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## Top News

### National Preparedness Month

Each September, National Preparedness Month reminds us to be prepared for disasters or emergencies. This month, learn about and encourage others to prepare for disasters.

There are many ways to reduce risks from contamination, leaks, spills, and other dangers that may result from disasters. EPA's website — [September is Preparedness Month](#) — provides many ideas and information on preparedness.

The [Ready.gov](#) website, sponsored by FEMA and the Department of Homeland Security, offers templates and checklists you can use to make an emergency plan for your [family](#) and [community](#), and to assemble an [emergency supplies kit](#). The [Ready Indian Country](#) website provides tribal emergency preparedness tips including an online video — [Preparing Makes Sense in Indian Country](#).

The Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management encourages small communities in Alaska to create **Small Community Emergency Response Plans** that can minimize the impact of disasters. The [SCERP website](#) provides a toolkit you can use to create one for your community.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 2018

  
**Disasters  
Happen**

**PREPARE NOW**

**LEARN HOW**



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### Pop Quiz

**What are the most important items to pack in an emergency supplies kit?**

- A. Food and water.
- B. Medications.
- C. Radio.
- D. First aid kit.
- E. Cell phone with charger.
- F. All of the above.

See answer on [page 13](#).

Tribes funded by EPA's General Assistance Program or 128(a) State and Tribal Brownfields Response Program may be able to use grant funds for emergency response planning activities, such as SCERP development.

Please check with your [Project Officer](#) for eligibility information. See page 9 of this newsletter to learn about FEMA FY 2018 Pre-Disaster Mitigation and Flood Mitigation Assistance Grants which may fund tribal disaster planning activities.

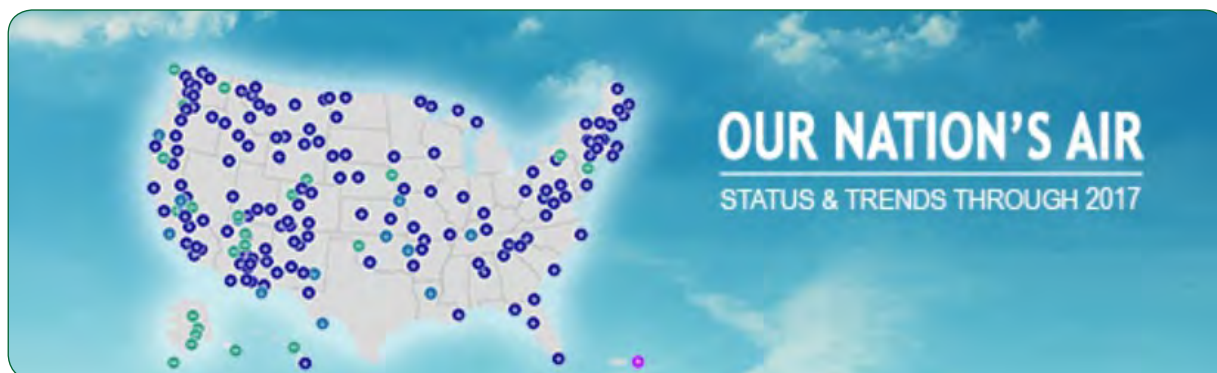
## Army Memorandum to Empower States and Tribes in Permitting Authority

The Clean Water Act establishes the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants into waters of the United States and standards for surface waters. Proposed activities are regulated through a permit review process. The [U.S. Army Corps of Engineers](#) evaluates applications under a public interest review, as well as criteria set forth in the CWA Section 404(b)(1) Guidelines, regulations promulgated by the EPA.

The CWA provides states and tribes the option of assuming administration of the section 404 permit program in certain waters within state or tribal jurisdiction. When states and tribes assume the section 404 permit program, they protect the waters to the same level as the federal government and increase efficiencies and remove redundancies in permitting processes.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a memorandum that takes steps to empower states and tribes to assume this authority by addressing a barrier to state and tribal assumption by clarifying what waters they may assume. The memorandum is available on the [Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works](#) website. To learn more about CWA section 404 and state and tribal assumption, check out EPA's [State or Tribal Assumption of the Section 404 Permit Program](#) website.

## 2018 Air Quality Trends Report



EPA released its annual report on air quality, [Our Nation's Air: Status and Trends Through 2017](#). Our Nation's Air: Status and Trends Through 2017. The report documents improvements in air quality across America for more than 45 years and includes graphics that enable users to view and download information by pollutant, geographic location, and year.

The air trends report highlights that between 1970 and 2017, the combined emissions of six key pollutants dropped by 73 percent, while the U.S. economy grew more than three times.

Even with this success, some Americans still live in areas that do not fully meet national standards and EPA continues to work with states, local governments, tribes, and citizens — to further improve air quality across the entire country.



## Regional News

# R E G I O N A L N E W S

### Wildfires Continue to Impact the Northwest

As we move into late summer, wildfires continue to burn in the Pacific Northwest, impacting many communities. Wildfire smoke has significant health risks, particularly to vulnerable populations like elders, children, pregnant women and unborn babies, and people with pre-existing lung or heart conditions.

