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Conferences and Workshops

August

- 10 – 12 Solid Waste Management and Composting Training** Anchorage, AK. Contact: **April Reed-McCoy** • areed@zendergroup.org • 907-717-4754 • <http://zendergroup.org/sw.htm>
- 15 – 18 ITEP'S Tribal Lands and Environment Forum**, Mohegan Sun Resort, CT.
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
- 16 – 18 2016 Future of Our Salmon Pre-Conference Technical Workshop**, Northern Quest Casino, Spokane, WA. <http://bit.ly/25KGLyX>
- 16 – 18 7 Generations Plan Development Workshop**, Anchorage, AK. Contact: **Oxenia O'Domin** • 907-729-3492 • orodomin@anthc.org
- 16 – 20 Aleutian Life Forum**, sponsored by the Qawalangin Tribe of Unalaska, Unalaska/Dutch Harbor, AK. Contact **Nikita Robinson** • 907-581-2920 • climate.qtribe@gmail.com • <http://www.aleutianlifeforum.com>
- 23 EPA Consultation Webinar**, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. Tribes will have the opportunity to provide official consultation comments on draft guidance for conducting fish consumption surveys. To attend: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/fishprogram>
- 23 – 25 22nd National Nonpoint Source Monitoring Workshop**, Salt Lake City, UT.
<https://water-meetings.tetrattech.com/NPSTest/index.htm>

September

- 7 – 9 Water Quality and Soil Sampling Training**, Anchorage, AK. Contact **April Reed-McCoy** • areed@zendergroup.org • 907-717-4754 • <http://zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 13 – 15 ITEP Climate Change Adaptation Planning**, Nebraska City, NE. Contact **Sue Wotkyns** • 928-523-1488 • susan.wotkyns@nau.edu • <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/training/index>
- 14 – 15 ATNI 2nd Annual Tribal Leaders Summit on Climate Change**. Leaning into Our Resilience. Silver Reef Casino, Ferndale, WA. Hosted by Tulalip Tribes and ATNI. Contact **Sono Hashisaki** • 206-300-5058 • sono@springwood-usa.com
- 19 – 23 Combined Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning AND Sustainable Solid Waste Management Training**, Anchorage, AK. Contact **April Reed-McCoy** • areed@zendergroup.org • 907-717-4754 • <http://zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 27 – 30 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality** (Level 1 course), Flagstaff, AZ Pre-registration deadline **Aug. 8**. Application: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air Contact: **Patricia Ellsworth** Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator • 928-523-6721 • patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu
- 26 – 29 West Coast Salmon Summit**, Seven Feathers Hotel and Casino Resort in Canyonville, OR.
<http://www.salmonsummit.org> • 541-888-5591 or 707-972-4851

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Conferences and Workshops

October

- 5 – 6** **2016 Children’s Environmental Health Summit**, Anchorage, AK.
<http://bit.ly/2aBYnaV>
- 18 – 20** **Future of Our Salmon Conference**, Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR.
 To register: <http://bit.ly/2aferLC>
- 24 – 28** **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management**, Hilton Hotel
 Anchorage, AK • 907-729-3430 • <http://www.atcemak.com>
- 25** **Leveraging Resources for Brownfields Revitalization: Meet the Funders.**
 Webinar at 10 am Pacific Time. EPA Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization.
 To register go to <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/register/new.cfm?date=911>
- 31 – Nov 3** **National Non-Point Source Training Workshop**, Omni Parker Hotel, Boston,
 MA. Contact **Kristen McQuaide** • kmcquaide@neiwpsc.org • 978-349-2514

November

- 2 – 3** **The Mining Lifecycle: Tribal Engagement and Environmental Responsibility**,
 Phoenix, AZ. <http://www.ntmw.org>
- 29 – Dec. 2** **26th Annual BIA Tribal Provider Conference**, Anchorage, AK.
<http://biaprovidersconference.com>

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

Compliance with Environmental Laws Helps Protect Air, Water and Land

EPA Region 10 completed 38 environmental compliance and enforcement actions in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington from January through March 2016.

