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Top News

September is National Preparedness Month

National Preparedness Month is a reminder, encouraging us to be prepared for disasters and emergencies. With increasing frequency and intensity of storms and wildfires, preparedness is important for community resiliency. To reduce risks to health and the environment, make sure your family and community are prepared for disasters.

Below are a few emergency and disaster planning tips.

Know Who to Call

- In the event of an emergency - if you are in immediate danger, or if someone is injured, has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, **call 911.**
- To report oil, chemical, or hazardous substance releases or spills, call the **National Response Center • 1-800-424-8802.**
- For pesticide poisoning, call **Poison Control • 1-800-222-1222.**
- If you are concerned about or affected by a flood, [find your state emergency office or agency](#) from FEMA.



Create a "Go Kit"

- Create a "Go Kit" of basic disaster supplies that can be stored at your desk, in your car, or at home in case of an evacuation, Shelter-In-Place, or other emergency. Go Kit contents may include bottled water, medications, cell phone & charger, ID cards, first aid supplies, and other necessities. For Go Kit content ideas, visit the ready.gov site's [build-a-kit page](#).

Develop Emergency Response Plans

- Learn about making an [emergency plan](#) from Ready.gov.
- Visit EPA's information page on [natural disasters](#), which includes information on [disaster preparedness and response](#).

Generator Safety

- Know ahead of time where it would be safe to run a generator. **Generator exhaust is toxic and can sicken or kill you.** Always run generators outside - away from doors, windows, and vents. Never use a generator inside a home, basement, garage, crawlspace, tent, shed, or any other indoor or enclosed area. Learn more about [emergencies and indoor air quality](#).

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Drinking Water Planning and Recovery

- Keep at least a 3-day drinking water supply per person - and don't forget pets.
- While it rarely occurs, your drinking water may become unsafe to drink. Learn about [drinking water emergency response](#).
- If your drinking water is from a private well, learn about what you can do to [protect your household well](#), and [what to do with your private well after a flood](#). Do not drink well water until it is tested and safe.
- EPA offers communities tools to help plan for disaster threats to water systems. Learn about [community-based water resilience](#).

Wastewater

- Avoid contact with [flood water](#) and prevent children from exposure. Flood water may have high levels of raw sewage or other hazardous substances.
- If your home is on a septic system, know whom to call to have it inspected after a flood, before you use it. Read more on [septic systems and what to do after a flood](#).

Disaster Debris

- Disposal problems can result from large amounts of debris and hazardous or toxic substances in the debris that can contaminate air, water, land, and food if not handled properly. Burning large amounts of debris to reduce volume may not be an option. Consider [disaster debris planning for your community](#).
- Plan for how to handle [post-disaster renovations and lead-based paint](#) safely.

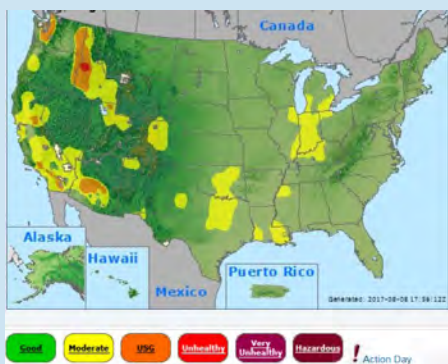
Mold

- Mold can cause serious health problems. The key to mold control is moisture control. Learn more about [mold, moisture control, and cleanup](#).

Share Information

- Listen to, or re-broadcast [public service announcements](#).
- [Use or adapt pre-written messages](#) to send to your Facebook friends or Twitter followers.

Check out [EPA's National Preparedness Month](#) website for more ideas.

EPA's Air Quality Index

On any given day, EPA's Air Quality Index tells you how clean or polluted your air is and associated health effects that may be of concern. The AQI translates air quality data into numbers and colors that help you understand when to take action to protect your health.

Check out the forecast and current conditions on the [AirNow website](#) by clicking on your state in the online display map.

