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Top News

Region 10 Welcomes Stacy Murphy to TTAU!

Stacy Murphy joins the Region 10 Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit as its new Manager. Stacy, a lifelong Texan, recently relocated with his family to Seattle, WA from Dallas, where he worked for EPA Region 6. Stacy has been with EPA since 2006 and brings his experience as Schools Coordinator implementing indoor air quality and children's environmental health programs, as well as a background in grants management and providing training for tribes, to his new job. Stacy also served in a leadership role for the past two years as Lead Region Coordinator on national policy and budget issues for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. Stacy's guiding principles for TTAU's work in support of EPA's mission and Region 10 tribes are, "Commit to the mission, communicate openly, and do your best."



JR Herbst acted as TTAU Manager from January through mid-April and has returned to his position as Tribal Consultation Specialist for Region 10 and as Tribal Coordinator for the Bristol Bay region of AK.

Please welcome Stacy as he gets oriented to his new role and tribal environmental issues in Region 10! Thank you to JR for his time on detail as the Unit Manager.

Summer Health Tips

Mosquito Control and Safe Use of Bug Repellents

It's summer and mosquitos are out in force. Below are tips on controlling mosquitos near your home.

- Mosquitos need only a few tablespoons of water to breed. Get rid of standing water where mosquitoes can breed – such as in rain gutters, old tires, buckets, plastic covers, toys or other containers. Empty and change the water in wading pools, rain barrels, and potted plant trays at least once a week to destroy potential mosquito habitats.
- Cover gaps in walls, doors, and windows to prevent mosquitoes from entering your home.
- Make sure screen windows and doors are in good working order.

If you use insect repellents, be sure to use them safely.

- Always read the label and follow the directions.
- Apply repellents only to exposed skin and clothing. Do not use bug repellents under your clothing.
- Do not apply near eyes and mouth, and apply sparingly around ears. Do not spray directly into your face, instead spray on your hands first and then apply to your face.
- Never use bug repellents over cuts, wounds, or irritated skin.
- Do not spray in enclosed areas and avoid breathing the spray.
- Do not use bug sprays near food.

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Summer Health Tips

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Mosquito Control and Safe Use of Bug Repellents

- Do not use any product on pets or other animals unless the label clearly states it is for animals.
- After returning indoors, wash treated skin and clothes with soap and water.
- Store insect repellents safely out of the reach of children, in a locked cabinet or shed.



For more tips on using insect repellents safely, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xNATX>.