Violations of environmental laws put public health and the environment at risk. EPA enforces federal environmental laws to protect communities and to keep our air, land, and water healthy. These compliance and enforcement efforts also level the playing field by deterring violators who might otherwise have an unfair business advantage over environmentally compliant facilities and businesses.

To view the news release that outlines the list of enforcement actions EPA Region 10 completed during this time period, go to <http://go.usa.gov/xg54Y>.

To learn more about environmental compliance and enforcement, go to <http://www2.epa.gov/enforcement>.



RTOC News



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2017 Tribal Leaders Summit

Come Raise your Environmental Issues!

March 29 – 31, 2017; Seattle, WA

For Tribal Council Members and Staff

NOTE: IGAP staff, please budget for the TLS in FY2017

The summit includes three days of discussions with Tribal Council members and staff from Region 10 (Alaska, Washington, Oregon, and Idaho). The goal of the summit is to provide Tribal Council members and staff the opportunity to meet and share environmental concerns in their geographic areas, with other tribes in Region 10 and with EPA. Topics for discussion could include climate change, environmental justice, and fish consumption rates.

Special Thank you Nez Perce Tribe & Clearwater River Casino!

The Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC R10) was pleased to hold our 2016 in person meeting with the Nez Perce Tribe in Lapwai, Idaho.

RTOC R10 Upcoming Conference Calls

Thursdays, August 18 • October 20 • November 17

12:00 p.m. (Alaska time) • 1:00 p.m. (Pacific time) • 2:00 p.m. (Mountain time)

RTOC R10 In-Person Meetings: EPA Office Seattle, WA

September 13 – 15 • December 13 – 15

CONTACT **Christy Finn** at cs@rtocregion10.org if you wish to join our monthly conference call and have environmental topics to raise. We look forward to hearing from all the tribes in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington.

RTOC R10 Special Election for Oregon!

The Regional Tribal Operation Committee will hold a Special Election for a new Oregon primary. The EPA will be sending out the information to all tribes in Oregon. NTOC/RTOC R10 2016 Elections will have the following positions in the fall:

NTOC: Alaska Position #1

NTOC: Western Oregon & Western Washington

RTOC R10: Eastern Washington

The EPA will send out nomination requests in the fall! Contact the Regional Tribal Operations Office for more information. **Christy Finn**, RTOC R10 Communications Specialist • cs@rtocregion10.org • Washington office: 253-328-4026

Office Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Pacific time. • www.rtocregion10.org

Climate Change

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Second Annual Tribal Leaders Summit on Climate Change: Leaning into Our Resilience

September 14 – 15, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Silver Reef Casino, 4876 Haxton Way, Ferndale, WA 98248

The Tulalip Tribes and ATNI invite tribal councils, policy leaders, tribal staff and agency representatives to a 2-day gathering **September 14 and 15** from **8:30** a.m. to **4:30** p.m. at the Silver Reef Casino, to talk about the needs and opportunities of meeting the challenges of governance in a rapidly changing world. Climate change is already happening and will continue to impact tribal governments, tribal communities, and the treaty trust resources that sustain tribal culture.

This gathering will focus on two levels of governance needed to meet the challenges of climate change:

1. Development and implementation of tribal climate adaptation plans,
2. Treaty rights and climate change.

On Day 1 we'll hear from tribes about what has worked and where the challenges are in implementing climate adaptation plans, and we'll show how scenario planning to illustrate plausible futures can assist decision makers in managing risks, and to better evaluate approaches and solutions.

On Day 2 we'll focus on treaty rights and climate addressing protection of trust resources locally and nationally as well as consider the implications and needs for consultation and policy development in national and international governance stated in the Tribal Climate Change Principles (ATNI/NCAI, 2015). Day 2 will also focus on the role of tribal governments in implementing COP21 Paris Agreement.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: **Sono Hashisaki** • 206-300-5058 • sono@springwood-usa.com
Michael Cox • 206-553-1597 • cox.michael@epa.gov

Swinomish Tribe Wins National Climate Adaptation Leadership Award

The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is one of seven awardees recognized by the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plant Climate Adaptation Strategy's Joint Implementation Working Group, as the first recipients of the Climate Adaptation Leadership Award for Natural Resources.

