

THE 29TH ANNUAL

Tribal Environmental Summit

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4099 Valley View Lane

Dallas, Texas 75244

April 15-17, 2026

AT A GLANCE



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

- 8:30 AM–4:00 PM: Registration
- 10:00 AM–12:00 PM: OMP Training
- 1:30 PM–4:00 PM: Exhibits Open
 - Opening Ceremonies
 - Roll Call / Welcome
 - Plenary Session
 - Refreshment Break
 - Networking

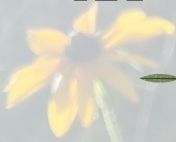
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2026

- 8:00 AM–4:00 PM: Registration
- 8:00 AM–5:00 PM: Exhibits Open
- 8:30 AM–11:45 AM: Breakout Sessions
- 11:45 AM–1:15 PM: Lunch (On your own)
- 1:15 PM–2:45 PM: Breakout Sessions
- 2:45 PM–3:00 PM: Refreshment Break
- 3:00 PM–4:30 PM: Breakout Sessions

FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

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- 8:30 AM–11:30 AM: Exhibits Open
- 9:00 AM–11:30 AM: Plenary Session
 - Closing Remarks

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10:00 AM–12:00 PM: QMP Training, EPA Region 6

1:00 PM–4:30 PM: Exhibits Open

1:30 PM–4:00 PM: **Opening Ceremonies:** Garden Terrace
Emcee: Erin Barnes, Peoria Tribe of Indians of OK
Presentation of Colors
Drum Group: Sidewinder
Invocation: James Williams, Muscogee Nation

Roll Call:

US EPA GAP Project Officers

Welcome Remarks

Stacey Dwyer, EPA Deputy Regional
Administrator
Governor Mark Mitchell, Pueblo of Tesuque

Cherokee Nation Brownfields

Success Video

Moderators: Jason White & Sheila Sevenstar-
Horn, Cherokee Nation/ITEC

Refreshment Break/Networking

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	EBONY ROOM	TEAK ROOM	OAK ROOM
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Recycling</u></p> <p>SWIFR Grant Updates & Workshop Sean Stanton, US EPA R6</p> <p>SWIFR Grant Update & Challenges Jay Hayes, Muscogee Nation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Water</u></p> <p>Panel Discussion on “Navigating the Newness” Clean Water Act LaTasha Roberts, EPA Region 6 Moderator April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation M.J. Shield, Peoria Tribe John Gerhard, Wyandotte Nation Luci McCloud, Seneca- Cayuga Nation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Radiation</u></p> <p>Introduction to Radioactive Materials Transportation Clarice Madalena, Jemez Pueblo Byron Andrew, Jemez Pueblo</p> <p>Introduction to Radon George Brozowski, US EPA R6</p>
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM Break			
10:15 AM – 11:45 AM	<p><u>Underground Storage Tanks</u></p> <p>Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Underground Storage Tank (UST) Program: UST Compliance Assistance for the Tribes and Pueblos of New Mexico Leonard Sabatino, ENIPC</p> <p>Moving Sites to Closure Tom Schruben, US EPA Office of Underground Storage Tanks</p>	<p><u>Surface Water</u></p> <p>A Summary: EPA’s National Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs) Program and Region 6 Houston Lab’s HABs Analytical Capabilities Mike Schaub & Allison Scott, US EPA R6 Dr. Michael Paul, US EPA Office of Wetlands</p> <p>Emergency Repairs on a Bridge Crossing the Rio Grande Dino Chavarria, Santa Clara Pueblo</p>	<p><u>Children’s Health</u></p> <p>Protecting Children and Families from Household Hazardous Chemicals Virginia Vietti, US EPA R6 Emilio Saenz – PEHSU R6</p> <p>Lead Outreach Mikeal Adams, US EPA R6</p>

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11:45 AM - 1:15 PM Lunch (On your own)			
1:15 PM - 2:45 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Indoor Air</u></p> <p>From Classrooms to Homes: Advancing Indoor Air Quality in the Choctaw Nation Jim Parsons, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>EPA's IAQ Tools for Schools George Brozowski, US EPA R6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Brownfields</u></p> <p>The Dirt on our Dirt: Reviving the Land One Stubborn Site at a Time- Choctaw Case Files Christa Ogden, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>The Four Pillars: Choctaw Nation's Tribal Response Program Highlights Sierra Rice, Choctaw Nation</p> <p>Brownfields Outlook: The KTO Experience Rebekah Bussen, Kickapoo Tribe of OK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pesticides/Air</u></p> <p>Intro to Pesticides for Personal Use and FIFRA Compliance Stephen Angle & Kiera Hancock, US EPA R6</p> <p>Region 6: Tribal Air & Radiation Division Support Aunjaneé' Gautreaux, US EPA R6</p>
2:45 PM - 3:00 PM Refreshment Break			
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Superfund</u></p> <p>SPCC and Facility Response Plans Inspection Process Matt Loesel & Chris Perry, US EPA R6</p> <p>Wilcox Oil Company Superfund Site Update Nabil Mzee, US EPA R6</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Environmental Topics</u></p> <p>Conservation of the Coral Reef Ecosystem in the Florida Keys Deanna Soper, University of Dallas</p> <p>Circular Organic Economies: Matching Nature with Business David Burroughs, ArkEarth</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Environmental Topics</u></p> <p>Native and Introduced Grasses, Identification and Values Ricky Linex, NRCS Retired</p> <p>Water Harvesting Partners Project Jacob Shaffer, USDA Gesse Bullock, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas</p>

FRIDAY APRIL 17, 2026



8:00 AM-9:30 AM: Continental Breakfast

8:00 AM-10:00 AM: Registration Open

8:00 AM-11:30 AM: Exhibits Open

**9:00 AM-11:30 AM: ATSDR Public Health Assessment Process
and Other Site Activities**

Norka Paden, Agency for Toxic Substances and
Disease Registry (ATSDR)

Quality Assurance Update

Kara Allen, US EPA Region 6

**Tribal & Border Affairs Division Update:
Garden Terrace**

Emily Lessman, Mark Christian, Salina Gomez,
Randy Gee, US EPA Region 6

11:30 AM: Closing Remarks & Door Prizes

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation to Solinst Eureka for sponsoring the Color Guard and Gold Systems Elements for sponsoring the Drum Group.



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