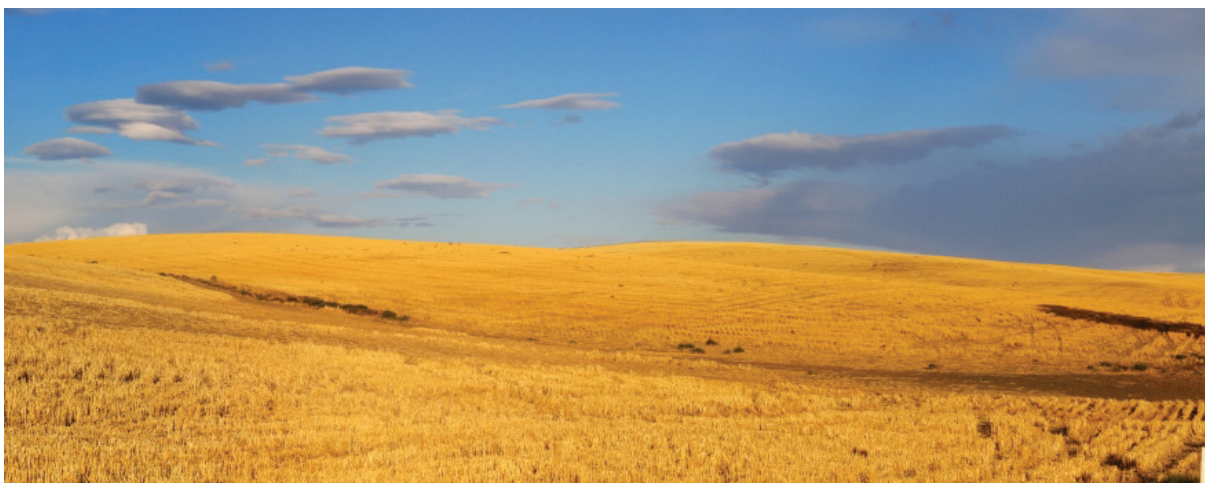
Sun Safety

While some exposure to sunlight can be enjoyable, too much can be dangerous. Overexposure to ultraviolet radiation from the sun can result in sunburn and can lead to more serious health problems, including skin cancer, cataracts and other eye damage, and immune system suppression. Children are particularly at risk.

EPA recommends these steps to help you and your family be Sun Safe:

**Do NOT Burn****Seek Shade****Avoid Sun Tanning and Tanning Beds****Use Extra Caution Near Water, Snow and Sand****Generously Apply Sunscreen****Check the UV Index****Wear Protective Clothing****Get Vitamin D Safely**

For more information and resources on sun safety, go to <https://www.epa.gov/sunsafety>.



Summer Health Tips

Pesticide Use in Gardens

It's gardening season! If you use pesticides always read the label and follow instructions carefully. When used properly, pesticides can help control weeds, insects, and other pests. On the other hand, most insecticides are toxic to bees and can harm wildlife, children and yourself – if you don't follow label directions. Minimize potential harm to birds, beneficial insects and fish by using pesticides only when necessary.

- Treat only the specific areas needing treatment.
- Keep pesticides out of open water and away from areas near water.
- When using pesticides outdoors, apply at night when bees are not actively foraging.
- Follow all requirements on pesticide product labels.
- Store and dispose of pesticides properly.

For a fact sheet on safe pest control in your garden, go to

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2016-02/documents/garden.pdf>.

To learn more about best practices for protecting bees and pollinators by reducing or eliminating the use of pesticides, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xNdab>.

Harmful Algal Blooms

Harmful algal blooms are overgrowths of algae in fresh or marine water that can produce dangerous toxins. HABs are created by a combination of sunlight, slow-moving water, and nutrients (nitrogen and phosphorous).

Avoid contact with water that might have an algal bloom (or water that appears green, scummy or smells bad). When in doubt, stay out, and keep your pets and children out of the waterway.

To learn more about HABs, watch a video online at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=00j0Yef9oJU>.



EPA Website Updates

EPA.gov, the website for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is undergoing changes that reflect the Agency's new direction under President Donald Trump and Administrator Scott Pruitt. The process is intended to ensure that the public can use the website to understand current efforts. The changes will comply with Agency ethics and legal guidance, including the use of proper archiving procedures. For instance, a snapshot of the last administration's website will remain available from the main page.

The first page to be updated is on President Trump's Executive Order on Energy Independence, which calls for a review of the Clean Power Plan. Language associated with the Clean Power Plan, written by the last administration, is out of date. Similarly, content related to climate and regulation is undergoing review. To view the first updated webpage, go to <https://www.epa.gov/Energy-Independence>.

To read the press release about the website updates, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xNs4G>.

Sharing Your GAP Success Stories and Tips for Making a Video

Your tribe's environmental program makes a real difference in your community and for the environment. It's important to share information about your projects so that others can learn from your tribe's accomplishments and the value of the program. All GAP grant recipients must submit at least one success story during your four-year grant to EPA. Success stories are often a one-page narrative with photos, a table, or other supporting materials.

If you are interested in sharing your success story more broadly with others, you might consider sharing it through one or more of the following venues.

✓ **Your tribe's newsletter, website and social media.**

✓ **A local newspaper or radio station.**

✓ **The Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee.**

RTOC is showcasing GAP success stories on their website at

<http://region10rtoc.net/igap-success-stories>. When you submit your tribe's success story to your EPA Tribal Coordinator/Project Officer, please notify him or her if you want to share it on the RTOC website, or you can email it directly to Randi Madison at communications@region10rtoc.net.