The award is for their efforts in raising awareness and addressing the impacts of climate change on the country's natural resources.

Go to <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/2016/06/16/swinomish-tribe-wins-national-climate-adaptation-leadership-award-164810>.

Reducing food loss and waste to address climate change

In the United States more food reaches landfills and incinerators than any other single material in our everyday trash - about 21 percent of the waste stream. Methane is the second most prevalent greenhouse gas emitted in the U.S. from human activities. Reducing food waste will help address climate change because 20 percent of our methane emissions come from landfills.

As part of the EPA's ongoing efforts to move the U.S. towards reaching our goal to cut food loss and waste in half by 2030, EPA and USDA launched the U.S. 2030 Food Loss and Waste Reduction Goal: A Call to Action by Stakeholders (see <http://go.usa.gov/xgkuB>).

To learn about how you can take action to reduce food loss and waste, go to <https://www.epa.gov/recycle/reducing-wasted-food-home>.

EPA Climate Change and Water News

EPA Climate Change and Water News is a biweekly newsletter from the EPA's Office of Water that covers climate change and water-related news from EPA, other U.S. Federal agencies, and partners. To learn more about climate change impacts on water resources, visit our website at <https://www.epa.gov/climate-change-water-sector/climate-change-and-water-news>

Climate Science Digest

Climate Science and Observations

Ocean forecast offers seasonal outlook for Pacific Northwest waters

<http://bit.ly/2afA4eU>

"Weather@Home"

<http://bit.ly/2aj72sZ>

National Climate Change Viewer

https://www2.usgs.gov/climate_landuse/clu_rd/nccv.asp

Clouds provide clue to climate predictions

<http://bit.ly/2aEassM>

Temperature, Precipitation and Drought Outlooks

<http://go.usa.gov/xg8DC>

Climate change and North American fish

<http://go.usa.gov/xg8Wm>

Scientists warn that global warming target will be overshoot within two decades

<http://bit.ly/2ahYWC2>

At the Poles & in Alaska

Alaska lands and carbon potential

<https://www.usgs.gov/news/usgs-assesses-carbon-potential-alaska-lands>

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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.

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NASA studies details of a greening Arctic

<http://phys.org/news/2016-06-nasa-greening-arctic.html>

Spike in Alaska wildfires is worsening global warming, US says

<http://bit.ly/2anFF1G>

Polar bears coming ashore as ice recedes

<http://bit.ly/2aiktPL>

Melting Arctic Could Supercharge Climate Feedback Loop

<http://bit.ly/2ak9bHT>

Impacts

Unabated Global Warming Threatens West's Snowpack, Water Supply

<http://bit.ly/2anHrQo>

Climate Tipping Points: What Do They Mean for Society?

<http://bit.ly/2aQe0rh>

Adaptation/Mitigation

Go Inside an Industrial Plant That Sucks Carbon Dioxide Straight Out of the Air

<http://bit.ly/2ayIFbM>

The albatross, El Niño and climate change: a tale of mixed fortunes <http://bit.ly/2aCsEGu>

Climate Change Webinars, Conferences and Trainings

For a calendar of climate change and water-related trainings, conferences, and webinars, visit <http://go.usa.gov/xg84F>

Funding

EPA Clean Diesel Tribal Grants

DUE DATE: August 23.

The EPA announced the availability of \$1 million in grant funding for tribal applicants to establish clean diesel projects. Under this grant competition, applicants may request up to \$800,000 in federal funding. EPA anticipates awarding up to five tribal assistance agreements. Projects may include replacing, upgrading or retrofitting school buses, transit buses, heavy-duty diesel trucks, marine engines, locomotives, energy production generators or other diesel engines.

The Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program gives priority to projects which achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions and exposure in areas designated as having poor air quality, and areas which receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets.

Priority for funding may also be given to projects which address the needs and concerns of local communities, those that use partnerships to leverage additional resources and expertise to advance the goals of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. For more information on the Tribal Request for Proposals and related documents on the National Clean Diesel campaign at <http://go.usa.gov/xgXZR>.

