Many tribes are responsible for environmental health services for their members and for the protection of tribal lands.

Tribes may need to regulate and provide for safe and healthy:

- Air quality
- Trash and hazardous waste disposal
- Drinking water quality
- Sewer, stormwater, and watershed management

Tribes aim to provide high-quality environmental health services for their members and for the protection of the environment.

Many tribes are responsible for:

- Abandoned mine tailings
- Air pollution
- Dust from unpaved roads, fields, and industrial mining, and other extraction industries
- Inadequate health care, especially emergency response
- Inadequate funding
- Lack of trained environmental health specialists
- Sewer, stormwater, and watershed management

Exhibits at Professional Meetings

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Training

Tribal colleges benefit from a four-year tribal college pilot course for Indian health professionals that train and educate future health professionals. The course, “Appropriating Tribal Continuity with Environmental Health and Public Information Resources, two courses in total, were piloted by Denham M, Schell LM, Deane G, Gallo MV, Ravenscroft J, DeCaprio AP.

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Knowledge River

This work-study program provides support for American Indian graduate and postgraduate students attending the University of Arizona Schools of Information Resources and Library Science program in Tucson. Students learn about health sciences information by working at the University of Arizona Health Sciences Library.

Sacred Earth, an Information Internship Program

This program is for midcareer Native Americans an information internship program at the Libraries of Medicine, Public Health, and Life Sciences of the University of Arizona.

In some areas, tribes, like other local governments, may have to cope with:

- Pesticide use and pesticide drift
- Dust from unpaved roads, fields, and industrial operations
- Mold in homes, schools, and other buildings
- Air pollution
- Carbon monoxide poisoning caused by faulty home heating systems
- Abandoned mine tailings
- Unregulated dumps
- Dangerous and “dirty” businesses

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Indoor Air Pollution

Handy exhibits and demonstrations to introduce powwow visitors to health information resources for the public.

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- Environmental health and technology homepage
- Public Health Links index to useful journal articles
- AllMap hazards and diseases linked to mining, oil, gas, and other industries

Helping Concerned Citizens Learn About Their Health and the Environment

- ToxTown
- Exploring connections between health and the environment
- MedlinePlus
- Tribal health information for you
- Over 700 health topics including
- Native American health

Web Resources

Access to quality health information may help prevent illnesses and injuries

American Indian Health

- Arctic health
- Indian Health Services
- Arctic Indian Health
- American Indian Health
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Health Information For and About American Indians

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