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Re: Collaborative- Emerging Contaminants in Small and Disadvantaged Communities Grant

Greetings Honorable Tribal Leaders, Partners, and Professionals:

In accordance with chapter [43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on the implementation of Emerging Contaminants for Small or Disadvantaged Communities Grant (EC-SDC) funds from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with an upcoming listening session.

The [EC-SDC](#) grant program is providing funding to assist small or disadvantaged water systems with water sampling, short-term mitigation solutions, and infrastructure improvements to address polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), manganese, and cyanotoxin contamination in drinking water. Water systems owned and operated by Federally recognized Tribes in Washington State are eligible for funding. A previous [informational letter](#) inviting comments on the program was transmitted on June 28, 2024.

Collaborative	Date & Time	Meeting Link & ID
Listening Session	Wednesday, January 15, 2025 3:30 – 5:00 pm	Zoom Link Meeting ID: 983 795 4487

For additional information, please contact Chris Pettit, DWSRF Manager Chris.Pettit@doh.wa.gov, (564)233-1408 or Candice Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Tribal Public Health and Relations (OTPHR) at candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov or 360-819-7626.

Best,

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