✓ **This newsletter.**

If interested, send your story to Don Creek at creek.don@epa.gov.

✓ **Alaska email list.**

To share your story with tribes in AK, email it to r10akinfo@epa.gov.

✓ **Regional email lists.**

Your Tribal Coordinator can share it with his or her regional email list.

✓ **Make a Video Success Story.**

Videos are another way to share your tribes' successes with a variety of audiences. Videos highlighting GAP activities can be submitted instead of, or in addition to, a narrative and posted to tribal websites and social media.

Content

We recommend you include the following details in a written narrative or video success story:

- Your first and last name, job title, and name of your tribe.
- Geographic location.
- The year your tribe received its first GAP grant and the year of the current grant.
- Environmental goals and priorities.
- The environmental problem the tribe addressed.
- Key accomplishments.
- The impact or changes that resulted from the successful project.

Other elements you may want to include in a **video success story** follow:

- Interviews with your Tribal Administrator, Council Members, and others who want to talk about the project.
- Footage of important places including the location of where the project occurred.

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Tips for Making a GAP Success Story Video – Content

- Images that help tell the story, such as before and after pictures, charts, tables, maps, etc.
- Statistics such as pounds recycled or number of cars or appliances backhauled.

NOTE: If there are children in photos or your video, you may wish to request written permission from parents or guardians.

Story Length and Equipment

There are no limits on the length of your story or video. For a video, we recommend 1-3 minutes. You can use whatever equipment you have available - most smartphone cameras will work.

How to Submit a Video Success Story

If you take a video on your phone, you can email the file to your EPA Tribal Coordinator/Project Officer. If the file is too big to email, upload it to YouTube or another video platform, and then email the link to the website where it's posted. Posting it to YouTube or another venue will make it easier to post on your tribe's web page or share via social media.

For More Information

If you need ideas or have any questions about how to create a video success story, please contact your Tribal Coordinator/Project Officer or **Susan Conbere** at 206-553-6243 or by email at conbere.susan@epa.gov.

**EPA's Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter**

EPA's Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter highlights current information about fish and shellfish - including a snapshot of recent advisories, federal agency activities, publications, awarded research, and future meetings and conferences.

The April 2017 edition focuses on tribal issues associated with fish and shellfish. To download the April newsletter, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xNda9>.

To subscribe to EPA's Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter, email **Sharon Frey** at frey.sharon@epa.gov





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Alaska News

New Location! Clean Air, Healthy Villages Videos and Tribal Air Toolkit

The Alaska Tribal Air Quality webpage recently moved to a new location. You can find Region 10's Clean Air, Healthy Villages video series, as well as fact sheets on diesel fuel use, indoor air quality, road dust, solid waste burning, and wood smoke on the new webpage. From the new page you can also order hard copies of these items as part of the Alaska Tribal Air Toolkit. The new website can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/alaska-tribal-air-toolkit>.

New Registration Requirement for Facilities with Above Ground Storage Tanks 1,000 – 420,000 Gallons

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation recently adopted a set of regulations to create a statewide inventory of a new division of facilities with above ground storage tanks: Class 2 facilities. Class 2 facility regulations, 18 AAC 75.835 – 18 AAC 75.849, were adopted by DEC on April 21, and signed by the Lieutenant Governor on May 25. The regulations' effective date is **June 24**.

Class 2 facilities are:

- Onshore.
- Commercial (i.e., do not include home heating oil tanks).
- Have a storage capacity greater than or equal to 1,000 gallons and less than 420,000 gallons (total storage capacity includes above ground tanks 1,000 gallons and greater).
- Store non-crude oil (petroleum-based, motor fuels, jet fuels, heating oil, residual fuel oils, lubricants, and used oils).
- Not required to have a contingency plan filed with the state.



For more information, please visit the DEC web page at: <http://dec.alaska.gov/spar/ppr/Class2Facilities.htm>.