Join EPA's Air Quality Flag Program

Air Quality Flag PROGRAM

Know Your Air Quality
to Protect Your Health



The Air Quality Flag Program alerts organizations to the local air quality forecast and helps them take actions to protect people's health. Organizations share information about air quality by raising a flag matching the colors of EPA's Air Quality Index—green, yellow, orange, red or purple—and planning activities based on the air quality outside. On days when the air quality is unhealthy, the air quality flag program's outdoor activity chart recommends precautions to take and how to modify outdoor activities.

Consider joining, or encourage your local schools to join. Learn more about [EPA's Air Quality Flag Program](#).

Participate in the Smoke Sense Study

EPA researchers are conducting a citizen science study called [Smoke Sense](#) to determine the extent to which exposure to wildfire smoke affects health and productivity, and develop health communication strategies that protect public health on smoky days.

Participate in the study by using the [Smoke Sense app](#), a publicly-available mobile application from Google Play Store. The Smoke Sense app can be used on Android phones and will be available for use on Apple devices in the future.



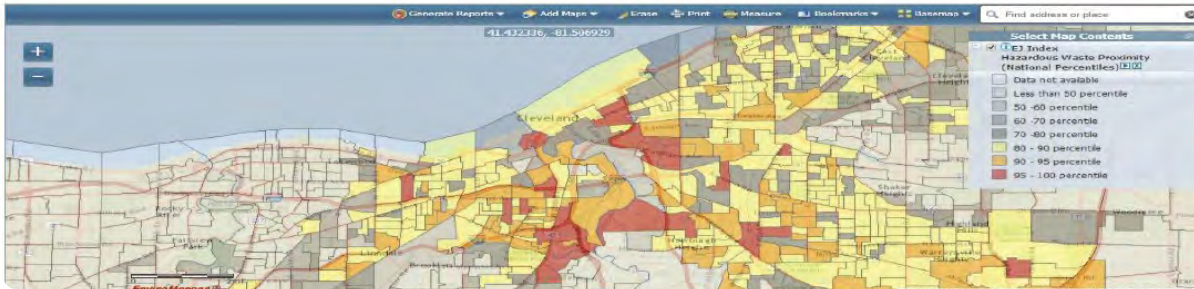
EPA continues to advance the science and technology required to understand the impacts of smoke on air quality and public health. For more information, contact SmokeSense@epa.gov.



Eagle Creek Fire in the Columbia Gorge

Photo – National Wildfire Coordinating Group

Updates to EJSCREEN – EPA's Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool



EPA completed an annual update of [EJSCREEN](#), the Agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool. The updated version utilizes the most up-to-date demographic and environmental data.

In addition to updating the datasets, this year's updates include the following:

- A revised water data layer that improves ability to screen for potential surface water pollution.
- A feature to look at municipalities as distinct geographic areas.
- New map layers, including schools and public housing.

EPA uses [EJSCREEN](#) to identify areas that may have higher environmental burdens as well as vulnerable populations as the Agency develops programs, policies, and activities that may affect communities. EJSCREEN can help communities identify areas with higher environmental and economic burdens in order to participate meaningfully in decision-making processes that impact health and the environment. The tool can be used to inform policy, strategy, and programmatic decisions, as well as in developing outreach tools and educational materials.

A webinar is scheduled on how to use the updated tool.

September 14 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time. This webinar is focused on the revised water indicator. [Register online](#)

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies. To learn more, check out [EPA's Environmental Justice website](#).



Revitalizing EPA's Superfund Program

In July, Administrator Pruitt accepted recommendations from an EPA task force established to revitalize the Superfund program. The task force's recommendations focused on five overarching goals:

- ✓ Expediting cleanup and remediation.
- ✓ Reinvigorating cleanup and reuse efforts by potentially responsible parties.
- ✓ Encouraging private investment to facilitate cleanup and reuse.
- ✓ Promoting redevelopment and community revitalization.
- ✓ Engaging with partners and stakeholders.



EPA is also adding seven hazardous waste sites to the Superfund National Priorities List and proposing to add four more. Superfund was created by Congress in 1980 to investigate and cleanup the nation's most complex, uncontrolled or abandoned hazardous waste sites and turn them into community resources.

The NPL is a list of known or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants throughout the U.S. and its territories. The NPL is intended to guide EPA in determining which sites warrant further investigation.

