



## ITRC & ME – About Us, Our Services and Our 2021 Teams

### Q&A Digest - December 3, 2020

This question-and-answer digest was prepared based on the December 3<sup>rd</sup> outreach event and includes some additional questions that were not asked live in the session. The information presented here is not a transcript of the webinar, but a summary of the information.

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The webinar was hosted on Zoom and promoted with the following information:

As the year closes, ITRC is excited to share our upcoming innovative products from our 2020 Technical Teams and look ahead to the opening of our 2021 Teams! To get you ready to use our products and help you decide which teams to join in 2021, we are holding a two-part digital webinar series!

These two sessions will commemorate our 25th anniversary by shedding light on all of the services and trainings that ITRC has to offer, as well as give insight into new projects being developed and how to get involved. Team Leaders will provide overviews of their teams and answer any questions concerning their team focus and products.

The presenters included:

Kate Emma Schlosser (New Hampshire)  
*PFAS*

Becky Stanton (California)  
*Strategies for Preventing and Managing Harmful Cyanobacteria – Benthic*

Alex Wardle (Virginia)  
*Microplastics*

Brian Pointer (North Carolina)  
*Environmental Data Management for Best Practices*

Tom Fox (Colorado)  
*Effective Application of Guidance Documents to Hydrocarbon Sites*

Bonnie Brooks (Washington)  
*Soil Background and Risk*

1. What are the project teams for this year that start in January?

The teams that start this January are:

[Microplastics](#)

[Environmental Data Management for Best Practices](#)

[Strategies for Preventing and Managing Harmful Cyanobacteria – Benthic](#)

[Effective Application of Guidance Documents to Hydrocarbon Sites](#)

The teams that are continuing this year are:

[PFAS](#)

[Soil Background and Risk](#)

2. What are the project teams for this year that start in the Summer?

The teams that are expected to start mid-year are:

[Pump and Treat Optimization](#)

[QUEST](#)

3. How do I become an ITRC member? Does this process change if I am a State Employee or in Industry?

The process to become a member of ITRC is different based on your affiliation.

If you are from Industry, you will first need to join IAP (and pay the appropriate annual dues). Once joined, your company will appear on the dropdown for joining specific teams.

If you are from a State or Federal Agency, just visit the ITRC website and set up a profile. After that you will be able to join specific teams.

This is the link to register as a member: <https://itrcweb.org/Membership/Welcome>

4. How do I become a project team member?

The process to join a team is different based on your affiliation, but you can start with creating a member profile. You must first join ITRC as a member before you can sign up for teams. The you go to [www.itrcweb.org](http://www.itrcweb.org) and select 2021 Team Registration.

5. What is the difference between a member and an interested party on a team?

An active member attends most monthly conference calls, participates in document writing and/or document reviews, and attends annual team meetings (as travel budgets allow).

An interested party is one who does not actively participate on the team and is not expected to participate in monthly calls or team meetings. An interested party will receive periodic updates about the team's progress and can change to an active member at any time.

6. Can students join and travel to meetings and conferences?

Students can join and travel to meetings! However, travel would be dependent on their institute, and is not something ITRC weighs in on.

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7. **How can local government retirees join: individual membership or alumni affiliation with the agency?**  
Retirees can sign up as emeritus stakeholder members. Dr. Melinda McClanahan is the stakeholder board representative if you have more specific questions or concerns.  
<https://www.itrcweb.org/Team/Public?teamID=52>
8. **Who can attend ITRC internet-based trainings and classroom trainings?**  
ITRC Internet-based trainings are all free to everyone (member or otherwise). Classroom trainings, when they can happen again, are free for agencies and may require fees for industry based on their IAP standing.
9. **When will the recording of the webinar be posted?**  
We expect to have a recording of this webinar session published to our website by the date of the next ITRC & ME session - December 15, along with a full Q&A digest from our session.
10. **Are tribes considered to be equal with a state for proposals?**  
All proposals submitted to ITRC will be subject to the same process of selection, regardless of submitter. ITRC's proposal process allows for anyone to submit a proposal; those proposals are then reviewed and ranked by the ITRC Board of Advisors.
11. **How are emerging issues for new teams identified?**  
We conduct state surveys to discuss upcoming issues and IAP provides input on emerging issues that are important to Industry.
12. **How are the Team Leaders selected? How does the information about the team lead position reach to the potential state agencies and staff?**  
Most proposals are submitted with at least one State Team Leader that the proposer identified, or the proposal comes directly from the State. If the proposal does not have identified States, we send it to our State POC coordinator and he sends it to all 50 States asking if anyone is interested in being a team leader or a member of the team. We need 5 States to say they will be on the team to start. So, bottom line, if the proposal is not from a State, then the POC Network works to identify the State interest. We also send a lot of emails and information on social media about the team to attract interest.
13. **What is the role of a proposal submitter on facilitating the Team leader/member selection, especially if proposal was submitted by a non-state agency?**  
There is no specific role expected of a non-State agency to find the State team leader. However, it is highly unusual for us to receive a proposal that has not identified States to support it. Typically, the proposals are not approved unless there is State support. If the proposal is a priority for the States, we can typically shop it around and find the 7 States to be on the team. We provide a lot of team support so it's not a heavy burden for the State team leaders.