Brownfield Job Training RACEJET Graduates Honored



Photo by Zender Environmental, 2017

EPA, the State of Alaska, and Zender Environmental Health and Research Group honored seventeen graduates of Zender's Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program at an April 30th ceremony in Anchorage. The program trains and helps place graduates in local environmental jobs and is targeted to unemployed and underemployed residents of tribal communities in Alaska impacted by environmental health issues.

The job training program was made possible through an EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant (also known as a Brownfields Job Training grant). The grants fund recruiting, entry level training, career counseling and job placement for careers in environmental health including contamination remediation, hazardous material handling, and more.

The intensive four-week program includes training in HAZWOPER, spill and emergency response, refrigerant recovery, landfill operation, hazardous material backhaul, and water and soil sample collection. Graduates can earn 10 college credits through the University of Alaska, Fairbanks and up to 15 state or federal certifications including HAZWOPER, OSHA 10 Construction Safety, Confined Space Entry, Forklift Operations, and Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead, National Incident Command System, DOT Hazmat, CPR/First Aid.

"We're tremendously proud of our graduates," said Dr. Lynn Zender, Executive Director of Zender Environmental Health and Research Group. "Without hesitation, we're able to recommend each student to Alaska's contractors and rural employers as hardworking and dependable employees. And, when we hear about a community that has suddenly started to turn its waste management situation around, it is often a past student that is behind it."

In May, Zender Environmental Health and Research Group was selected to receive another EPA Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant for 2017, which will provide training for individuals from 18 communities.

For more information on EPA's Brownfields program, go to <https://www.epa.gov/brownfields>.

To learn more about the RACEJET program, go to <http://www.zendergroup.org/racejt.html>.

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RTOC News



The Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives to further tribal environmental objectives at the regional level, serve as a liaison between EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.

Have You Seen RTOC's New Website? Bookmark it today!

<http://region10rtoc.net/home>

2017 Tribal Leader's Summit

The RTOC is humbled by the turnout and participation from tribes in the region during the 2017 Tribal Leader's Summit that was held in Suquamish, WA, at the end of March. The RTOC is grateful to the Curyung Tribe for managing the grant for this year's conference and their willingness to host tribes from the area, including the Suquamish Tribe and the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe.

Planning for next year's summit will kick off soon! If you have feedback, please email your comments and suggestions to Randi Madison at communications@region10rtoc.net.

To read about conference proceedings, you can download a conference report from <http://region10rtoc.net/tribal-leaders-summit>.

New Information! *Tools for Tribes*

The Region 10 RTOC website contains a new page called *Tools for Tribes*. The new page highlights resources and examples on several topics such as the following.

- Conducting Tribal Fish Consumption Studies.
- Sharing Tribal Success Stories.
- Submitting comment letters from Tribal Councils in response to proposed federal rule-makings.

To view the new *Tools for Tribes* page, go to <http://region10rtoc.net/resources>.

Stay in the Loop!

RTOC posts meeting minutes online at <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>.

Follow RTOC on Facebook for the latest news, training and funding opportunities from EPA at <https://www.facebook.com/Region10RTOC>.

Submit meeting discussion topics at <http://region10rtoc.net/committee-members>.

If you wish to join the monthly teleconference or have environmental topics to raise, contact **Randi Madison**, RTOC R10 Communications Specialist 509-703-4219 • communications@region10rtoc.net.

EPA Tribal Consultation Opportunities

The following tribal consultation opportunities may be of interest to tribes in Region 10. A full list of consultation opportunities is available at <https://tcots.epa.gov>.

FY 2018-2019 National Program Manager Guidance

END DATE: July 10.

The **National Program Manager** Guidances provide direction to EPA Regions on where the Agency will focus its work with tribal and state governments to ensure implementation of and compliance with environmental laws and regulations. The NPM Guidances are not budget decision-making documents though they do provide a roadmap for the activities that support the priorities identified in the President's Budget.

The NPM Guidances are developed in three stages.

1. NPMs receive input from tribes and States during the early engagement stage, which is now underway.
2. NPMs prepare draft guidances for review and comment.
3. NPMs issue final NPM Guidances.

