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# **Conferences and Workshops**

## May

- 10 Water Policy & Climate Change for Alaska Natives, Webinar. Hosted by NOAA RISA Alaska Center for Climate Assessment and Policy.

  http://accap.adobeconnect.com/ak natives/event/event info.html.
- **2016 Oregon Brownfields Conference**, Sunriver Resort Conference Center, Sunriver, OR. Go to http://ymlp.com/z4dCaE.
- 16 20 Water Quality Standards Academy, Washington DC. Contact Erin Cabral 508-833-6600.
- 17 19 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality, Niagara Falls, NY. Hosted by the Seneca Nation of Indians and the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe.

Go to: <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\_ntf">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\_ntf</a>.

- Region 10 RTOC Conference Call (1 p.m. Pacific time). Contact: Christy Finnocs@rtocregion10.org.
- 17 20 Geomorphic Road Assessment and Inventory Package: Road Inventory Procedure and GIS Model Training, Boise ID. To register, contact Tom Black 208-373-4363 or tblack@fs.fed.us. More info at: http://www.fs.fed.us/GRAIP.
- **23 26 ATNI Mid-Year Convention**, Grand Ronde, OR. Hosted by The Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde at the Spirit Mountain Casino. For information: <a href="http://www.atnitribes.org">http://www.atnitribes.org</a>.
- **24 26 Bunker Hill Mining and Metallurgical Superfund Site Course,** Spokane, WA. Go to: <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/waste/waste\_superfundVisits">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/waste/waste\_superfundVisits</a>.

## June

- 6 10 International Conference on Environmental Science and Technology 2016, Houston, TX. Sponsored by the American Academy of Sciences. Go to http://www.AASci.org/conference/env/2016/index.html.
- **15 17** Region 10 RTOC Onsite Meeting, Lapwai, ID. Contact: Christy Finn cs@rtocregion10.org.
- 19 25 The Tribal Climate Camp, University of Idaho, McCall Field Campus, ID. Contact Kyle Whyte at <a href="mailto:kylewhyte@gmail.com">kylewhyte@gmail.com</a> or Arwen Bird at <a href="mailto:nwclimatecamp@gmail.com">nwclimatecamp@gmail.com</a>. More info at: <a href="mailto:https://www.tribalclimatecamp.org">https://www.tribalclimatecamp.org</a>.

## July

**24 – 29 Tribal Climate Boot Camp**, University of Idaho's McCall Field Campus, ID. Go to https://www.nwclimatescience.org/bootcamp.

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# **Conferences and Workshops**

# **August**

- **10 12 Solid Waste Management and Composting Training,** Anchorage, AK. For information: www.zendergroup.org/sw.html phone 907-277-2111.
- 15 18 ITEP'S Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, Mohegan Sun Resort, CT. ITEP is currently accepting proposals for trainings and sessions. Go to: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr tlef.
- **16 20** Aleutian Life Forum, sponsored by the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, Unalaska/ Dutch Harbor, AK. CONTACT **Nikita Robinson** (907)-581-2920 email climate.qtribe@gmail.com or go to http://www.aleutianlifeforum.com.
- **23 25 22nd National Nonpoint Source Monitoring Workshop**, Salt Lake City, UT. For information: https://water-meetings.tetratech.com/NPSTest/index.htm.

# **September**

- **7 9** Water Quality and Soil Sampling Training, Anchorage, AK. For information, go to http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html phone 907-277-2111.
- 19 23 COMBINED Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning Training AND Sustainable Solid Waste Management Training, Anchorage, AK. For information, www.zendergroup.org/sw.html 907-277-2111.
- **26 29 West Coast Salmon Summit**, Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort in Canyonville, OR. For more information at: <a href="http://www.salmonsummit.org">http://www.salmonsummit.org</a>. Phone 541-888-5591 or 707-972-4851

### **October**

**18** Future of Our Salmon, Portland, OR. For information: http://bit.ly/1VWv1U7.

### **November**

2 – 3 SAVE THE DATE! The Mining Lifecycle: Tribal Engagement and Environmental Responsibility, Phoenix, AZ. For more information, go to: <a href="http://www.ntmw.org">http://www.ntmw.org</a>.

For more information on EPA Tribal trainings, webinars, grants and opportunities for Tribal consultation, visit http://www2.epa.gov/tribal.