EPA updates the NPL annually. Only sites added to the NPL are eligible to receive federal funding for long-term cleanup. EPA typically initiates Superfund involvement when the presence of hazardous waste is made known to EPA. The presence of these hazardous wastes may be identified by EPA during an investigation, or may be reported by states, tribes, businesses, federal agencies, or area residents.

The Superfund site assessment process evaluates potential or confirmed releases of hazardous substances that may pose a threat to human health or the environment. The Hazard Ranking System criteria guide the process, which is carried out by EPA, state, tribal, or other federal agency environmental programs. After identification of a site, a series of assessments evaluate the potential need for cleanup.

Tribal roles are provided under the Superfund law. In January, EPA issued a memo – [Consideration of Tribal Treaty Rights and Traditional Ecological Knowledge in the Superfund Remedial Program](#) to provide recommendations in the implementation of the program.

While none of the recently added sites to the NPL are located in Region 10, there are many active sites in Region 10 with tribal interests. Information for tribes is available on EPA's [Remedial Program in Indian Country](#) website. For more details, you can [Search for Superfund Sites Where You Live](#).

For more information on the recent additions to the NPL and the task force's recommendations, read the July 31 press release – [EPA Adds Superfund Sites to National Priorities List to Clean Up Contamination](#).



Waters of the U.S. Rulemaking

EPA and the Department of the Army are proposing a rule to re-define the **Waters of the United States** under the Clean Water Act. This action is the first of two rulemakings. The proposed step 1 rule would rescind the 2015 Clean Water Rule and re-codify the regulatory text that existed before 2015 defining WOTUS.

When finalized, this action would provide certainty in the interim, pending the second rulemaking in which the agencies will engage in a substantive re-evaluation of the definition of the WOTUS. When final, this step 1 rule will not change current practice with respect to the how the definition applies, which is consistent with Supreme Court decisions, agency guidance, and longstanding practice.

The [proposed step 1 rule](#) published on July 27 in the [Federal Register](#), initiated a public comment period. Recently, the agencies **extended the public comment period to September 27** on the proposed first step. Tribes are welcome to participate in the public review and comment process. [Written comments](#) may be submitted in the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), identified by **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203**.

Concurrent with the development of the step 1 rule, the agencies have been consulting with tribes, states, and local governments about the direction of the step 2 rule to revise the definition of WOTUS in a manner consistent with the [February 2017 Presidential Executive Order](#).

The formal tribal consultation period for the step 2 rulemaking took place from April 20 – June 20, and the agencies are working to honor tribal requests for consultation. The agencies plan to continue tribal engagement throughout the rulemaking process, and are planning *listening sessions* to seek input on the step 2 rulemaking.

Tribal representatives are welcome to [participate in listening sessions](#) for the general public, or other sessions as appropriate for the step 2 rulemaking. The *listening session* for the general public will be held on **November 21 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time**. Participants must register in advance for any of the *listening sessions*. Information on how to register is available on the [EPA website](#) and additional information is available from the [press release](#).

Written comments on the step 2 rulemaking may be submitted to the docket on or before **November 28** via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), identified by **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203**. Please note that this docket is separate from one associated with the Step 1 proposed rulemaking.

For details on the rulemaking, please visit [EPA's WOTUS Rulemaking website](#).

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Alaska News

ANTHC Emergency Preparedness Assessment and Resources

Being prepared for an emergency takes on a different meaning in Alaska, where natural hazards are common, and access to critical care presents logistical challenges for communities off the road system. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's [Emergency Preparedness Program](#) recognizes that during disasters, the preparedness of the Alaska Tribal Health System is crucial to ensure lives are saved.

ANTHC developed the Emergency Preparedness Program in an effort to support the readiness of the AHS and provides consultative services and technical assistance aimed at building emergency management capacity. ANTHC developed an emergency preparedness assessment that is culturally-relevant and molded to the unique characteristics of the Alaska Tribal Health System. The emergency preparedness assessment is designed to capture best practices, identify gaps, provide feedback and support implementation of improvement plans. More information about ANTHC's Emergency Preparedness Program is available on their [Emergency Preparedness website](#), including a list of [Emergency Preparedness Resources](#).