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Joseph Greenblott • 202-564-4250 • greenblott.joseph@epa.gov

Notice of Extension - CERCLA 108(b) Proposed Rule for Hardrock Mining and Mineral Processing

END DATE: July 11.

EPA is proposing requirements under section 108(b) of the **Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act** to establish financial responsibility for the hardrock mining industry. The Agency received correspondence from stakeholders requesting an extension to the public comment period for the proposed rule. EPA is committed to continuing its dialogue with federally recognized tribes and has also extended the consultation period from March 13 to July 11.

CONTACT: **Barbara Foster** • 703-308-7057 • foster.barbara@epa.gov

Jessica Snyder • 202-564-1478 • Snyder.jessica@epa.gov

Guidance on Preparing for Waste and Debris Management for Major Disasters

END DATE: July 28.

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on three draft documents on waste and debris management planning for natural disasters and other incidents.

1. Planning for Natural Disaster Debris guidance.
2. Pre-incident All-hazards Waste Management Plan Guidelines: Four-step Waste Management Planning Process (4-steps document).
3. All-hazards Waste Management Decision Diagram (diagram).

The purpose of these documents is to help state, local, tribal governments and other stakeholders proactively address waste management in natural and man-made homeland security incidents.

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Tribal Consultation – Preparing for Waste and Debris Management for Major Disasters

The PNDD — which is based on communities' experiences with hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other disasters — updates an existing EPA guidance document that was published in 2008 under the same title. It provides helpful planning considerations that communities may use to prepare for natural disaster debris management.

The 4-steps document describes the cyclical and ongoing process of waste management planning and implementation during responses to homeland security incidents. The diagram describes the waste management decision-making process and provides information to consider when making waste management-related decisions during a response.

EPA will lead an informational conference call on **July 11, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pacific Time.**

To participate, call **1-866-299-3188** and enter in the conference code, **703-308-0490#**.

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Jessica Snyder • 202-564-1478 • Snyder.jessica@epa.gov

Grants

Diesel Emissions Reductions Act Clean Diesel National Grants

DUE DATE: July 5. Deadline extended from June 20

EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$34 million in competitive grant funding for the Diesel Emissions Reductions Act Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program. The Program is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced and exposure, particularly from fleets operating in areas designated by the Administrator as poor air quality areas.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine replacements, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible entities include regional, state, or local agencies, tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages, or port authorities, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality. EPA plans to release a similar RFP specific to tribes later this summer.

More information can be found online at
<https://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants>.

State Indoor Radon Grants

DUE DATE: July 21.

EPA Region 10 is announcing the availability of indoor radon grants for tribes. This State Indoor Radon Grant is critical to the Agency's national goal of minimizing and preventing radon-related lung cancer. Tribes may receive grant funds from EPA that help finance their radon risk reduction projects.

To be eligible, tribal grant recipients are required to provide a minimum of 25% non-federal match for the first year of SIRG project and 40% match in subsequent years of the project. Multiyear project proposals are not required. Total EPA Region 10 grant funding available for tribes is \$24,000.

The SIRG is used for the following activities.

- Developing partnerships with community members, State, Federal, and local government agencies and other organizations. Collaborations with organizations representing, public health, housing, daycare providers, and organizations like the American Lung Association to involve and educate them in remediating indoor radon.
- Outreach to increase awareness among local tribal members and organizations residing in tribal communities with high radon levels.
- Increase radon awareness and influence the number of buildings tested among schools, and businesses about the importance of testing for radon, especially in high risk areas. Update the tribal website to include new information on radon.
- Provide radon test kits to daycare facilities, especially those in high risk areas, to increase testing where young children could be exposed.

For more information about the SRIG program, please visit
<https://www.epa.gov/radon/state-indoor-radon-grant-sirg-program>.

CONTACT: **Jim McAuley** • 206-553-1987 • mcauley.jim@epa.gov

2017 Indoor Air Quality Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network, hosted by the Tulalip Tribes, connects tribes, tribal consortia, government, non-profit advocates, and researchers to promote just, healthy and safe living environments for American Indian and Alaska Native communities.