### **Tribal Energy Calendar of Events**

This calendar lists upcoming events in Indian Country sponsored by DOE and a variety of government agencies, associations, and organizations. Go to <a href="http://go.usa.gov/cu8DH">http://go.usa.gov/cu8DH</a>.

### **EPA Office of Water, Clean Water Act Tribal Training**

For a consolidated, centralized listing of training courses offered by EPA that will help Indian tribes develop and implement water quality programs consistent with the Clean Water Act, go to http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/tribaltraining.

Go to EPA's online training resource site for access to NETI course registration, training products, online classrooms, and e-mail updates. Go to http://go.usa.gov/SZZj.

# **RTOC NEWS**

### **RTOC R10 Upcoming Conference Call**

**Thursday, May 19**: 12:00 noon (Alaska time) • 1 p.m. (Pacific Time) • 2:00 p.m. (Mountain Time)

### RTOC R10 Onsite Meeting: June 15 - June 17

The Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC R10) is pleased to be holding our next inperson meeting with the Nez Perce Tribe in Lapwai, Idaho.

# Regional Tribal Operation Committee for Region 10 Welcomes Two New Members!

**Megan M. Skinner**, Ecosystem Restoration Scientist, Natural Resources Department The Klamath Tribes (Oregon Alternate).

**Darrel John**, Environmental Director, The Native Village of Kwigillingok (Alaska #3 Alternate)

### Position Open: Alaska #1 Alternate

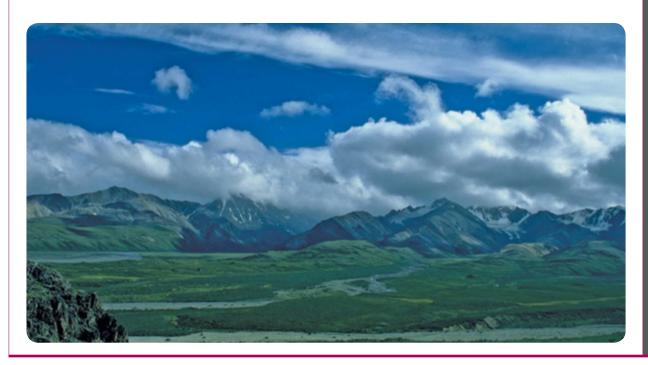
Please contact RTOC R10 Communications Specialist **Christy Finn** at <u>CS@rtocregion10.org</u> for more information to apply.

### NTOC/RTOC R10 2016 Elections will have the following positions in the fall:

- National Tribal Operations Committee: Alaska Position #1
- NTOC: Western Oregon & Western Washington
- RTOC R10: Eastern Washington

### For More Information:

Visit http://rtocregion10.org/ or contact **Christy Finn** at cs@rtocregion10.org.



# **Climate Change**

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# **Climate Science Digest**

### **Climate Science and Observations**

Temperature, Precipitation, and Drought Outlooks - Prepared Maps http://go.usa.gov/cu8Nh

National Academy of Sciences Report Links Extreme Weather to Climate Change http://usat.ly/1rl2OtH

2016 Arctic Sea Ice Wintertime Extent Hits Another Record Low http://go.usa.gov/cu8nd

Arctic Scientists: Climate Change is Behind Arctic's 'Startling' Winter Warmth http://bit.ly/1QD38ID

Tracking Marine Heat Waves Since 1950

https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/03/160330184418.htm

Ocean Temperatures Predict U.S. Heat Waves 50 days Out http://go.usa.gov/cu8nd

### **Agriculture/Ecosystems Impacts**

Warming Poses 'Severe' Threat to Wheat

http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/2016/03/16/stories/1060034088

How Will Shifting Climate Change U.S. Forests?

http://phys.org/news/2016-03-shifting-climate-forests.html

Study: Climate Changes Affect Distribution of Plants

http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2016-03/27/c\_135226019.htm

How Climate Change Dries up Mountain Streams

http://unews.utah.edu/how-climate-change-dries-up-mountain-streams

### **Water/Coastal Resources Impacts**

Flood Damage Costs Will Rise Faster Than Sea Levels, Study Says

http://bit.ly/1Wt5PDM

Toxic Algae Will Thrives as the Planet Warms

http://bit.ly/1NDdBcs

Sea-Level Rise Could Nearly Double Over Earlier Estimates in Next 100 Years http://bit.ly/1VE31ER