Applications to Support the National Tribal Water Council

DUE DATE: **August 11.**

The National Tribal Water Council, composed of tribal governmental representatives to increase communications, promotes sharing of technical information and best management practices for Indian country, raise awareness of tribes on priority water issues, and facilitate tribal input on actions to protect water quality and provide safe drinking water in tribal communities.

The EPA 's Office of Water supports the efforts of the National Tribal Water Council through a cooperative agreement to a recipient who manages and supports the operations of the Council, and assists in developing and completing products in coordination with the NTWC.

Applications for the cooperative agreement with the EPA are being accepted for the 2017–2021 project period through a Request for Applications at <http://go.usa.gov/xg9fh>.

The Request for Applications is also available through grants.gov at <http://go.usa.gov/xg97d>.

NOAA Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency Grants

DUE DATE: **August 16.**

NOAA is seeking proposals for coastal and marine habitat restoration projects under the Coastal Ecosystem Resiliency grant program. The proposed projects should reduce the risks to coastal communities from extreme weather events, changing environmental conditions and known or potential climate change effects. NOAA will accept proposals requesting between \$100,000 and \$2 million. More information can be found online at grants.gov or from NOAA's Office of Habitat Conservation. <http://go.usa.gov/xg9uW>.

HUD ONAP Training and Technical Assistance

DUE DATE: **Ongoing**

HUD's Office of Native American Programs offers free specialized training and technical assistance for Tribal and Tribally Designated Housing Entity grant recipients in areas related to Indian housing programs, administration and management, development, and financing. Tribes or TDHE's are encouraged to formally request training and technical assistance on a particular need by contacting **Lisa Stewart** • 206-220-6166 • lisa.stewart@hud.gov

Open Announcements for Competitive Grant Opportunities

Last updated the week of July 22: Go to <http://go.usa.gov/xgXnR>.



EPA Tribal Consultation Opportunities

Resource Conservation and Recovery Act Public Participation Manual - Updated Date and Resources

END DATE: **August 8.** • LINK: <http://go.usa.gov/xgXdz>.
 CONTACT: **Kathy Rafferty** • 703-308-0589 • Rafferty.Kathy@epa.gov or
Toshia King • 703-308-7033 • king.toshia@epa.gov

Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Baseline Water Quality Standards

END DATE: **August 31.**

The EPA is continuing consultation and coordination with Federally-recognized tribal governments on a potential rulemaking that would establish baseline water quality standards under the Clean Water Act for waters on Indian reservations that currently do not have EPA-approved WQS in place.

The EPA previously initiated consultation with tribes on this matter in the fall of 2015. The input received at that time, and from frequent exchanges since, was used to further develop the concepts for a proposed rule. The EPA is now developing an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to further engage with tribes and seek public input on baseline WQS. The ANPRM will inform EPA's consideration and development of a federal rulemaking. Go to: <http://go.usa.gov/x2YvB>.

CONTACT: **Mary Lou Soscia** • Soscia.Marylou@epa.gov • 503-326-5873 or
Zoe Ruge • Ruge.Zoe@epa.gov • 202-566-0000

Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention National Program Manager Guidance - Early Engagement with Tribes

End Date: **September 2.**

The EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention National Program Manager Guidance provides direction to the EPA regional offices with respect to the Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention programs, incorporating input from states, tribes and other concerned stakeholders.

National Program Managers and regions engaged collaboratively with states and tribes early in the NPM Guidance development process to identify the most important areas of focus for protecting the environment and human health. OCSPP will conduct outreach for the early engagement process by:

1. Briefing the National Tribal Toxics Council.
2. Briefing the Tribal Pesticide Program Council.
3. Holding a briefing for all federally recognized tribes.

Please join a webinar to discuss the OCSPP's NPM Guidance Document and Process **August 9** from 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time.