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Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Tribal Wetlands Working Group Fall Workshop

September 19-20, Tahola, WA

The theme for the Fall 2017 Tribal Wetlands Interagency Group workshop is *Coastal Rivers and Wetlands*. It will be hosted by Quinault Indian Nation in Taholah, WA, and will address opportunities, challenges, integrated approaches, and limitations in restoring lost and impaired habitats that support the Tribe's cultural heritage. The tribes will discuss projects they are working on to restore and enhance cultural resources on the reservation, within the Olympic Peninsula, and in the larger usual and accustomed - including an overview and site visits to recent restoration sites.

Workshop objectives are to gather a diverse group of Pacific Northwest tribal wetland staff to focus on sharing information regarding the techniques of wetland and aquatic ecosystems restoration in coastal northwest landscapes through talks and field trips, hold discussions regarding tribal experience with Wetland Program Plan development, and update participants on the TWIG transition efforts and the direction for the next two-year period.

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Idaho NPDES Program Application

PUBLIC COMMENT END DATE: **October 10.**

EPA Region 10 sent letters to all tribal governments in Idaho providing an update on EPA's review of the Idaho National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program application that was submitted in 2016. The letters notified tribes in Idaho about EPA's public review process and invited tribal governments to initiate tribal consultation on EPA's review and approval action.

EPA has scheduled meetings with tribal leaders and staff across the State during the week of September 11-15, when EPA will also be holding public hearings for the Idaho NPDES program application in 5 Idaho cities.

The NPDES permit program addresses water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the U.S. Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, EPA's NPDES permit program authorizes state governments to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program.

The public comment period is through **October 10**. To learn more, including how to submit comments to EPA, and for details on the upcoming public meetings and hearings, check out EPA's website on [Idaho's NPDES Program Authorization](#).

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Tribal Consultation Opportunities

The following tribal consultation opportunity may be of interest to tribes in Region 10.

A full list of consultation opportunities is available in [EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

Proposal to Withdraw Proposed Determination for Bristol Bay Pebble Deposit under Clean Water Act Section 404(c)

END DATE: **October 17.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribal governments of the Bristol Bay region of Alaska on a proposal to withdraw the July 2014 [Clean Water Act Section 404\(c\) Proposed Determination](#). EPA recognizes the significant interest from tribes regarding the potential development of a mine at the Pebble deposit, and continues to fulfill its obligations to consult with tribes on any action that may affect tribal interests.

In 2014, the Pebble Limited Partnership filed three lawsuits against EPA related to the Agency's work in the Bristol Bay watershed. EPA and Pebble Limited Partnership resolved all outstanding lawsuits in a May 11 [settlement agreement](#). The settlement agreement requires the Agency to initiate a process to propose to withdraw the Proposed Determination. Last month, EPA signed a [Federal Register](#) notice that initiated the withdrawal process. Tribal consultation and public comment will be conducted through **October 17**.

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RTOC News



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The Region 10 **R**egional **T**ribal **O**perations **C**ommittee 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.

Check out **RTOC's New Website!**

<http://region10rtoc.net/home>

Bookmark it today!

Upcoming Meetings

In-Person Meeting • September 19-21, Spokane, WA

RTOC Agenda items

Tribal Leaders and other authorized tribal representatives are encouraged to submit a [2017-2018 RTOC Agenda Topic](#) for inclusion on the monthly Region 10 RTOC [Meeting Agendas](#). Please email the form to any RTOC representative or Randi Madison, RTOC Communications Specialist, at communications@region10rtoc.net. Randi will confirm any requests to attend meetings and provide you with the date, time, and call-in number or location.

2018 Tribal Leader's Summit

Save the Date!

April 10-12, 2018

Next year's summit will be held at the Coeur d'Alene Casino and Hotel in beautiful Coeur d'Alene, Idaho! For a summary of this year's conference, download the [2017 Tribal Leaders Summit Report](#).

New YouTube Channel!

To watch and share the beautifully inspiring videos created at the 2017 Tribal Leader's Summit, check out the [Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee YouTube Channel](#).

Stay in the Loop!

RTOC [Meeting Minutes](#) are available online.