Ocean Scientists Recommend Plan to Combat Changes to Seawater Chemistry http://bit.ly/239Xy7W

West Coast Prepares for 'Double Whammy' Threat to Ocean Health http://go.usa.gov/cu8Q9

### Society/Adaptation/Mitigation

Report: Climate Change Worsens Risks to Public Health (NOAA)

http://www.noaa.gov/report-climate-change-worsens-risks-public-health

Study: Farms, Hydropower at Risk in West's Changing Climate

http://phys.org/news/2016-03-farms-hydropower-west-climate.html

Report: Farmers Should Diversify to Adapt for Climate Change http://bit.ly/1UjwOBt

Links to websites outside of the EPA are provided for additional information that may be useful or interesting to our readers. We cannot attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites, nor does EPA endorse any non-government websites, companies or applications.

# **Funding**

## **BIA Tribal Climate Funding Opportunity**

DUE DATE: May 23 by 6 p.m. Pacific time

The Fiscal Year 2016 Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Climate Resilience Program Notice of Funding is available at http://go.usa.gov/cu8Ph (PDF).

The funding will support various tribal projects including:

- Climate change adaptation (planning, workshops, and travel support).
- Ocean and coastal management planning (and travel support).
- Capacity building (new!).
- Youth internships (research, management, or youth engagement).

In FY 2016, a new Category — **capacity building** — has been created to support tribes that have limited technical or staffing capacity to identify how the tribe or tribal organization can start addressing climate change adaptation.

Contract proposals must contain the information required by 25 CPR 900.8 and all proposals must have tribal resolution(s) supporting their requests in order to receive funding.

Send completed proposals to <a href="mailto:climate.funding@bia.gov">climate.funding@bia.gov</a> or hard copy by mail per the instructions in the announcement. If you have questions, please contact your Regional Climate Change Point of Contact at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/cu8md">http://go.usa.gov/cu8md</a> or <a href="mailto:Sean J. Hart">Sean J. Hart</a> • climate.funding@bia.gov • 202-513-0337.

On the web, visit <a href="http://go.usa.gov/cubZj">http://go.usa.gov/cubZj</a>.

## **Blue Sky Renewable Energy Funding**

DUE DATE: May 31 by 5 p.m. Pacific time

Pacific Power is requesting proposals for the 2016 Blue Sky funding awards— which cover up to 100 percent of the capital costs to install qualifying, new renewable energy systems at non-residential sites within the Pacific Power service area.

Eligible technologies include wind, solar, low-emissions biomass, wave, landfill gas, certified low-impact hydro, pipeline or irrigation canal hydropower and geothermal. Projects must be operational by December 31, 2017. For more information, go to https://www.pacificpower.net/env/bsre/cpf/aff.html.

# **EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities**

The following tribal consultation opportunity may be of interest to Region 10 Tribes. A full list of consultation opportunities is available at <a href="http://tcots.epa.gov/oita/tconsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView">http://tcots.epa.gov/oita/tconsultation.nsf/TC?OpenView</a>.

### **Risk Management Program Modernization Notice of Proposed Rule Making**

END DATE: May 13 LINK: <a href="http://go.usa.gov/csYDx">http://go.usa.gov/csYDx</a>
CONTACT: Nick Nichols • nichols.nick@epa.gov • 202-564-1970

or Patricia Gioffre • gioffre.patricia@epa.gov • 202-564-1972

# **Training**

# **Understanding Climate Change Impacts on Water**

This EPA training module is designed to increase your understanding of the causes of climate change, its potential impacts on water resources, and the challenges water resource managers are facing.

The course contains three parts which will take about 45 minutes to complete. Optional supplementary information on climate change impacts in the United States is included at the end of the course if you are interested in more details. This module is one of the core modules for the Watershed Academy.

For more information, go to http://go.usa.gov/csYQm.

## **ITEP Air Program Training**

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals' American Indian Air Quality Training Program provides training and educational outreach for tribal environmental staff all over the United States, including Alaska. Upcoming air trainings include:

### 2016 AIAQTP Course Schedule (May - June 2016)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska	TBD	Alaska	2
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	May 17-19	Niagara Falls, NY	n/a
Air Pollution and Ecosystems	Jun 7-10	Flagstaff, AZ	2

NOTE: This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications please visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\_air.

