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Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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Top News

EPA Region 10 Administrator Chris Hladick



Chris Hladick

Chris Hladick is the new Regional Administrator for EPA's Pacific Northwest and Alaska Region. His responsibilities include overseeing the environmental protection efforts for the states of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington - including 271 tribal governments.

Mr. Hladick served as commissioner of the Alaska Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development from 2015 – 2017 where he worked to protect consumers while building a strong economy and healthy communities. During his tenure, he oversaw approximately 500 employees in six divisions and seven agencies.

He previously served as city manager in Unalaska, Alaska for 14 years where he was responsible for the day-to-day operation of city services and programs and long term planning goals for the city. Earlier in his career, Mr. Hladick served as city manager in Dillingham, Alaska and as the city manager and public works director in Galena, Alaska.

His passion for protecting the environment extends to his involvement in other organizations such as the Alaska Arctic Policy Commission, Northern Waters Task Force, and serving on the working group on the Arctic Marine Protected Areas and the Task Force for Arctic Marine Cooperation.

Mr. Hladick holds a Bachelor of Science in environmental biology from Eastern Illinois University. He also studied geology and engineering at Fort Lewis College, University of Colorado .

Senior Tribal Policy Advisor Detail – Wenona Wilson

Wenona Wilson has joined the Region 10 Office of the Regional Administrator on detail as Senior Tribal Policy Advisor. With Chris Hladick as our RA, Wenona will work closely with the Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit and other program offices to ensure we provide Chris a strong orientation to working with our tribal partners. Wenona will be the initial point of contact in the RA's Office for tribal representatives and advising Chris on opportunities to engage on tribal issues.

Wenona has over 25 years of professional experience working for and with tribes and urban Indian communities. In Region 10's Office of Air and Waste as the unit manager for Tribal Programs, Diesel and Indoor Air Unit, and other managerial and leadership positions she has held, she is accomplished in leading EPA tribal programs and policy efforts, and partnering with tribes for results. Before joining EPA 17 years ago, Wenona worked for her own tribe, the Colville Confederated Tribes, as a land use administrator. She has expressed how deeply honored she feels about serving in this advisor role and she is excited to spend more time working directly with the tribes in our region.



Wenona Wilson

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Test Your Home. Protect Your Health.

National Radon Action Month

EPA has designated January as National Radon Action Month. Radon is a colorless gas that you can't see, smell or taste, but it could be present at a dangerous level in your home. Radon is the leading cause of lung cancer deaths among nonsmokers in America. Exposure to radon is a preventable health risk and testing radon levels in your home, schools, and other buildings can help prevent unnecessary exposure. If a high radon level is detected in your home, you can [take steps to fix the problem](#). Take action this January by doing one of the following:

- ✓ **Test your home.** Winter is the best time to test homes for radon. Testing is easy and inexpensive. Learn more about [testing your home](#), including how to obtain an easy-to-use test kit.
- ✓ **Spread the word.** Encourage others to learn about radon and test their homes. Tell your family and friends about the [health risk of radon](#).
- ✓ **Plan an activity** in your community to help raise awareness. See the [Event Planning Kit](#).

To learn more about National Radon Action Month, check out EPA's [National Radon Action Month Consumer Information](#) website.



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Alaska News

Radon and Indoor Air Quality Resources for Tribes in Alaska

Art Nash, the Alaska State Indoor Radon Grant manager at the University of Alaska, Fairbanks School of Natural Resources and Extension, provides education on testing and mitigating dwellings that are contaminated with radon gas. Art and staff are available to travel to your community to provide radon and other indoor air quality training (such as carbon monoxide and mold mitigation), including radon test kits and educational publications for free. Training can be provided in a workshop setting, or during individual home visits with tribal environmental staff. Please contact Art Nash if your tribe is interested in radon training or test kits.

Tribes and tribal consortia may receive SIRG grant funds from EPA to help finance radon risk reduction activities. To learn more about SIRG grants, see page 11 and check out EPA's [State Indoor Radon Grant \(SIRG\) Program](#) website.