- Check out [Region 10 RTOC Facebook](#) for the latest news, training, and funding opportunities.
- Follow [Region 10 RTOC Twitter](#).

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.

Grants

CEC's North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **September 22.**

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation is accepting grant applications for North American Partnership for Environmental Community Action projects. The objective is to empower and build the capacity of local people and organizations to improve their health and environmental quality.

The focus is *Innovation and Partnerships for Green Growth* to advance environmentally-responsible economic development while decreasing pressure on natural resources and promoting more sustainable patterns of production and consumption. Project types can include building capacity, pilot projects, transfer of innovative technologies, conducting outreach or education, sharing best practices, training environmental leaders, engaging youth on environmental activities, reducing risks to the environment, and many other types of non-regulatory efforts.

Eligible applicants include nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, environmental groups, community-based associations, academic institutions, tribal nations, and indigenous peoples and communities. Selected projects will be funded up to \$53,000 for a maximum period of 12 months. Funded projects will start on **November 30.**

Check out more information about [NAPECA's grants program](#).

CONTACT: Karen Schmidt • kschmidt@cec.org

Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge

DUE DATE: **November 22.**

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 are encouraged to submit a prototype sensor system that measures fine particulate matter (PM2.5), carbon monoxide, ozone and carbon dioxide. The system should be capable of rapid deployment and continuous real-time monitoring of highly dynamic air pollution levels during a fire event. 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.

Written submissions are due by **November 22** and prototypes must be submitted by **January 5, 2018**. The Challenge total award pool is \$60,000, which may be awarded in total to one winner if all the requirements are met, or divided into several partial awards.

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.



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.

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

Training & Scholarships

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Composting Solid Waste Training and Waste Utility 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 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 about 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 and budget and a community outreach strategy. Visit the [Zender Environmental Health and Research Group website](#) for more information.

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

4th Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference

September 20-22, Lemoore, CA

The National Tribal Emergency Management Conference is one of the largest gatherings of tribal emergency managers and homeland security personnel in the country. Attendees will gather to learn and network at the Fourth Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference.

CONTACT: Lynda Zambrano • Lynda@ntemc.org

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 who are developing or updating a solid waste management plan. The course 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.

Small work groups will 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 for presentations by other tribal staff about the role played by the judiciary and linking waste management activities with broader cultural preservation projects.

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. Check out [ITEP's website](#) for more information.

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

Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities (Level 1 for Tribes in the Lower 48)

September 26-28, Tulsa, OK

This entry-level ITEP course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, and tips for solving IAQ problems. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify IAQ problems. Scholarships are available for tribal housing, health and environmental professionals attending the training. For details, check out ITEP's [Indoor Air Quality Training in Tribal Communities](#).

CONTACT: **Patricia Ellsworth** • 928-523-6721 • Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu

Air Quality and Indoor Air Quality in Alaska Native Villages (Level 1 course)

October 10-13, Nome, AK

ITEP is hosting an air quality course with half of the time spent addressing both outdoor air and indoor air quality issues. This training will be highly interactive, including presentations, small group work, and a hands-on building assessment to practice identifying indoor air quality problems. Tribal environmental, housing, and health staff are all encouraged to consider attending. Please register by September 11.

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TSWAN Hazardous Materials Training



September 27-28, Spokane, WA

While most tribes do not operate hazardous waste facilities, hazardous wastes are probably still disposed at tribal solid waste and recycling sites. Often operators have not received the proper training to effectively handle, store, track and prepare these materials for final disposal. This two-day training will provide workers with the knowledge and capabilities of handling hazardous substances.

There will be practical hands-on exercises during the courses. The training is free and \$500 travel scholarships are available on a first-come, first-served basis. All travel and lodging arrangements are the responsibility of the traveler.

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Mine Financial Assurance Training

October 11-12, McCall, ID

The Mine Financial Assurance Training class hosted by the Nez-Perce Tribe and National Tribal Mining Workgroup is a free, 2-day training with two levels of information concerning hardrock mine financial assurance.

Day 1 will provide an overview and update on current hardrock mine financial assurance principles and practice and is intended for regulators, scientists and engineers, and others to become familiar with the concept and means by which hardrock mine financial assurance is based, estimated and administered.