For more information please contact Lydia Scheer, Program Coordinator • 928-523-6887 • Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu

## **ITEP 2016 Solid Waste Trainings**

Are you looking to create or update an existing Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for your tribe? Are you interested in creating and implementing tribal solid waste codes? ITEP will be offering three special courses this spring and summer:

Course Title	Dates	Location
Developing Tribal Solid Waste Codes	May 10-12	Albuquerque, NM
Developing Tribal ISWMPs	June 14-16	Alexandria, VA
Greening Tribal Operations & Facilities	Sept 13-15	TBD

For information, email <a href="mailto:Roberta.tohannie@nau.edu">Roberta.tohannie@nau.edu</a> or go to: <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\_waste">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\_waste</a>.

## **Climate Change Webinars, Conferences and Trainings**

For a calendar of climate change and water-related trainings, conferences, and webinars, visit http://water.epa.gov/scitech/climatechange/Calendar-of-Events.cfm.

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# News

### 2016 Tribal Wildlife Grants Awarded

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has announced nearly \$5 million in Tribal Wildlife Grants to Native American and Alaska Native tribes in 16 states. The awards will support 29 fish and wildlife conservation projects that benefit a wide range of wildlife and habitat, including species of Native American cultural or traditional importance and species that are not hunted or fished. Eleven tribes in EPA Region 10 received awards this year including:

- Native Village of Buckland, AK (\$200,000), Tribal Beluga Management and Youth Education.
- Hydaburg Cooperative Association, AK (\$136,935), Prince of Wales Wolf Population Study.
- Native Village of Napaimute, AK (\$75,114), In-Season Fisheries Assessment.
- Chickaloon Native Village, AK (\$179,574), Matanuska Watershed Juvenile Salmon Research Project, Phase I.
- Nez Perce Tribe, ID (\$200,000), Condors in Hells Canyon: An Assessment of Habitat and Threats to Successful Reintroduction.
- Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians, OR (\$96,635), Tenmile Lakes Basin Lamprey Conservation Project.
- The Klamath Tribes, OR (\$200,000), Klamath Reservation Forest Habitat Restoration and Ecosystem Resiliency Project: Phase 2.
- Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, OR (\$124,240), Oak Habitat Restoration at Rattlesnake Butte Wildlife Area.
- Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, WA (\$187,325), Lamprey Re-colonization of the Elwha River Post Dam Removal.
- Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, WA (\$187,400), Mountain Goat Status in the North Cascades: Population Dynamics, Habitat Selection and Seasonal Movement Patterns in a Changing Climate.
- Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, WA (\$168,563), White River Black Bear Study.

The grants enable tribes to develop increased management capacity, improve and enhance relationships with conservation partners, address cultural and environmental priorities and help train the next generation of conservationists by engaging tribal students interested in fisheries, wildlife and related fields of study.

The grants are provided exclusively to federally recognized Indian tribal governments.

Proposals for the 2017 grant cycle will open May 2 and are due Sept. 2.

For more information about Native American conservation projects and the Tribal Wildlife Grants application process, visit http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/grants.html.

# **Tribal Energy Program Website Merges**

The EERE Tribal Energy Program is now integrated into the DOE Office of Indian Energy, and the websites have merged. Going forward, you'll find all tribal energy events listed at http://energy.gov/indianenergy/office-indian-energy-policy-and-programs.

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## **National Response Center Oil and Hazmat Spill Notifications**

The National Response Center is the single federal notification point for all oil and hazmat spills. They have just published an application that tribes can fill out if they wish to be directly notified of incidents.

The current protocol is that regional EPA and Coast Guard on-scene coordinators are required to notify impacted tribes when an incident may effect tribal resources.

This application allows tribes to request direct notification from the National Response Center, rather than waiting for notification from the EPA or the U.S. Coast Guard. Applicants can limit the notifications they receive by single counties. They would not necessarily be inundated by reports from the entire state.

The application is posted on the web as a PDF file at http://bit.ly/1qZeEJq.