CONFERENCE LINE: 866-299-3188; Code: 202-566-0603
 WEB LINK: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r8agu9dzkee>
 CONTACT: **Amanda Hauff** • 202-566-0603 • hauff.amanda@epa.gov

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Tribal Consultation Opportunities

Draft Guidelines for Human Exposure Assessment

END DATE: **September 12**LINK: <https://www.epa.gov/osa/guidelines-human-exposure-assessment>CONTACT: **Michael Broder** • 202-564-3393 • Broder.Michael@epa.gov

Draft Guidance for Conducting Fish Consumption Surveys

END DATE: **September 13, 2016.**

The EPA is initiating tribal consultation on the draft *Guidance for Conducting Fish Consumption Surveys*. This draft guidance is an update to the EPA's *Guidance for Conducting Fish and Wildlife Consumption Surveys* completed in November 1998. The EPA has revised this guidance in an effort to assist states, tribes, local governments, and others with the design, conduct, and analysis of surveys focused on characterizing contemporary consumption of finfish and shellfish.

Since issuing the 1998 guidance, there have been many changes in the area of survey research including use of mobile devices and the internet. This updated guidance covers a broad overview of the numerous and complex issues surrounding the development of a study approach, identification of survey objectives, sampling options, mode selection, questionnaire development, and operational and analytical considerations. The guidance also includes new sections on fish consumption suppression and the role of heritage rates, especially among tribal populations.

Tribes may access the letter sent to all tribal leaders at <http://go.usa.gov/x2YE3>.

The EPA will hold a consultation webinar on **Tuesday, August 23** from **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Pacific Time. Tribes will have the opportunity to provide official consultation comments during the webinar.

To attend the webinar, please use the following link:
<http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/fishprogram>.

Simply type your name and click the 'Enter Room' button to join the webinar. You will also need to call 1-866-299-3188, **conference code** 202-566-2083.

To learn more about the EPA Guidance on Developing Fish Advisories, go to <https://www.epa.gov/fish-tech/epa-guidance-developing-fish-advisories>.

Laboratory Competency Policies

END DATE: **September 30.**LINK: <http://go.usa.gov/xgXFz>.CONTACT: **Lara Phelps** • 919-541-5544 • Phelps.Lara@epa.gov

Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System

To view a comprehensive list of *all* EPA tribal consultation opportunities, go to <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

Training

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Portland State University offers Certificate in Tribal Relations

Portland State University's Institute for Tribal Government has launched a professional certificate program in Tribal Relations.

The program is a theory-informed, practice-based leadership training program designed to give local, state, and federal government officials (as well as non-profit and private sector leaders) background and expertise to effectively work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments and interface with Native people living in non-reservation communities in the Pacific Northwest and throughout North America.

The program is offered in-person in Portland, OR and consists of seven classroom-based sessions and three field trips conducted over a 10-month period. The day-long classroom sessions will focus on practitioners and their perspectives, with panels and speakers drawn from experts in such key areas as tribal culture, traditions, policy priorities, non-reservation Native communities, and emerging trends in Indian Country.

The field trips include a week-long session in Washington, D.C. to coincide with the National Congress of American Indians 2017 Executive Council Winter Session, which will focus on Indian policy-making at the federal, state, and tribal-government levels. The program is designed for an initial cohort of 20-25 participants to maximize "peer-to-peer" learning and networking opportunities.

Applications are due **October 1**.

For more information go to <http://www.pdx.edu/tribal-gov/certificate>.

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National Response Center Tribal Notifications

The National Response Center functions as the sole point of contact for reporting oil, chemical, radiological, biological, and etiological discharges into the environment anywhere in the United States and its territories. The NRC also takes maritime reports of suspicious activity, security breaches, and terrorist related activities for the U.S. Coast Guard and railroad incident reports for the U.S. Federal Railroad Administration.

The EPA is assisting with an outreach effort to encourage tribes to submit applications to the NRC to receive notifications when oil and hazardous materials incidents happen in Indian Country. Tribes are encouraged to apply to receive notifications directly from the federal NRC.

In order to be included in this process, they must complete an application agreement. To request the application document, email nrc@uscg.mil or fax 202-267-1322.

For specific questions about the application or to discuss the process further please feel free to contact the NRC at nrc@uscg.mil.