CONTACT: Art Nash • 907-474-6366 • alnashjr@alaska.edu

Operation of Heavy Equipment in a Landfill Training and Video

In July 2017, Ted Jacobson, EPA's Alaska Solid Waste Tribal Liaison, and Charlie Ess from the Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc. led an Operation of Heavy Equipment in a Landfill training in Ambler, Alaska. The purpose of OHEL training is to provide heavy equipment operators with the knowledge of how best to deal with the environmental and public health hazards associated with maintaining a landfill.

The training included classroom sessions and hands-on experience with operating an excavator, cat, loader, and a dump truck to clean up Ambler's landfill. Trainees attended from Buckland, Kivalina, Noatak, and Ambler. The training was funded by USDA Rural Development, with support from NANA Regional Corporation (by providing 100 yards of fill), and the City of Ambler (with equipment and lodging).

The training extended the life of Ambler's landfill by 5 years, and provided practical training that increased the participants understanding of solid waste system operations, the acquisition and maintenance of equipment, proper handling of solid waste —and how to operate equipment in landfills for increased efficiency and safety.

Check out an online video documentary produced by RurAL CAP about the training – [USDA Solid Waste and OHEL Training in Alaska's Northwest Arctic Region.](#)



Operation of Heavy Equipment in a Landfill – Class of 2017

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Water Quality Protection and Restoration Grants Awarded to 32 Tribes

EPA has awarded \$1,039,686 in Clean Water Act, Section 319 grant funds to support 32 tribes in the Pacific Northwest with their nonpoint source pollution programs, and an additional \$975,548 under the competitive program to 10 of those tribes for specific restoration and protection projects. The 32 tribes were selected to receive base funding because they demonstrated interest, capacity, and authority to run nonpoint pollution prevention programs within their reservation boundaries.

Nonpoint source pollution encompasses a wide range of sources that are not always subject to federal or state regulation. These sources can include agricultural runoff, unpermitted urban runoff, abandoned mine drainage, failing onsite disposal systems, and pollution caused by changes to natural stream channels. Through CWA Section 319, the EPA provides states, territories, and tribes with guidance and grant funding to implement nonpoint source programs and support local watershed projects to improve water quality.

For a complete list of the tribal 319 grant recipients and project details, check out EPA’s news release online – [EPA awards pacific northwest tribes just over \\$2 million for water quality protection & restoration](#). To learn more about the CWA Section 319 grant program and nonpoint source pollution, check out EPA’s [Tribal 319 Grant Program](#) website.

Discharge Permit Issued to Support Midnite Mine Cleanup

In November 2017, EPA signed the final National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for a new water treatment plant at the Midnite Mine Superfund Site near the Spokane Reservation in Wellpinit, Washington. The Midnite Mine project is a cleanup of a former uranium mine.

The permit authorizes the discharge of treated mine-impacted water from a new treatment plant that will be constructed. The facility will discharge wastewater to the Spokane Arm of Lake Roosevelt within the Spokane Reservation. Learn more about the cleanup activities at Midnite Mine on EPA’s [Midnite Mine Superfund Site](#) web page.



Midnite Mine

National Estuary Program Funds Puget Sound Protection, Conservation & Recovery



Orca Whales splash in front of the Seattle Waterfront in Puget Sound's Elliott Bay.

EPA Region 10 is providing \$25.2 million in grant funds to state, local and tribal Puget Sound recovery and conservation efforts through the [National Estuary Program](#). The NEP is an EPA place-based program to protect and restore the water quality and ecological integrity of estuaries of national significance. Currently, Puget Sound is among the 28 estuaries designated of national significance.

The efforts funded by the NEP for Puget Sound include the restoration of an additional 5,000 acres of key orca and salmon habitat, the re-opening of about 4,000 acres of shellfish beds, and improvement of biological condition from fair to good for at least 30 streams.

EPA distributes NEP funds for Puget Sound to Washington's Department of Ecology, Department of Health, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Commerce, the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Washington State University's Stormwater Center, the Puget Sound Partnership, and the University of Washington's Puget Sound Institute.

These agencies then fund projects that meet the goals of both the NEP and the [Puget Sound Action Agenda](#), which is developed by the [Puget Sound Partnership](#) — the Washington state agency charged with leading the state's collective efforts to restore and protect Puget Sound. The [Puget Sound Institute](#) conducts and funds scientific research that informs decision-making.

Encompassing 8 million acres of rivers, bays, beaches and shorelines, the Puget Sound watershed serves as an economic and cultural hub for the region's more than 4.7 million people, including 19 federally recognized tribes.

