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**SUBJECT:** Additional Training Webinars for the Environmental Review Process

Dear Tribal Leader:

In 2022, the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) developed and delivered four environmental webinars (“Use of HUD Environmental Forms”, “Aggregation”, “Emergency Repairs”, and “Re-evaluation”). ONAP received positive feedback on the webinars, which you can find [here](#). I am excited to share that we are expanding the webinar series to include more topics, such as “Tiering”, “Noise Abatement”, and “The Endangered Species Act”.

Below you will find a description of the additional webinars, schedule, and links to the registration page.

**Environmental Review Webinar Series:**

**1) Using Tiered Environmental Reviews for HUD Projects**

Tiered reviews can be used to streamline environmental reviews for a program when the exact locations to receive HUD assistance are not known upfront. This webinar will focus on how to use tiered environmental reviews for programs such as homeowner-occupied rehab assistance and lease-acquisition. A case study will be presented and discussed, and sample documentation will be provided.

**2) Documenting Compliance with HUD’s Noise Abatement and Control Standard**

HUD regulations at [24 CFR 51B](#) require projects involving noise-sensitive land uses to consider how nearby noise generators can impact a project. This webinar will present HUD’s noise standard in the context of environmental reviews for Tribal projects, outline the steps for conducting a noise assessment, and demonstrate the use of existing HUD online tools on noise abatement and control.

**3) Navigating Compliance with the Endangered Species Act for HUD-Assisted Projects in Alaska**

Some States have specific guidance that needs to be followed when analyzing project compliance with the Endangered Species Act. This webinar will present the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries guidance on endangered species for HUD projects in Alaska and how to apply them in the HUD environmental review process. This training is intended for HUD grantees in the State of Alaska only.

## Schedule and Registration

<b>Webinars</b>	<b>Dates and Times</b>	<b>Registration</b>
Using Tiered Environmental Review for HUD Projects	September 20, 2023 2:00 - 4:00 PM EDT	<a href="#">Register Now</a>
Documenting Compliance with HUD's Noise Abatement and Control Standard	October 17, 2023 2:00 - 4:00 PM EDT	<a href="#">Register Now</a>
Navigating Compliance with the Endangered Species Act for HUD-Assisted Projects in Alaska	November 8, 2023 2:00 - 4:00 PM EST	<a href="#">Register Now</a>

If you have any questions or need help registering for the webinars, please email [hudtrainings@icf.com](mailto:hudtrainings@icf.com) and include "Environmental Review Webinar Series" in the subject line. ONAP will post the webinars on Codetalk's Environmental Review Resources page [www.hud.gov/program\\_offices/public\\_indian\\_housing/ih/codetalk/resources](http://www.hud.gov/program_offices/public_indian_housing/ih/codetalk/resources).

Thank you for your continued partnership and collaboration in serving Indian Country.

Sincerely,



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