Contact the NRC directly with questions. • <a href="mailto:nrc@uscg.mi">nrc@uscg.mi</a>| • 800-424-8802.

Or contact **Josie Clark**, a locally based spill planner with the EPA • <a href="mailto:clark.josie@epa.gov">clark.josie@epa.gov</a>
• 206-553-6239 or 800-424-4372, ext. 6239.

## **National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program**

The EPA established a National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program for Tribes and Tribal Consortia to provide technical and financial assistance to tribes in developing and implementing tribal waste management programs.

Peer matching can be an effective mechanism for tribes to promote best waste management practices, as well as to build sustainable waste management programs. Additional information on the National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program can be found at <a href="http://go.usa.gov/csYAW">http://go.usa.gov/csYAW</a> or call **Tonya Hawkins** • 703-308-8278.

# ITEP Seeks Applicants for Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is now accepting applications for the national Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee. This Steering Committee is composed of ten tribal professionals, working in the fields of solid waste, brownfields, USTs, Superfund, and emergency response. Eligible applicants must work for a federally-recognized tribe or Alaska Native Village, and must be willing to serve at least one two-year term (running from November 1, 2016 to October 31, 2018).

ITEP will accept to five individuals to serve on the steering committee. Members of the Steering Committee serve as an official Tribal Partnership Group, providing two-way communication with the EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management, as well as other federal agencies and tribal entities, communicating the needs and priorities of tribes.

As part of their work, the Steering Committee members have two in-person meetings a year (one in Washington DC, where they meet with staff from the EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management and once at another location of their choosing), two meetings via conference calls, and attend the annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. (Steering Committee members are reimbursed all their travel costs for the in-person meetings and attendance at the forum.) Applications are due May 27. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Todd Barnell • todd.barnll@nau.edu.

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### U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Alaska Operations Office

### **ALASKA NEWS**

## **ANTHC Wildfire Community Impacts Survey**

In response to increasing frequency and severity of wildfires in Alaska, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's Healthy Homes program has developed a survey to assess impacts of wildfires on communities statewide.

The goal of this survey is to gain a clearer picture of the impacts communities experience during and after a wildfire, as well as the types of resources communities need to prepare for and respond to wildfires.

ANTHC hopes you will complete this survey on behalf of your community. Filling out the survey takes less than five minutes, and your feedback will inform future wildfire education, funding initiatives, programs, and response efforts.

Please contact **Bailey Richards** at <u>bkrichards@anthc.org</u> or 907-729-4008 with any questions or concerns. Thank you for your participation.

To take the survey, go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPYKJC9.

### **Aleutian Life Forum**

The Aleutian Life Forum, **August 16 – 20**, Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, AK will be a gathering of scientists, managers, industry, community and tribal leaders, promoting coastal resiliency in the face of climate change. The forum is sponsored by the Qawalangin Tribe.

Climate change topics of ocean acidification, coastal hazards, sustainable fisheries, establishing effective local observer networks, climate change adaptation strategies, will be addressed.

Organizers are currently accepting abstracts and workshop applications for those who are interested in presenting and/or leading workshops. Travel scholarships for tribal leaders are available on a limited basis.

For more information, visit the website: <a href="http://www.aleutianlifeforum.com">http://www.aleutianlifeforum.com</a> or Facebook page at <a href="www.facebook.com/Aleutianlifeforum">www.facebook.com/Aleutianlifeforum</a>. Or contact **Nikita Robinson** • climate.qtribe@gmail.com • (907)-581-2920.





# Koyukuk Landfill Transformation: Burn unit significantly reduces trash and cleans up community



# Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Success Story

Before Koyukuk began using a burn unit at their self-haul landfill, trash spilled into the road, animals scattered garbage, open burning created air pollution, plastic bags hung in trees, and the salvage area was piled full of materials with little room to walk or drive.





'If not for the GAP grant, we

would be surrounded by trash'

- April Williams, Environmental Assistant

Talking with other tribes and attending conferences like the Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management and the Alaska Forum on the Environment convinced the tribe's environmental staff that a burn unit could improve conditions.

Burn units are used to reduce the volume of household trash disposed of in rural landfills by burning it daily in a metal container designed for hot combustion that generates less air pollution and waste than from open burning.

The city of Koyukuk is responsible for maintaining the landfill. The tribe provided information to the city, and explained how a burn unit could help the landfill cut down on household waste.