THHNW compiled a 2017 *Guide on Indoor Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Tribes*. The Guide also includes some tips for preparing a competitive funding proposal. If you are interested in applying for one of the funding opportunities listed in the guide, you can contact THHNW for more information and free technical assistance.

The THHNW Indoor Air Quality Funding Guide is available online at
<http://thhnw.org/funding/2017-tribal-guide-to-iaq-funding>.

CONTACT: **Gillian Mittelstaedt** • 1-800-717-2118 • gmittelstaedt@thhnw.org

GRANTS TRAINING

Six federal agencies are collaborating in a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge to find an accurate, lower-cost, and low-maintenance air quality monitoring system that can be used during a wildfire or controlled fire. The data provided by the sensor system will help federal, state, local and tribal agencies protect the health of first responders and communities affected by smoke.



Developers should also aim for designs that are easy to use and self-powered, include location data and wirelessly transmit data to a central data-receiving station.

The sponsors of the Sensors Challenge are the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, EPA, U.S. Forest Service, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and National Park Service. The non-profit organization, Tall Timbers Research Station, is also a partner. To learn more about this opportunity, go to <https://www.challenge.gov/challenge/wildland-fire-sensors-challenge>.

Training & Scholarships

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Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning and Backhaul Training

This in-depth training explores several topics needed to manage your solid waste program. Some of the training topics will include developing codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables, hazardous waste, electronics waste, landfill problem solving, composting and solid waste funding. This training largely focuses on backhaul (collecting, storing, packaging and shipping hazardous wastes). For more information, go to <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>.

CONTACT: **Simone Sebalo** • 907-277-2111 • ssebalo@zendergroup.org

Webinar: Introducing EPA's RCRA Training Website: Training Resources for EPA, States, and Tribes

August 2, 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time

Because EPA and States are losing staff with expertise and institutional knowledge of the **Resource Conservation and Recovery Act**, there is a need to ensure consistency in training and implementation of the RCRA program, and improve access to existing training materials and resources. This webinar will discuss the development of a RCRA training website for hosting online courses, training resources and a video library, and will include a demonstration of the site. Register online at <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/RCRAExpert>.

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Tribal Lands and Environment Forum

August 14 – 17, Tulsa, OK

This year's Tribal Lands and Environment Forum will feature trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on solid/hazardous waste management, Brownfields, Underground Storage Tanks/Leaking Underground Storage Tanks, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics will include breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips related to water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams, and fisheries). Registration for the event is open.

For more information and to register, go to
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef.

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Julie Jurkowski • 928-523-9404 • Julie.jurkowski@nau.edu

7 Generations Training

August 15-17, Anchorage, AK

This workshop will cover several special emphasis topics and is best suited for tribal environmental leaders and staff. For more information contact Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium. CONTACT: **Oxcenia O'Domin** • 907-729-3492 • orodomin@anthc.org

Qualified Sampler Training (Water Quality and Soil Sampling Training)

August 23-25, Anchorage, AK. This training will involve one classroom day plus two field days at a local creek and one classroom hands-on instruction day. You will learn how to take your own water and soil samples to send for laboratory contaminant testing, how to test on-site for surface water fecal coliform, and how to sample and monitor for the basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter.

Passing this course satisfies the State of Alaska training requirements to become a qualified sampler. Trainees with approved QAPPs and appropriate sampling equipment can receive free follow-up assistance to help them complete the State's requirement for supervised work in the field. Earn University of Alaska Fairbanks course credit for the ENVI 110 Introduction to Water Quality class if you attend and complete this training. For more information: <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>.

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T R A I N I N G

Composting Solid Waste Training and Waste Utility Training (Combined Training)

September 11-15, Anchorage, AK

The Composting Solid Waste training will explore in-depth topics needed to manage your solid waste program, including developing codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables and hazardous waste, landfill problem solving, solid waste funding, and will particularly focus on composting (including a hands-on composting field trip).