Trash Free Waters

The EPA is spearheading efforts to reduce plastic pollution discharges to our waters to zero within the next 10 years. Eighty percent of trash in the ocean comes from land, and 80 percent of that trash is plastic.

Plastic isn't just coming from cruise liners or boats, but it is washing off streets and beaches into storm drains and sewage treatment plants. This is also happening to lakes, rivers, streams and estuaries. Ocean waves and river currents can act just like paper shredders, tearing plastic apart until it is sometimes the size of a grain of sand.

Tiny plastic debris presents a hazard to wildlife. By 2025, for every three pounds of fish in the ocean, there will be one pound of plastic. Animals can become entangled in fishing line or confuse tiny bits of plastic for food. They choke on it or are harmed by it.

To learn more about what you can do about marine debris and EPA's Trash Free Waters program go to www.epa.gov/trash-free-waters/what-you-can-do-about-marine-debris.

TSCA Reform: A Milestone to Protect Our Health from Dangerous Chemicals

On June 22, President Obama signed a bill to reform the Toxic Substances Control Act. TSCA was first passed in 1976 to help keep dangerous chemicals off the market and avoid making people sick. Back then, health experts knew that certain chemicals could cause serious health impacts like cancer, birth defects, and reproductive harm.

But the original TSCA fell short of giving EPA the authority needed to get the job done. So stakeholders from diverse backgrounds, including public health and environment experts, the chemical industry, and retailers, recognized these deficiencies and began to demand major reforms to the law.

The new law, the Frank R. Lautenberg Chemical Safety for the 21st Century Act, includes much needed improvements such as:

- Mandatory requirement for the EPA to evaluate existing chemicals with clear and enforceable deadlines.
- New risk-based safety standard.
- Increased public transparency for chemical information.
- Consistent source of funding for the EPA to carry out the responsibilities under the new law.

This historic law gives the EPA the authorities it needs to protect American families from the health effects of dangerous chemicals and is a step forward to protect public health.

To learn more, go to <http://go.usa.gov/xg5Cx>.

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Settlement with Volkswagen Leads to New Clean Air Protections

The EPA announced a groundbreaking settlement to repair the damage German automaker Volkswagen AG caused by sending half a million cars onto America’s roads that emit harmful NOx pollution, up to 40 times the legal limit.

The Agency is using the Clean Air Act not only to recall VW’s polluting vehicles and get the pollution they caused out of the air, but also to provide funding for states and tribes to make their air even cleaner, and to secure major investments that will support the transformation to cleaner vehicles across the auto industry.

The agreement is a powerful example of EPA’s commitment to upholding standards to protecting public health, enforcing the law, and to find innovative ways to protect clean air. To take a more in-depth look at the Volkswagen Clean Air Act Partial Settlement go to <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/volkswagen-clean-air-act-partial-settlement>

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IDAHO, OREGON, WASHINGTON NEWS

James L. Boyd

NESPELEM, WA – The Colville Business Council has announced that the Chairman of the Colville Tribes, James L. Boyd, walked on June 22, 2016. He was 60.



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ALASKA NEWS

7Generations Plan Development Workshop August 16-18.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s Tribal Capacity and Training Program will be providing a 7Generations Plan Development workshop. The Plan Development workshop provides participants an opportunity to begin developing their Tribal environmental plans using tools from the 7 Generations planning process. As a prerequisite for the workshop, participants need to have attended a 7 Generations – Environmental Planning for Rural Alaska training.

CONTACT: **Oxcenia O’Domin** • 907-729-3492 • orodomin@anthc.org.





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ANTHC Tribal Air Quality Subawards

PROPOSALS DUE August 31.

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is currently accepting proposals to carry out air quality projects in rural tribal communities **that may be funded** under Sub-awards covered by Code of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) # 66.038.

This competitive funding opportunity would be funded by the US Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 (EPA) and administered by ANTHC Division of Community Health Services (DCHS), **if** ANTHC is successfully awarded funding from the EPA Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding Opportunity for FY16.

