

ATTAINS



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This has been a busy Fiscal Year for the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project. The Pilot Tribes have been working on the Program Inputs, Assessment Processes and the Final Water Quality Reporting. Currently there are 15 Tribes in Regions 5, 6, and 9 participating in the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project, partnering with EPA Headquarters and Regional Project Officers. The objective was to test whether ATTAINS can serve as an alternate reporting mechanism for Tribal water quality assessment reporting.

During the 21st Annual Tribal Environmental Summit, EPA Region 6 Staff provided an EPA ATTAINS Update and Dr. Rebecca Bond with the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma provided a presentation detailing the Kickapoo Tribe of Oklahoma's experience working with ATTAINS. There were a lot of good discussions between the Region 6 EPA Staff, Dr. Bond and the participants.

At the 23rd Annual ITEC Conference there was an ATTAINS Session with Micah Isaacs, with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation discussing the Citizen Potawatomi Nation's overview and experience working with ATTAINS and Teresa Turner, with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe provided a presentation on the Otoe-Missouria Tribe's Water Program and experience working with ATTAINS.

In addition, there was an ATTAINS Session during the Tribal Lands Forum which focused on the ATTAINS Tribal Water Quality Reporting Tool with speakers Lydia Scheer with ITEP, Micah Isaacs with the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and Micco Emarthla with the Seneca-Cayuga Nation. The focus was a year in review with Tribes piloting the use of the ATTAINS system to determine if Tribes can use it to electronically submit water quality assessment reports.

NEXT Steps: ITEP will perform a Methodology Study and ITEC will establish a Tribal Mentoring Program. Another ATTAINS Training will be held in the Fall in conjunction with the Region 6 RTOC Meeting to be taking place in Oklahoma. The Tribal ATTAINS Pilot Project will reflect on the pilot and determine if/how to roll it out nationally to other Tribes.

For more information on the Tribal ATTAINS Pilot project, please contact Laura Shumway with EPA or Lydia Scheer with ITEP. For additional information on the Tribal ATTAINS Mentoring Program, please contact Jason White with ITEC.



Save the date!

The next ATTAINS meeting/training will be held in November in Oklahoma, more information on the specific date and location will be available closer to that time.