Day 2 of the Mine Financial Assurance Training will provide a more in-depth review of the actual methods by which financial assurance costs are estimated in the U.S. using the Standard Reclamation Cost Estimator, Process Fluid Cost Estimator, Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance and other spreadsheet models, and is intended for anyone who might review financial assurance cost estimates.

Limited travel support is available. Check out the [National Tribal Mining Workgroup](#) website and register for the [2017 Mine Financial Assurance Training](#).

Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

November 14-17, Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, is an annual gathering that brings together tribes, non-profits, and state and federal organizations, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. This year, the conference involves three days of sessions focused on a range of broad environmental health topics and one day of technical trainings. To learn more or to register, check out the [ATCEM website](#).

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New Online ITEP Courses Available

Northern Arizona University and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals offer tribally-focused, professional development training to new and experienced professionals through interactive, online courses. The new online courses include ***Tribal Strategic Planning: Ensuring Successful Development of Your ETEP***, and ***Partnerships and Community Outreach***. View ITEP's online [catalog of available courses](#).

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Department of Energy Technical Assistance

Federally recognized tribes (including Alaska Native villages), tribal groups, communities, and tribal energy resource development organizations can apply annually to receive on-request technical assistance for planning and implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The intended result is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward.

Assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, at no cost. Each request will be evaluated based on scope and available budget. Current projects funded by DOE grants receive priority.

Types of on-request assistance include the following:

- Energy planning.
- Housing, building energy efficiency and resilience.
- Project development.
- Village power.
- Policy and regulation.

Apply online for [DOE Office of Indian Energy Technical Assistance](#)



Calendar of Events

September

- 11 – 15** **Composting Solid Waste Training and Waste Utility Training** (Combined Training). Anchorage, AK • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 12 – 14** **Region 10 AFO/CAFO Workshop**. Bellingham, WA • **Nick Peak** • peak.nicholas@epa.gov
- 14** **EJSCREEN Webinar**. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Register at <http://bit.ly/2vJJ19G>
- 19** **WOTUS Outreach Small Entities Webinar**. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Register by September 12 or when capacity reaches 150 • <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/outreach-meetings>
- 19 – 21** **RTOC In-Person Meeting**. Spokane, WA • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings/>
- 19 – 21** **Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan**. Lawrence, KS • www.nau.edu/itep
- 20 – 22** **4th Annual National Tribal Emergency Management Conference**. Lemoore, CA • **Lynda Zambrano** • lynda@ntemc.org
- 21** **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting**. Cordova, AK • <http://alaskarrt.org>
- 26** **WOTUS Outreach Environment and Public Advocacy Webinar**. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Register by September 19 • <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/outreach-meetings>
- 26 – 28** **Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools (Level 1 for tribes in the Lower 48)**. Tulsa, OK • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 27 – 28** **TSWAN Hazardous Materials Training**. Spokane, WA • **Kami Snowden** • 509-235-6007 • ksnowden@tswan.org

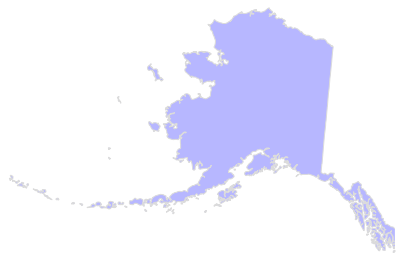
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- 3** **WOTUS Outreach Conservation Webinar**. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Register by September 26. • <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/outreach-meetings>
- 10 – 13** **Air Quality & Indoor Air Quality in Alaska Native Villages (Level 1)**. Nome, AK • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 11 – 12** **Mine Financial Assurance Training**. McCall, ID • <http://www.ntmw.org/2017-mine-financial-assurance-training.html>
- 24 – 27** **Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools (for tribes in the lower 48)**. Las Vegas, NV • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air

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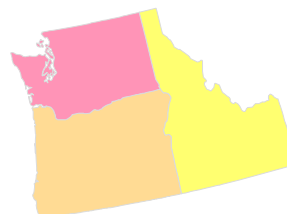
- 14 – 17** **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management**. Anchorage, AK • <http://www.atcemak.com>
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