Check out EPA's [Puget Sound](#) website to learn more about our work to protect it. For more details on the Region 10 NEP Puget Sound funding and projects, view the online news release — [EPA announces funding for Puget Sound protection, conservation & recovery](#).

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 the EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.

Upcoming Meetings 2018 Tribal Leaders Summit

April 11-13

This year's summit will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho!

For a summary of last year's conference, download the [2017 Tribal Leaders Summit Report](#) (Adobe PDF)

Stay Engaged with Us !

- **NEW! [Opt-in to receive important emails](#)** from the Region 10 RTOC. Sign up under the appropriate geographical area. Stay-In-the-Loop emails are a direct line from the Tribal Caucus representatives to you! Region 10 RTOC can inform you of EPA policy, funding and program news that affect your communities. You will also receive our quarterly newsletter and be reminded of important deadlines to participate in our meetings and have your voices heard.
- RTOC [Meeting Minutes are available online](#).
- Check out [Region 10 RTOC Facebook](#) for the latest news, training, and funding opportunities.
- Follow [Region 10 RTOC on Twitter](#).
- [Submit meeting discussion topics](#).

Contact **Randi Madison**, RTOC R10 Communications Specialist, **509-703-4219** ● communications@region10rtoc.net if you wish to join our monthly teleconference and/or have environmental topics to raise.

Tribal Consultation Opportunities

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

Draft EPA Policy on Direct Charges for Proposal Preparation Costs, Requiring Tribal Recipients to Enroll in ASAP, and Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment Under EPA Assistance Agreements

END DATE: **February 16.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on two draft grants policy issuances and one grants guidance document.

The draft policy Requiring Tribal Recipients to Enroll in ASAP will make the process for paying recipients of EPA financial assistance more reliable and efficient by requiring that all grant recipients participate in the Automated Standard Application for Payments system, unless EPA grants a waiver due to undue burdens. The policy also clarifies the requirement for timely disbursement of drawn down EPA funds by establishing a 5 business day after drawdown standard for disbursing those funds.

The draft EPA Policy on Direct Charges for Proposal Preparation Costs is for tribes with Performance Partnership Grants, Continuing Environmental Program Grants, and Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants to directly charge proposal preparation costs to these agreements if certain conditions are met.

The Best Practice Guide for Procuring Services, Supplies, and Equipment Under EPA Assistance Agreements provides advice to recipients of EPA financial assistance on how to comply with the [Procurement Standards](#) in the Uniform Grant Guidance, 2 CFR Part 200 as well as EPA's [Subaward Policy and related guidance](#).

EPA will host two informational webinars associated with this consultation. EPA will describe the policies and guidance and answer questions. Webinars will be held on the following days and times:

- **January 18** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
- **January 24** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

To join the webinars, go to [EPA's web conferencing portal](#), call **1-866-299-3188** and enter code **617-918-1315**.

Comments may be emailed to [Elizabeth January](#) with the subject "Tribal Consultation Comments".

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Elizabeth January ● 617-918-8655 ● january.elizabeth@epa.gov

Grants

2017 Tribal Diesel Emissions Reductions Program Grants



APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 18.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions, (in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure), particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement. Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and federally recognized tribes in Alaska that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the [2017 Tribal Request for Proposals](#) online.

CONTACT: **Lucita Valiere** • 206-553-8087 • valiere.lucita@epa.gov

FY 2018 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 26.**

The Exchange Network Grant Program provides funding to states, territories, and federally recognized tribes to support the development of the [National Environmental Information Exchange Network](#). The FY 2018 NEIEN Grant Program solicitation is available on [EPA's Exchange Program Network Grant](#) website.

The primary outcome expected from Exchange Network assistance agreements is improved access to and exchange of high-quality environmental data from public and private sector sources.

In FY 2018, EPA expects to award about \$6 million for 20-25 assistance agreements. Awards for an individual assistance agreement cannot exceed \$200,000. EPA may make a limited number of awards to collaborative, partnership assistance agreements. Budgets for these projects cannot exceed \$400,000.