The tribe offered to purchase the burn unit for the city using their GAP funds, and through a memorandum of understanding outlined roles and responsibilities for the two governing bodies to comanage the landfill (until the city could take over).

In 2012, Koyukuk Native Village purchased a burn unit and hired an operator who received training to run it correctly. The operator learned to separate non-burnable items that could be recycled, such as electronics and prepare them for shipping and disposal.

The tribe educates residents about what should— and shouldn't— go in the burn unit. Items that don't get burned go to the salvage area. The city donated a used trailer where residents can put their trash. In 2015, the city also purchased heavy equipment to bury non-burnable, non-recyclable items.



April Williams, the Environmental Assistant for Koyukuk Native Village loves having the burn unit because she no longer feels her health is in jeopardy when she goes to the landfill.

Koyukuk Native Village's Environmental Technician Hazel Lolnitz said, "Good teamwork accomplished something for the community. I am happy the burn unit eliminated some health hazards for elders and children."

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**City of Koyukuk** ● collaboration in landfill maintenance and improvements http://go.usa.gov/cBe4V

Alaska Forum on the Environment ●
Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training
http://bit.ly/1PZFYSg

She says there's no smoke in the community, birds no longer scatter trash, and there's no garbage outside the fence.

Koyukuk Native Village has been a GAP grant recipient since 1999. "If not for the GAP grant, we would be surrounded by trash," says April Williams.

For those thinking of taking on a similar project, she offers, "Don't get discouraged if you get turned down (for funding) the first time. Just keep trying. Having a burn unit on our landfill has made it so much healthier and sanitary for our community."

## **Partners & Support**

Tanana Chiefs Conference ● burn unit operator training and technical assistance https://www.tananachiefs.org/

**Tok Welding and Fabrication** ● burn unit purchase and technical assistance http://www.alaskanstoves.com/

Yukon/Koyukuk Environmental Consortia • information sharing with neighboring tribes

## **Community Profile: Koyukuk**

Population: 92

Culture: Traditional Koyukon Athabascan village.

**Location**: The village is located at the confluence of the Yukon and Koyukuk Rivers.

**Transportation**: The state-owned, gravel runway is lighted and provides for year-round transportation. The river is heavily traveled when ice-free, from mid-May through mid-October. Cargo is delivered by barge about four times in the summer. Residents use local trails and winter trails to travel to Galena and Nulato. Snow machines, ATVs, and riverboats are used for local transportation.

Source: State of Alaska Department of Commerce, Community and Economic Development Community Database

## **EPA Region 10's Commitment to Federally Recognized Tribes**

EPA Region 10 is committed to helping tribes strengthen their abilities to manage environmental programs in Indian country, and to ensure that tribes have a voice in decisions that affect their land, air and water. Region 10 serves 271 federally recognized tribes in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. The goal of the EPA IGAP grant program is to assist tribes and intertribal consortia in developing the capacity to manage their own environmental protection programs, and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs in accordance with individual tribal needs and applicable federal laws and regulations.

http://www2.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-tribal-program

http://www2.epa.gov/tribal/indian-environmental-general-assistance-program-gap

### **For More Information**

**Koyukuk Native Village Environmental Technician:** 

Hazel Lolnitz

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**EPA Grant:** Indian General Assistance Program (GAP)

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### **Got News?**

The Region 10 Tribal Newsletter invites you, our readers, to submit ideas and articles for consideration and to share your successes and challenges. Photographs are also welcome as separate files in jpeg or other graphic format. Please submit articles and pictures to:

### **Don Creek**

- EPA, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 500 Portland, Oregon 97205
- 3 503-326-5015
- email creek.don@epa.gov

# **Helpful Links**

### **R10 Tribal Programs**:

 $\frac{\text{http://www2.epa.gov/tribal/region-10-}}{\text{tribal-program}}$ 



### **EPA on Facebook**:

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### **REPORT SPILLS AND ACCIDENTS**

NOTE THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS TO CALL IN THE EVENT OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS OR ACCIDENTS.

ALASKA	800-478-9300
IDAHO	800-632-8000
OREGON	800-452-0311
WASHINGTON	800-258-5990
NATIONAL (EPA)	800-424-8802