



# Emergency Preparedness and Response Training

## Preparing Tribal Nations for Animal and Plant Health Emergencies

All lands are susceptible to disasters, including outbreaks of animal or plant diseases and invasive species. Most emergencies are not confined to a single area, and mitigation may require assistance from outside entities. By preparing for emergencies and having animal and plant health emergency response plans in place, 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 historic or sacred sites to protect or avoid
- Reduce the economic losses and impacts of an incident

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The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is cooperating with Native American agriculture and natural resources organizations to host regional Tribal Emergency Preparedness and Response Training. These workshops open a critical dialogue between APHIS and Tribal personnel about the Tribe's emergency response concerns and ability to respond to animal or plant health emergencies. Tribal agricultural, natural resources, and emergency management personnel and leadership from related departments are encouraged to attend.

During the training, participants will learn about:

- APHIS programs and how they respond to various emergencies
- Foreign and domestic threats to agriculture and wildlife
- Current pest and disease surveillance activities and responses
- Federal incident command system and emergency support functions
- Benefits of having animal and plant emergency response plans and emergency response memoranda of understanding (MOU)
- Funding opportunities

Workshop participants will receive technical assistance with developing animal and plant health emergency response plans, initiating MOU discussions, coordinating logistical exercises, and identifying response vulnerabilities.

### Contact Us

To learn more about the Tribal Emergency Preparedness and Response Training or find out about upcoming workshops, contact APHIS' Office of the National Tribal Liaison:

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