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Tribal Summaries

This section provides individual summaries of the water quality survey data reported by six American Indian Tribes in their 1994 Section 305(b) reports. Tribal participation in the Section 305(b) process grew from two Tribes in 1992 to six Tribes during the 1994 reporting cycle, but Tribal water quality remains unrepresented in this report for the hundreds of other Tribes established throughout the country. Many of the other Tribes are in the process of developing water quality programs and standards but have not yet submitted a Section 305(b) report. As Tribal water quality programs become established, EPA expects Tribal participation in the Section 305(b) process to increase rapidly. To encourage Tribal participation, EPA has sponsored water quality monitoring and assessment training sessions at Tribal locations, prepared streamlined 305(b) reporting guidelines for Tribes that wish to participate in the process, and published a brochure, *Knowing Our Waters: Tribal Reporting Under Section 305(b)*. EPA hopes that subsequent reports to Congress will contain more information about water quality on Tribal lands.

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