



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 10**

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OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL
ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Tribal Leader:

The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and elected tribal representatives. The mission of the RTOC is to protect and improve tribal health and environmental conditions for federally-recognized tribes consistent with the EPA's Indian Policy, trust responsibility, environmental laws, policies, and guidance. For more information about the RTOC, please visit www.region10rtoc.net.

In accordance with Section 5.1.3 of the RTOC Charter, EPA is seeking nominations from federally recognized tribes in Alaska for two RTOC Positions, Alaska Position 1 **and** Alaska Position 2. To be eligible for these RTOC Positions, the nominee must be an elected tribal official or staff from a federally recognized tribal government in Alaska, and willing to serve a three-year term on the RTOC starting on January 1, 2018.

If your Tribe would like to provide nominees to serve on the RTOC, please submit the enclosed Alaska Position 1 and Alaska Position 2 nomination forms, including a brief description of each nominee's background and qualifications, to EPA by **October 13, 2017**.

I've assigned John (JR) Herbst, RTOC Coordinator, to receive your Tribe's RTOC nomination forms by email at Herbst.John@epa.gov, by fax at (206) 553-1775, or by mail at the following address:

John Herbst, RTOC Coordinator
U.S. EPA - Region 10
Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit
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The RTOC holds up to four in-person meetings per year. Typically, these meetings are held in Seattle, Washington, with one of these meetings hosted by a tribe within Region 10. The travel costs for elected tribal representatives on the RTOC to attend these meetings are provided through a cooperative agreement that has been awarded by EPA to the Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee Administrative Consortium. In addition, the RTOC holds monthly conference calls and assigns workgroups/ subcommittees for special tasks.

The RTOC has established a Region 10 Tribal Operations Administrative Consortium to manage the administrative functions of the RTOC. The Charter for this Consortium states that membership in this Consortium is limited to members of the Tribal Caucus of the EPA Region 10 RTOC, including the designated Region 10 National Tribal Caucus members. Members (and their designated alternates) shall obtain a resolution or letter of support for the Consortium's role and its activities from their Tribe, consistent with federal requirements.

Representation on the RTOC requires a significant time commitment that goes beyond just meeting attendance; time spent in coordination with other tribes and participation in issue formulation and discussion can be substantial. However, the position offers an opportunity to affect EPA's relationships with tribes. These factors are important considerations for anyone interested in pursuing a RTOC nomination.

In early November 2017, EPA will send your Tribe the official RTOC ballots that includes all the eligible RTOC nominees that EPA received. This will be the opportunity for your Tribe to vote for the for the RTOC Alaska Position 1 & Alaska Position 2 tribal representatives. Election results will be announced by EPA in early December 2017, with the newly elected RTOC member starting their three-year term on January 1, 2018.

Again, the RTOC Alaska Position 1 and Alaska Position 2 nomination forms are due to EPA **by October 13, 2017**. I appreciate your support as we move forward with this important RTOC nomination and election process.

Sincerely,



Michelle L. Pirzadeh
Acting Regional Administrator

Enclosures

cc: Billy Maines, RTOC Tribal Co-Chair, Curyung Tribal Council
Joyce Kelly, Chief of Staff/Director, EPA Region 10, Regional Administrator's Division
Stacy Murphy, Manager, EPA Region 10, Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit

**EPA REGION 10
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM**

*Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Alaska Position 1 Member*

Please Note: Each tribe is limited to one nomination/RTOC Position. The selected nominee should be an elected tribal official or tribal staff from a federally recognized tribe in Alaska.

Complete and submit this form to EPA by **Friday, October 13, 2017.**

[PLEASE PRINT]

Nominating Tribe: _____

Address: _____

Tribal Contact Name & Number: _____

Name and Title of Nominee: _____
(Seek the permission of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination)

Nominee's Contact Number: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation: _____

Brief Description of Nominee's Background and Qualifications:
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Signature & Title of Appropriate Tribal Government Official:

DATE

**EPA REGION 10
TRIBAL REPRESENTATIVE NOMINATION FORM**

*Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee
Alaska Position 2 Member*

Please Note: Each tribe is limited to one nomination/RTOC Position. The selected nominee should be an elected tribal official or tribal staff from a federally recognized tribe in Alaska.

Complete and submit this form to EPA **by Friday, October 13, 2017.**

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Nominating Tribe: _____

Address: _____

Tribal Contact Name & Number: _____

Name and Title of Nominee: _____
(Seek the permission of the nominee prior to submitting the nomination)

Nominee's Contact Number: _____

Nominee's Email: _____

Nominee's Tribal Affiliation: _____

Brief Description of Nominee's Background and Qualifications:
(Attach additional sheets if necessary)

Signature & Title of Appropriate Tribal Government Official:

_____ DATE