CONTACT: **Salena Reynolds** • 202-566-0466 • reynolds.salena@epa.gov

FY 2019 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program Grants

PROPOSAL DEADLINE: **January 19.**

EPA's Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants help tribes and tribal consortia build capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. The [Notice of Funding Availability](#) describes everything you need to know to prepare and submit your GAP grant application. Please [read the NOFA](#) carefully before drafting your proposal. Initial proposals are due to your EPA GAP Project Officer no later than January 19.

If you have questions about the NOFA or GAP funding, please contact your tribe's GAP Project Officer. A list of GAP Project Officers and tribal assignments is available on EPA's [Region 10 Tribal Contacts](#) web page.

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Service

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 31.**

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will conduct a number of DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup projects at eligible properties in Alaska. DEC assists Alaskan communities by conducting environmental site assessments, a limited cleanup effort, and characterization/cleanup planning.

A DBAC is intended to help reduce the environmental uncertainties or conditions that hinder the reuse or redevelopment of an eligible property. DEC selects projects that have solid reuse or redevelopment plans, and projects seeking other funds to support their reuse goals and projects which have demonstrated strong community commitment and support. For more information, and to apply, please visit the [DBAC website](#).

Note that there are some changes to the previous three-step application process. There is just one combined application this year. The above link will take you to a fillable PDF application that can be saved and submitted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Lisa Griswold in advance to ensure eligibility and address any concerns.

CONTACT: **Lisa Griswold** • 907-269-2021 • lisa.griswold@alaska.gov

Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

PROPOSALS DUE: **January 31.**

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with EPA, USDA Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, FedEx and Southern Company is requesting applications for the 2018 Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration program.

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration grant program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing modest financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support.

Projects should include a variety of ecological improvements along with targeted community outreach, education, and stewardship.

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Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

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Ecological improvements may include wetland, riparian, forest and coastal habitat restoration, wildlife conservation, community tree canopy enhancement, water quality monitoring, and stormwater management.

Eligible applicants include non-profit organizations, local governments, municipal governments, tribes, and educational institutions.

CONTACT: **Danny Bowater** • 202-595-2434 • Daniel.Bowater@nfwf.org

2018 Healthy Watershed Consortium Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 1.**

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium is a partnership between the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, EPA, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program aims to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds.



CONTACT: **Peter Stangel** • 404-915-2763 • peter@usendowment.org

Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Cooperative Agreements

APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 16.**

EPA's Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving program provides funding for non-profit and tribal organizations to partner with stakeholders in developing and implementing solutions that address environmental and public health issues in low income and minority communities.

Environmental Justice CPS cooperative agreements will be distributed to 10 applicants nationwide to address environmental justice issues. Each recipient will receive up to \$120,000 for two-year projects that create self-sustaining, community-based partnerships that will continue to improve local environments in the future.

This opportunity places special emphasis on projects in rural areas. For the purposes of this opportunity, qualifying locations are defined as local areas with small, low-income, rural, and/or tribal communities with populations of 50,000 or less that have limited access to public or private resources commonly found in metropolitan areas.

Applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with EPA to address questions about the program and this solicitation. Interested persons may access the pre-application conference calls by dialing **1-866-299-3188** and entering the code **202-564-0152**.

Conference calls will be held on the following dates and times:

- **January 11** (en Español) at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
- **January 24** at 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time.
- **February 1** at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

For details about this opportunity and the full Request for Applications check out

[EPA's Environmental Justice CPS program](#) website.

FY 2018 Clean Air Act Tribal Grants

NEW APPLICANT DEADLINE: **March 16.**

CURRENT GRANTEE DEADLINE: **April 2.**

Sections 103 and 105 of the **Clean Air Act** allows EPA to provide grant support to tribes to help build tribal knowledge and increase tribal capacity to manage air quality issues. Awards typically range from \$25,000 to \$250,000.

Eligible activities for **CAA §103** includes research, training, investigations, demonstrations, surveys, and studies relating to the causes, effects, extent, prevention, and control of air pollution (including both ambient and indoor air pollution). Federally recognized tribes in Alaska are eligible.

Eligible activities for **CAA §105** includes implementation of programs for the prevention and control of air pollution (including both ambient and indoor air pollution) or implementation of national primary and secondary ambient air quality standards, including activities related to planning, developing, establishing, implementing, improving, or maintaining such programs. Note that federally recognized tribes in Alaska (with the exception of the Metlakatla Indian Community) are not eligible.