If your community is impacted by wildfire smoke, follow local instructions and consider taking the following protective steps:

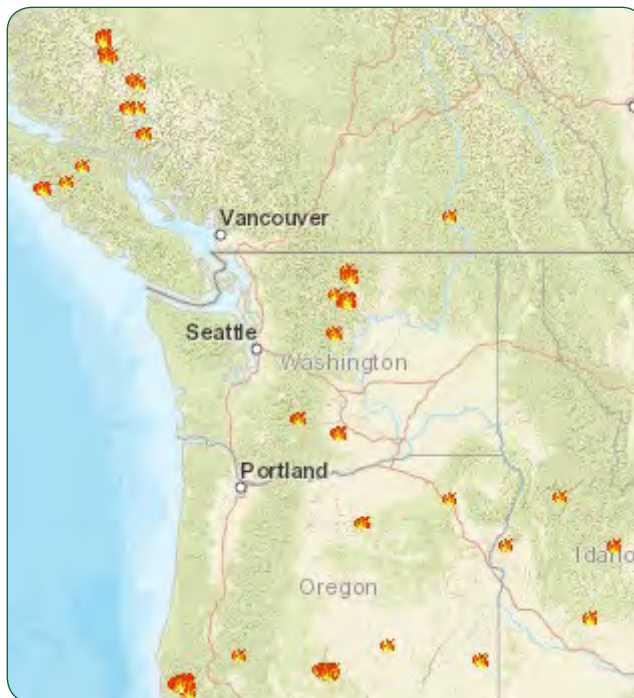
- 1. Stay indoors and keep indoor air as clean as possible.**
  - Keep windows and doors closed.
  - Run an air conditioner, but keep the fresh-air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent outdoor smoke from getting inside.
  - If you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed, seek shelter in a designated smoke-free evacuation center or away from the affected area.
- 2. Cease physical activity, or exercise indoors if necessary.**
- 3. With the advice of your healthcare provider, use respirators, N95 masks, and/or HEPA air filters.**
- 4. Follow the advice of your healthcare provider about medication use if you have asthma or another lung disease.**

Check EPA's [Wildfires](#) website for preparedness and recovery tips, as well as air quality advisories.

You can find state-specific wildfire smoke information on the following websites:

- [Idaho Smoke Information](#)
- [Oregon Smoke Information](#)
- [Washington Smoke Information](#)

Contact your [GAP Project Officer](#) or [EPA's Region 10 Tribal Air Quality Team](#) for ideas about sharing safety information, collaborating with other agencies, or conducting emergency response planning in the event of a wildfire.





## Alaska News

### Alaska Operations Office New Director — Sue Detwiler



Sue Detwiler joined EPA's Alaska Operations Office as its new Director. Sue came to the EPA from the USDA-Forest Service in Juneau, where she was the Public Affairs Director for the Alaska Region. Sue has 33 years of experience living and working in Alaska. Most of her career has been with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, with portfolios including subsistence management, state and tribal grant administration, tribal relations, congressional and state legislative relations, public affairs, wildlife and fisheries

biology, and endangered species management.

Sue first moved to Alaska in 1981, and spent several years living in Nenana with an Athabascan elder who taught her how to hunt, fish, trap, drive dogs, and live comfortably in interior Alaska's challenging conditions. Sue also lived in Aniak, where she served as the Kuskokwim Native Association's first Natural Resources Director. She has a master's degree in Natural Resources Policy from the University of Alaska – Fairbanks, and a bachelor's in Wildlife Management from Humboldt State University.

Sue looks forward to working with Region 10 and the tribes to build on past successes in improving communication and consultation, and supporting our collective efforts to address tribal environmental and health issues.

## 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

- **September 18-20** • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA
- **October 18** • Conference Call
- **November 15** • Conference Call
- **December 11-13** • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA
- [Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

*RTOC News Continues ➡*



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**RTOC News****2018 Tribal Operations Committee Elections**

Tribal representatives to the RTOC and NTOC are elected by tribal governments within specific geographic areas. Available NTOC and RTOC positions for the upcoming 2018 elections include the following:

1. NTOC Alaska Position 2.
2. NTOC Idaho, Eastern Washington, & Eastern Oregon Position.
3. RTOC Alaska Position 3.
4. RTOC Idaho Position.
5. RTOC Oregon Position.
6. RTOC Western Washington Position.

Ideal candidates for NTOC and RTOC positions are approachable, reliable, and accountable tribal leaders or environmental staff who are passionate about protecting and improving tribal health and environment.

- September/October 2018: A call for nominations will be sent by EPA to the tribes. Nominees will be endorsed by a letter of support from their tribal council and their name will be entered on the ballot.
- November 2018: Official ballots will be sent by EPA to the tribes.
- December 2018: Elections will close and the winners will be announced. Three-year terms begin in January 2019 through December 2021.

Visit the RTOC website to [view the list](#) of current members. Encourage your tribe to nominate an excellent candidate, and vote this fall!

