

Tribal Emergency Preparedness and Response Training

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC)

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Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

Baraga, MI 49946

Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council, Keweenaw Bay Indian Community, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) are hosting a 2-day training to help Tribal governments develop animal and plant health emergency response plans and emergency response memoranda of understanding. Tribal agricultural, natural resources, and emergency management leaders and staff are strongly encouraged to attend.

All lands are susceptible to natural disasters, including pest and disease outbreaks. Emergencies are not often confined to a single area. During a large-scale emergency, most municipalities will need to request outside assistance. On Tribal lands, only the Tribal government can activate an emergency response plan. By preparing for emergencies and developing emergency response plans, Tribes can proactively:

- Identify response resources and trusted partners
- Clarify each responding agency's role and responsibilities
- Save time and avoid confusion during an initial response
- Prioritize protection for different resources
- Identify historical or sacred sites to protect or avoid
- Reduce the economic losses and impacts of the event

During the training, participants will learn about APHIS programs and how they respond to emergency incidents, livestock and wildlife diseases, plant pests and diseases, current pest and disease surveillance activities, the Federal Incident Command System and Emergency Support Functions, funding opportunities, and topics of regional interest.

If you would like to participate, please contact the hosting organization:

Register at [WTCAC.ORG](https://www.wtcac.org)

www.aphis.usda.gov/tribalrelations