Eligible activities for **Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements** includes assisting the EPA with any activity required to implement the Clean Air Act or supporting regulations, such as the Federal Air Rules for Reservations. Note that federally recognized tribes in Alaska are not eligible.

Region 10 anticipates nearly all of its funding will be awarded to assure base funding for applicants that have established eligibility under the CAA 105, CAA 103 projects, or with whom DITCAs have already been negotiated. Thus, we expect to have very limited funding for new projects and air quality assessment needs.

For details on the FY 2018 Clean Air Act funding check out the [Region 10 Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

CONTACT: **Andra Bosneag** • 206-553-1126 • bosneag.andra@epa.gov

State Indoor Radon Grant

PROPOSALS DUE: **May 31.**

EPA Region 10 offers a **State Indoor Radon Grant** for tribal radon work. **SIRGs** are critical to the Agency's national goal of minimizing and preventing radon-related lung cancer. Tribes and tribal consortia may receive grant funds from EPA that help finance their radon risk reduction activities.

The SIRG may be used for activities such as the following:

- Developing partnerships with community members, tribal departments (such as health or housing), state, federal, and local government agencies, child care providers, and schools. Attend national and local educational events to gain knowledge on latest technology and changes in regulations.
- Conduct outreach and education to increase awareness among local tribal members and organizations residing in areas with potentially high radon levels.
- Increase radon awareness and influence the number of buildings tested, including homes, child care facilities, schools, and businesses, especially in high risk areas. Update the tribal website to include new information on radon.

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State Indoor Radon Grant

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- Provide radon test kits to facilities, especially those in high risk areas, such as child care facilities where young children could be exposed.
- Work with housing and other partners to explore development and implementation of building codes and practices that safely address radon and prevent exposure.

Applicants that have a current **Performance Partnership Grant** with EPA have a required cost share of five percent (5%) of the allowable cost of the work plan budget, which may be waived if an objective assessment of socio-economic indicators demonstrates a need. For applicants without PPGs, the cost share is higher, at 25% for the first year. Region 10 anticipates that one grant will be awarded for up to \$24,000.

If interested in this opportunity, please contact the EPA Region 10, Radiation Program Manager listed below for assistance in submitting a brief 1-to-2-page work plan that will describe how your organization will develop objectives to use funds for positive outcomes. After the work plan negotiations and other pre-application discussions are completed, specific instructions for submitting application on www.grants.gov will be provided.

To learn more about SIRGs, check out EPA's [State Indoor Radon Grant Program](http://www.epa.gov/state-indoor-radon-grant-program) website.

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

Training & Scholarships

Training opportunities in this newsletter are either hosted, funded, or sponsored in collaboration with EPA. Any links to websites outside of 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 nongovernment websites, companies or applications

ITEP Student Summer Internship Program

HOST SITE APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 19.**

INTERNSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 28.**

ITEP's Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University offers student summer internships for Native American and other college students with funding from the EPA. The internship is designed to give current college students an opportunity to gain actual experience while contributing to a project.

ITEP is seeking tribal environmental offices, organizations, and agencies to host an 8-week summer internship focused on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities. The host site provides a work place and supervision for the intern. [Submit an application](#) for your tribe or organization to be a host site online.

Eligible student summer interns must be full-time during the spring semester, with at least a 2.5 cumulative Grade Point Average, majoring in an environmental or related field, and have an interest in pursuing an environmental career with a strong interest in working with Native American tribes and other criteria. ITEP provides each student intern with a \$4,000 stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. Interested college students can [apply online for an internship](#). CONTACT: **Mansel Nelson** • 928-523-1275 • mansel.nelson@nau.edu.



*Sherralyn Sneezer
Summer Intern – 2017*

Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning and Backhaul Training

January 22-26, Anchorage, AK

The Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan training is designed specifically for communities in rural Alaska. Participants will work on a laptop with an Alaska plan template. By the end of the training, participants will have a draft of a solid waste plan specific to your community.

The backhaul training will cover collecting, storing, packaging, and shipping wastes such as batteries, electronics, and lights, and will also include DOT Hazardous Materials Regulations for shipping hazardous wastes.

The training is free, and a travel stipend is available for those who complete the 5 days. More information on the workshop can be found on [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) website.