Proposals should describe a project that will address an air quality concern in a Tribal community. Air quality concerns might be road dust, indoor air quality, solid waste burning, ambient air pollution, wood smoke, etc. Projects should be focused on improving air quality and public health. Activities might include providing education and outreach, promoting behaviors that improve air quality, conducting indoor air quality home assessments or surveys, monitoring for air pollutants when appropriate to implement a solution.

**CONTACT: AJ Salkoski • 907-729-4518 • ajsalkoski@anthc.org or
Lacey Walsh • lmwalsh@anthc.org.**

Bed Bug Toolkits

The Bristol Bay Area Health Corporation and the Tanana Chiefs Conference are distributing bed bug toolkits to help people in rural Alaska control bed bugs. The toolkits include fact sheets, mattress covers, trash bags, gloves, caulk to seal up crevices, and bed bug interceptors to put under the legs of beds.

To receive a free bed bug toolkit, contact the BBAHC Environmental Health Department at (907) 842-3396. You will be required to complete a questionnaire before and after you receive the toolkit so the program can make improvements over time. Toolkits will be distributed on a first come first serve basis while supplies last.

If you have any questions, contact BBAHC at (907) 842-3396.



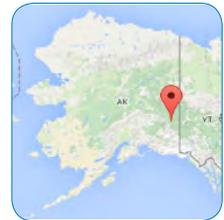


Environmental and public health gains through landfill improvements and education in Tetlin, AK



Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Success Story

In 2014, the Native Village of Tetlin began tackling several solid waste challenges. Theresa Christiansen, Environmental Coordinator said, “Without a trash pickup service, residents would haul their own trash to the landfill. Some people were dumping it along the roadside to the landfill.” Improper dumping is both an unsightly and unhealthy practice. For a few families and elders who lack access to a vehicle, trash was building up in their homes.



Tetlin, AK

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Photo: courtesy of Theresa Christiansen

A new landfill was built in 2015 after the old dump reached capacity and closed. The tribe’s Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) installed a burn unit and placed 15 trash cages around the village to eliminate improper dumping.

The tribe is now recycling used electronic wastes and has a staging area for white goods (worn out large electrical appliances like refrigerators and freezers).

Freon, a refrigerant that’s harmful to public health and the Earth’s ozone layer, was removed from the old freezers in the staging area to prepare them for disposal.

The GAP funding supports community outreach to help change behaviors. Observing that youth often dump their families’ garbage at the landfill, environmental staff provided an education event at the school on landfill safety and proper disposal.

The tribe also hosts a cultural, environmental and wellness summer camp — and distributes an environmental newsletter, filled with information on environmental and public health issues and relevant community events.

Newsletter distribution has grown from hand-delivery, to mailing it the first week of each month to all post office boxes and via an email list.

TETLIN ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER

Po Box 797, Tok, AK 99780
Tetlin Office—Phone (907)324-2306
Fax (907)324-2131

Tetlin Village Clean—Up Was A Success.

June 2015

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Thank You to the Staff and Students of Tetlin High School for Volunteering in the Clean—Up of Tetlin Village. You make us Proud, keep up the Good Work.

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Environmental and public health gains through landfill improvements and education in Tetlin, AK

Partners & Support

Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling

Recycling bottles and cans

Tanana Chiefs Conference

Freon removal training and technical assistance

Community Profile: Tetlin

Population: 127

Culture: Traditional Athabascan culture and lifestyle.

Location: Tetlin lies in the Tetlin National Wildlife Refuge located 20 miles southeast of Tok, 220 miles southeast of Fairbanks. The village is connected by road to the Alaska Highway.

Climate: Tetlin falls within the continental climate zone, characterized by extreme temperature differences. Temperatures have been measured from -71 to 99 °F.

Transportation: Tetlin has a state-maintained public airport with a gravel runway. The village also owns a turf airstrip. Scheduled and charter flights are available from Tok. Many residents own cars, trucks, skiffs, and snow machines for hunting, fishing, and hauling wood.

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>

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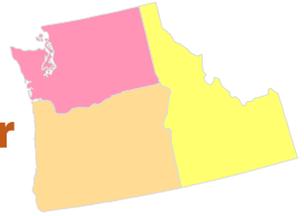


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