- Wichita & Affiliated Tribes
- Wyandotte Nation
- Ysleta del Sur Pueblo
- Zuni Tribe

The 29th Annual Inter-Tribal Environmental Council Conference was held July 23-24, 2024, at the Hard Rock Hotel in Catoosa, Oklahoma. The General Assembly opened with the presentation of colors being posted by the Cherokee Nation Color Guard and a performance by the Cherokee National Youth Choir. Opening plenary sessions focused on a Documentary Screening and Panel discussion on the video “Meet ME at the Creek”.. The annual ITEC meeting was also held before lunch on the opening day. Afternoon sessions were on PFA, Indoor Air Quality, Rainwater Harvesting, Orphaned Wells and Climate Resilience.



Wednesday was a full day of sessions covering a wide variety of Environment topics. There were 18 sessions with speakers in each session delivering information on current environmental topics.



There were approximately 190 attendees which included representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6 Tribes, various tribal organizations, environmental consultants and environmental organizations. Equipment manufacturers and other vendors also displayed their products and services at this year’s ITEC Conference.





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## Region 6 RTOC Meeting

The Regional Tribal Operations Committee meetings were held July 10-11, 2024 at the Route 66 Casino in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The Tribal Caucus was held on July 10th and the full RTOC on July 11, 2024. Approximately 30 Tribes and EPA representatives attended. Topics of discussion included: LANL, Bishops Lodge Water Treatment Plant Update, Mescalero Apache update, AEIO update, Santa Clara Flooding Update and a presentation from the New Mexico Environmental Department. Dr. Nance EPA Region 6 Director attended in person and AIEO representatives attended by phone.



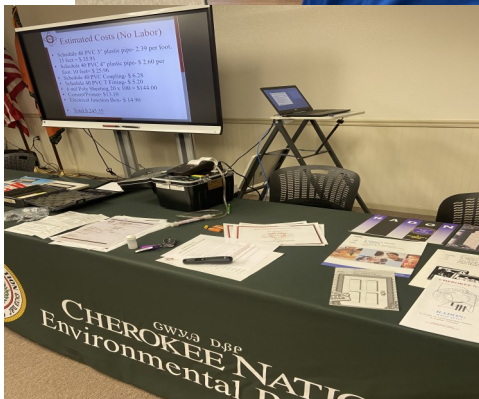


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## ITEC Training: Radon What is it ?

On September 12, 2024 ITEC held a “Radon What is it” Training. There were 15 participants from Cherokee Nation, Muscogee Nation, Kaw Nation, and Apache Tribe. The training consisted of classroom discussions on the components of Radon testing, mitigation and certification. Also, the students visited a local home that had an active radon mitigation system installed to see how the process works.





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## National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (NLPPW) is October 20<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>. October is also Children's Health Month! This is an important time to bring together communities and organizations to reduce childhood exposure to lead, and other toxins and environmental factors, by increasing lead poisoning awareness. The message of 2024 is "Bright futures begin lead free," because our future depends on today's children.



Lead can be present in paint, dust, soil, water, and aged foundations; this means that ingestion by mouth or breath is made easier in these areas. This exposure can cause delayed development, lower IQ and learning issues, and damage to the entire nervous system. All of this results in behavioral and physical problems, which is why public health actions are necessary for children with lead levels in their blood.

Each community deserves to be free of hazardous chemicals and matter, and this is possible with proper education of lead exposure, methods of protection, childhood blood tests, and professional home tests.

EPA has developed outreach materials including an information kit with talking points, facts about lead and lead exposure, event ideas and planning suggestions. There is also a sample social media package with content ideas, sample posts and graphics centered around the three key messages above.

These resources can be adapted to reach many audiences, including parents, grandparents, caregivers, contractors, hardware stores, trade associations and media outlets. They are also designed so NLPPW can be incorporated into activities planned for [Children's Health Month](#), which is also observed in October.

To access these resources and learn more, visit EPA's NLPPW 2024 webpage in [English](#) or [Spanish](#).

## National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

### Bright futures begin lead-free



Get the facts



Get your child tested



Get your home tested



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## Upcoming Trainings



Kansas State University  
Radon Courses

**ENTRY-LEVEL**  
**Radon Measurement Professional**

**Webinar**  
A 16-hour entry-level course which meets the requirements for the NRPP and NRSB measurement exams

**DATE**  
OCT 28-29, 2024

**TIME**  
8:00AM - 5:00PM CENTRAL

**REGISTRATION**  
<https://radoncourses.com/Entry-level/Webinar#entrymeas>

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# Tribal Exchange Network Conference

October 16-17, 2024 | Spokane, WA & Online

With pre-conference workshops offered on October 15

## Tribal Data: Sharing stories, Supporting the future

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Check out ITEC's YouTube Channel:

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/  
UC42GM\\_3wppOEPkgFEUj\\_CgQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC42GM_3wppOEPkgFEUj_CgQ)

## ITEC on the web

Check out the ITEC webpage for information on upcoming events, training and newsletters.

Please visit us at: [www.itecmembers.org](http://www.itecmembers.org)

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*The Cherokee Nation Environmental Program (CNEP) publishes ITEC News each quarter. The mission statement is to protect the health of Native Americans, their natural resources, and their environment as it relates to air, land and water. To accomplish this mission, ITEC provides technical support, environmental services, and assistance in developing Tribal environmental programs to the member Tribes.*

*The viewpoints contained in this newsletter are not necessarily those of the USEPA or the CNEP/ITEC. Free and open discussion of all environmentally related issues is strongly encouraged. We also encourage submission of letters, comments, and articles from readers so as to promote a greater awareness among our people about environmental issues and to foster the free exchange of information, technology, and culturally relevant values of Tribal people.*

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