

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE UPDATE

U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Region

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Dear Friends and Colleagues,

This update focuses on grant opportunities--a few new announcements since our last update and a change to the EJ Grant Request for Applications which clarifies that fiscal agents are indeed eligible for applying under this program as well as an extension of the deadline. Also see information about the first Northern California Safety Forum, organized by the California Interagency Refinery Task Force, to be held on December 11. There are also a number of job announcements and upcoming events and webinars.

Happy holidays to you and yours.

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Deadline Extended for EJ Small Grant Program

EJ Small Grants - The EJSG Program provides funding for eligible applicants for projects that address local environmental and/or public health issues within an affected community. The EJSG Program is designed to help eligible non-profit organizations, (**which now includes fiscal agents**) tribal governments and tribal organizations understand and address exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks. **The deadline for this program has been extended from December 15, 2014 to January 9, 2015.** Questions? Email [Andrea Manion](#), Region 9's EJ Grants Coordinator, or by phone at (415)

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program -

EPA, the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), FedEx, Southern Company, Bank of America, and Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) are pleased to solicit applications for the [2015 Five Star & Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program](#)

which is managed by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF). This program is part of the [Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#) which gives priority to projects located in underserved, environmentally overburdened communities.

Potential projects include the creation and restoration of wetlands; green infrastructure and stormwater management; citizen's science and volunteer water monitoring; projects that reduce or eliminate trash from entering waterways; coastal habitat, riparian, urban forest restoration and other water quality protection and restoration projects in local communities. **Closes February 2, 2015.**

Selected Grant Opportunities - Deadlines Approaching

Diesel Emissions Reduction -

This [announcement](#) solicits proposals from port authorities and state and local government agencies with

947-4184.

NEW!

Recently Announced Grant Opportunities

California Department of Public Health's Delta Mercury Exposure Reduction Program

DPH seeks proposals to increase public awareness and understanding of fish contamination issues and reduce exposure to chemicals from eating fish caught in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Sixty thousand dollars is available for this grant program to fund \$15K maximum per project for this grant cycle. Non-profit organizations or federally recognized or non-federally-recognized tribes are eligible to apply. **Closes 5 pm PST, January 23, 2015** (if sent by U.S. mail, postmarked by January 23, 2015). Contact [Alcira Dominguez](#) or by phone at (510) 620-3657.

Community-Scale Air Toxics Ambient Monitoring

- This [notice](#) announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects designed to assist state, local and tribal communities in identifying and profiling air toxics sources, assessing emerging measurement methods, characterizing the degree and extent of local air toxics problems, and tracking progress of air toxics reduction activities. Eligible applicants are air pollution control agencies and tribal governments. Environmental justice is one of ten evaluation criteria. For questions or comments, please contact [Laurie Trinca](#). **Closes January 5, 2015.**

Environmental Education Grants Program

EPA intends to issue two Requests for Proposals (RFP) under the 2014 EE Grants Program. Proposals under the [EE Model Grants RfP](#) are now being accepted through **February 2, 2015**. Three grants, for about \$192,200 each, will be awarded under this RFP.

Under the EE Model Grants RFP, EPA seeks grant proposals to support EE projects that promote environmental awareness and stewardship. Projects under this RFP will help provide people with the skills to take responsible actions to protect the environment. Proposals must include projects that design, demonstrate, and/or disseminate model EE practices, methods, or techniques. Each funded proposal must demonstrate replicability by locating and

jurisdiction over transportation or air quality for clean diesel projects at marine and inland water ports in [areas of poor air quality](#). **Closes 1 pm PST December 11, 2014.**

P3-People, Prosperity, and the Planet - EPA's [P3 program](#) is a unique college competition that inspires solutions for a sustainable future and offers quality hands-on experience that brings classroom learning to life. In phase one, teams are awarded a \$15,000 grant to develop their idea and then compete in the National Sustainable Design Expo in Washington, DC for the P3 Award and a \$90,000 grant to turn their design into a real-world application. **Closes December 16, 2014.**

Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup - The FY2015 EPA Brownfields [Assessment](#) and [Cleanup](#) Grants [guidelines](#) were announced on October 16. **Closes December 19, 2014.**

Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Coming Soon

EPA's Workforce Development and Job Training Grant (WDJT)

This annual competition will be announced in December with applications due in January, 2015. The \$200,000 grant funding opportunity is available to local nonprofit organizations, community colleges, cities, states, tribes, and counties that create environmental training programs for unemployed and under-employed individuals that focus on comprehensive skills and certifications needed to enter full-time careers in the environmental field, including job placement and recruitment activities.

conducting the project in more than one state or U.S. territory during the project period.