CONTACT: Sean Peterson • 907-277-2111 • speterson@zendergroup.org

Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinars and Workshop

Webinar Series

ITEP is offering a webinar series that will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland fire smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar will feature multiple presentations on the topics listed below. The webinars are free and will be recorded. You can register for any of the webinars individually or for all of them. To register any of the webinars, please email Joyce Baldwin at baldwin.joyce@epa.gov.

Webinar 1 — January 18 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. *Comparative Toxicity of Biomass Smoke from Different Fuels and Combustion Conditions.*

Webinar 2 — February 1 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
Modeling Tools and Monitoring Information for Smoke Impacts.

Webinar 3 — February 15 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
Reducing the Public Health Impacts of Smoke.

Webinar 4 — March 1 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. *The Yurok Tribe's Wildfire Disaster Response and Reintroduction of Prescribed Fire to Help Prevent Future Wildfires.*

Webinar 5 — March 15 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.
Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures.

Workshop — March 27-28, Boise, ID

Upon completion of the webinar series, tribal staff are invited to participate in a hands-on workshop designed to reinforce the concepts presented in the webinars. Participants will learn and practice additional skills that will aid in preparation for wildland smoke events. All webinars must be completed prior to attending the in-person workshop. In order to attend the in-person workshop, you must first [submit an application to ITEP](#).

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

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Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training

March 6-8, Anchorage, AK
April 10-12, Anchorage, AK
May 8-10, Klawock, AK

The **Rural Alaska Landfill Operator** course is for the designated landfill operator and administrator in a village with a Class III landfill or open dump, and focuses on the duties of the landfill operator, their personal safety and the safety of the village. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the landfill operator’s role to keep the village clean and the landfill free from harmful substances.

Participants will learn about landfill regulations and requirements, household hazardous waste, waste separation and screening, waste reduction and segregation, recycling, personal protection equipment and much more.

These courses are hosted by Alaska Forum, Inc. with trainers and expertise provided in cooperation with Solid Waste Administration of North America, Alaska Chapter. To register or for more information, check out the [Alaska Forum RALO Training](#) website.

Online ITEP Courses Available

Northern Arizona University and ITEP offer tribally focused, professional development training to new and experienced professionals through interactive, online courses. The 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](#).

CONTACT: **Natasha Fulton** • 928-523-0673 • natasha.Fulton@nau.edu
Jennifer Williams • 907-250-3826 • jennifer.Williams@nau.edu

Department of Energy Technical Assistance

Federally recognized tribes, 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

January

- 11 Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Pre-Application Conference Call (*en Español*). 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • <https://go.usa.gov/xnQun>
- 18 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 1 — Comparative Toxicity of Biomass Smoke from Different Fuels and Combustion Conditions. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>
- 18 Draft Grants Policy Issuances and Guidance Document Webinar. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code 617-918-1315 • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalconsultation/>
- 22 – 26 Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning and Backhaul Training. Anchorage, AK • 907-277-2111 • www.zendergroup.org/sw.html
- 24 Draft Grants Policy Issuances and Guidance Document Webinar. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • Call 1-866-299-3188, enter code 617-918-1315 • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalconsultation/>
- 24 Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Pre-Application Conference Call. 4:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://go.usa.gov/xnQun>
- 31 National Stormwater Calculator for Managing Runoff Using Green Infrastructure. Webinar at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2CXWe2X>

February

- 1 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 2 — Modeling Tools and Monitoring Information for Smoke Impacts. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>
- 1 Environmental Justice Collaborative Problem-Solving Pre-Application Conference Call. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://go.usa.gov/xnQun>
- 12 – 16 Alaska Forum on the Environment. Anchorage, AK • <http://www.akforum.org/>
- 15 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 3 — Reducing the Public Health Impacts of Smoke. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>

March

- 1 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 4 — The Yurok Tribe's Wildfire Disaster Response and Reintroduction of Prescribed Fire to Help Prevent Future Wildfires. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>
- 6 – 8 Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training. Anchorage, AK • <http://bit.ly/2kLtz98>
- 15 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Webinar 5 — Residential and Community Strategies to Prevent Forest Fire Smoke Exposures. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2AW7qM6>
- 27 – 28 Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course, in-person workshop). Boise, ID • https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air

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