



EARTH DAY SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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Biden-Harris Administration: How Climate and Executive Orders Can Move the Ball for Responding to Tribal Climate Impacts and Issues.

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Within several days of inauguration, President Biden issued a series of executive orders that, if implemented as designed, will be a great boost to Indian Country's efforts to identify, mitigate, adapt and respond to climate change impacts. These executive orders, which promote a "whole of government" approach to climate change action, racial and economic equity, environmental justice, and transformation of the energy economy, specifically apply to the federal government's responsibility to consult with federally recognized Indian tribes and protect tribal interests. This presentation will provide a summary of the relevant executive orders, an update on what the federal government is doing to implement these orders, and recommendations of what tribes, tribal organizations, tribal members, and others who support Indian Country can do to participate in these efforts.

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