The Waste Utility Training looks at your solid waste management program as a utility operation. The training will use self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the 10 management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. You will learn your own program's weaknesses and strengths in each management area, and leave with an identified approach to improving your program. This training includes developing a full solid waste management plan, budget and a community outreach strategy. For more information, go to <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>.

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Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan

September 19-21, Lawrence, KS

This Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals course is designed for tribal staff developing or updating a solid waste management plan. It is offered in cooperation with the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and will feature lectures on the five critical elements of a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan.

It will include forming small group works to focus on developing an outline of your plan or making improvements to your existing one, discussion with instructors and fellow attendees, and a tour of the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's solid waste facilities and operations. There will also be time set aside for presentations by other tribal staff about the role played by the judiciary and linking waste management activities with broader cultural preservation projects. ITEP will review all applications as they are received and will select the successful applicants. Individuals selected to attend the course will have their lodging expenses covered by ITEP and will be reimbursed for their travel and per diem expenses.

For more information, go to www.nau.edu/itep.

CONTACT: **Todd Barnell** • 928-523-3840 • Todd.Barnell@nau.edu

Introduction to Rural Alaska Landfill Administration

Online Training: ITEP is offering a free online training course for tribal environmental professionals in rural Alaska with an introduction to landfills, administration, and operations in rural AK, solid waste administration, planning and budgeting basics, and resources for minimizing waste in landfills. To access the online Introduction to Rural Alaska Landfill Administration training, go to <http://bit.ly/2liZRHA>.

Other online ITEP courses include Introduction to Brownfields, Brownfields Tribal Response Program Fundamentals, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamentals, Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, and Emissions Inventory Fundamentals. To access all of ITEP's online training courses, go to <http://itep.scholarlms.com/catalog>.

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National Enforcement Training Institute eLearning Center

EPA's National Enforcement and Training Institute eLearning center offers live webinar, and classroom training opportunities to environmental enforcement personnel (including government inspectors, the legal community, and investigators) in federal, state, tribal and local governments. For more information, and a list of available courses, go to <https://go.usa.gov/xNdas>.

Calendar of Events

July

- 20 **Lead and Copper Rule - Three Part Webinar Series. Part II – After an Action Level Exceedance.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • <https://bit.ly/2sjyVLP>
- 20 **RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 20 **Alaska Road Dust and Air Quality.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time. • <http://bit.ly/2sVIYsp>
- 31 – Aug. 4 **Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning and Backhaul Training.** Anchorage, AK. • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>

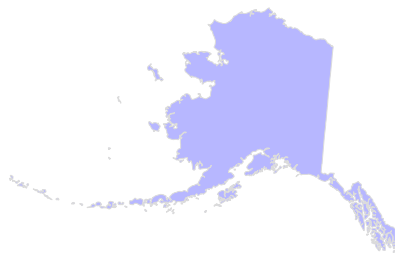
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- 2 **Introducing EPA's RCRA Training Website: Training Resources for EPA, States and Tribes.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/RCRAExpert>
- 14 – 17 **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum.** Tulsa, OK. • http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef
- 15 – 17 **7 Generations Training.** Anchorage, AK. • Oxcenia O'Domin • 907-729-3492 • orodomin@anthc.org
- 17 **Lead and Copper Rule - Three Part Webinar Series. Part III – Compliance Determination and Reporting.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • <https://bit.ly/2sjyVLP>
- 17 **RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23 – 25 **Qualified Sampler Training (Water Quality and Soil Sampling Training).** Anchorage, AK. • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>

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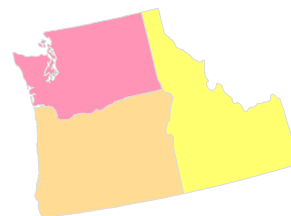
- 11 – 15 **Composting Solid Waste Training and Waste Utility Training (Combined Training).** Anchorage, AK. • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 19 – 21 **RTOC In-Person Meeting.** Seattle, WA. • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 19 – 21 **Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan.** Lawrence, KS. • www.nau.edu/itep

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