

Prairie Band Tribe receives EPA grant

**(KNZA)--The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has awarded \$30,000 to the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation for the establishment of an abandoned well-closure pilot program.**

**Through the project, the EPA says the tribe seeks to reduce health risks associated with contaminated groundwater, as contaminated water from abandoned wells leaches into groundwater.**

**The program aims to engage about 580 local households through outreach and community events; establish well-closure procedures and tribal ordinances for the purposes of protecting groundwater resources and the health and safety of those utilizing groundwater for their domestic and agricultural needs.**

**Multiple wells are to be closed in the initial phase of the program.**

**The funding comes from EPA's Environmental Justice Small Grants Program, which provides critical support to organizations that otherwise lack the funding and resources to address the environmental challenges in their community.**

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