EPA anticipates releasing an additional RFP under the 2014 EE Grants Program later this winter, for local grants that will be awarded by EPA regional offices. Visit the [2014 EE Grants Program webpage](#) for details on how to apply. Responses to frequently asked questions will be posted shortly. Eligible entities include non-profit organizations and tribal education agencies.

Got questions? Contact [Joseph Bruss](#) at (202) 566-2772 or check out a **December 4 webinar** on writing successful proposals. Call-in information: (866) 299-3188, code: 2025662772#.

Internships and Job Announcements

Summer Internships with CDC's Environmental Health Services - Applications are now being accepted for a 10-week summer environmental internship for students majoring in Environmental Health. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [Summer Program in Environmental Health](#) (SUPEH) is a paid 10-week internship program for undergraduate students majoring in environmental health in a program accredited by the National Environmental Health Science and Protection Accreditation Council (EHAC). Interns will gain environmental health experience and an understanding of environmental health work at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. CDC strongly encourages members of underrepresented populations to apply. **Apply by February 11, 2015.**

The California Environmental Justice Alliance (CEJA) Seeks Policy Advocate
CEJA is hiring a [Policy Advocate](#). The position can be based in either the Bay Area or Sacramento and would start in early 2015. Check out the full job description [here](#).

Center for Environmental Health (CEH) Announces EJ Inclusion Fellowship Program

CEH has created an Environmental Justice Inclusion Fellowship to support the work of CEH's Chemical Flame Retardants campaign. CEH is looking for an emerging leader to fill this entry-level position. Ideal candidates are from environmental hotspots, have experienced socioeconomic disadvantage, are the first members in their families to attend college, and are looking to build careers in social justice, environmental health and environmental justice. Check out the job description [here](#). Closes **December 8.**

Open Positions at Community Water Center (CWC)

CWC is hiring a Community Organizer and a Regional Water Management Coordinator for the Visalia office and a Program Assistant for the Sacramento office. Check out the announcement [here](#).

Events and Webinars

Interagency Refinery Task Force to Host Northern California Safety Forum on December 11, 2014

The [California Interagency Refinery Task Force](#) will host a Refinery Safety Forum on **December 11**, from 6pm to 8 pm PST in Richmond. This is the first of a series of forums to provide information and promote dialogue on worker and community safety. The two hour forum offers an opportunity for the public to obtain facts and insight, ask questions, and discuss how refinery operations impact the community. Translators will be available to translate in Spanish and Lao. The forum will be held at the Richmond City Council Chambers, 440 Civic Center Plaza, Richmond, California, 94804. Participating and planning organizations include local, state, and federal agencies; labor and contractor organizations; refineries; academia; and community and environmental groups. Topics to be covered include emergency warning and notification systems; air

monitoring systems; and transportation of petroleum by rail and other means.

More safety forums are being planned on related topics in Northern California and other areas of the state where refineries are located. RSVPs are requested, but not required, to refinery@calepa.ca.gov or (916) 327-9558.

Live Webcast, What Counts: Harnessing Data for America's Communities

How can we improve conditions in some of the country's most distressed places? **What Counts: Harnessing Data for America's Communities**, a new volume of essays published jointly by the Urban Institute and the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, addresses this question. Its contributors argue that the answers must be data-driven and require better collection, use, and sharing of information across sectors such as community development, public health, education, and related fields. [Register here](#) for the webcast, scheduled for Thursday, **December 4, 2014**, from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm PST.

Take Two - Repeat of Webinar Launching the National Equity Atlas

Due to technical difficulties with the first offering of this webinar, it will be offered again on December 9, at 11 am PST. America's economic future depends on everyone being able to participate, prosper, and reach their full potential. The [National Equity Atlas](#) is a first-of-its-kind online resource for data and policy ideas to build an equitable economy - in your region, state, and nationwide. Please join PolicyLink and the USC Program for Environmental and Regional Equity (PERE) for a tour of the National Equity Atlas and learn how you can use this unique new data and policy tool to advance inclusive growth in your community. [Register here](#).

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