**2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit**

The 2018 TELS Report is [posted on the RTOC Tribal Leaders Summit](#) website and has been shared on the RTOC Facebook page. Carm Bohnee, the TELS Coordinator will be sending a link by email to all attendees.

**Stay Engaged with Us**

- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you wish to attend or add an agenda item to a monthly meeting, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve your community — please contact the [RTOC representative for your area](#) or the Interim RTOC Coordinator, [Randi Madison](#).

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## Tribal Consultation

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

### Regulation of Persistent, Bioaccumulative, and Toxic Chemicals Under TSCA Section 6(h)

END DATE: **September 28.**

EPA is conducting consultation with federally recognized tribes on the proposed regulation of persistent, bioaccumulative, and toxic chemicals under the Toxic Substances Control Act, Section 6(h). Section 6(h) requires EPA to take expedited regulatory action for five PBT chemicals identified for expedited action by EPA: decabromodiphenyl ether (DecaBDE); hexachlorobutadiene (HCBD); pentachlorothiophenol (PCTP); phenol, isopropylated phosphate (3: 1) (PIP (3: 1 )); and 2,4,6-tris(tertbutyl) phenol (2,4,6 TTBP).

EPA must propose a rule to address risks and reduce exposures to the extent practicable to these PBT chemicals no later than June 22, 2019, with a final rule to follow no more than 18 months later.

A tribal consultation webinar will be held **September 6** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. [Join the webinar](#) on EPA's web conferencing website, and please call 1-866-706-9614, and enter conference code 9488696.

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### 2018 Vessel General Permit

END DATE: **September 28.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on proposed revisions and renewal of the Vessel General Permit. The VGP, issued by EPA under section 402 of the CWA's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program, applies generally to 27 different types of incidental discharges into waters of the U.S. from commercial vessels greater than 79 feet in length. Some of the most significant types of discharges covered under the permit include ballast water, bilgewater, graywater, and deck washdown or runoff.

The EPA issued the first VGP in 2008. Since the CWA sets a five-year term for NPDES permits, the Agency renewed the permit in 2013 and is set to do so again before that permit expires on December 18, 2018.

Before finalizing the next permit, the Agency will publish a draft, and highlight any changes from the current permit as well as take public comment on the draft. Most notably, the next permit will address the 2015 Second Circuit Court of Appeals decision on the 2013 VGP, in which the court found EPA to be arbitrary and capricious in establishing certain technology and water quality-based effluent limits in the permit. The Agency also intends to streamline the permit format and update permit requirements based on information gained since issuing the 2013 VGP. The EPA will publish the draft permit in the [Federal Register](#).

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## Tribal Consultation

### FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

END DATE: **March 18, 2019.**

EPA's National Program Guidances communicate operational planning priorities, strategies, key activities and measures, and guide grant work planning with tribes, states, and territories. The following eight EPA offices issue National Program Guidances: Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Office of International and Tribal Affairs.

The EPA's consultation and coordination process will include several opportunities for meaningful input. New this year, as part of early engagement, the EPA's **Regional Administrators** will convene meetings with tribal, state, and territory leaders as a critical first phase to inform development of the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances. National Program Offices will continue to engage with the National Tribal Caucus, tribal partnership groups, and other relevant organizations, and will consider this feedback together with the results of the RAs' early engagement efforts, in developing their National Program Guidances.

EPA will make the draft National Program Guidances available on the [National Program Guidance](#) website for a 30-day external review and comment period. The review and comment period is planned for February 14, 2019 through March 18, 2019. A template will be posted on the National Program Guidance website for tribes to use to provide written comments. Two national conference calls for tribes are planned for February 26, 2019 and March 7, 2019 to discuss the National Program Guidances.

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## Grants

### HUD 2018 Lead Based Paint Hazard Reduction Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 25.**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes offers grants to state and local governments to control lead and other housing hazards in low-income, privately-owned housing. First-time grantees can receive up to \$2.3 million for these 3½ year grants, and previous grantees can receive up to \$4.1 million. Check out [HUD's Healthy Homes](#) website for frequently asked questions and additional resources about the program. The [funding notice](#) is available on the [grants.gov](http://grants.gov) website.

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## Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

PROPOSALS DUE: **September 6.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for 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.

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 nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo, agriculture, mining, or energy production.

Eligible entities include tribal governments or intertribal consortia that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. The maximum amount of funding requested is \$800,000. EPA anticipates awarding 2-8 cooperative agreements nationally. For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website.

## Oregon Department of Environmental Quality Materials Management Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **September 28.**

The Oregon Department of Environmental Quality opened its 2018 [Materials Management Grants](#) round for projects that prevent, recover, or reuse solid wastes. This funding will support projects that help advance [Oregon's 2050 Vision of Materials Management](#).

In 2018, DEQ will award up to \$500,000 in statewide funding. Local governments, 501(c)(3) and (c)(4) nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribes, organizations created through intergovernmental agreements, and public universities, colleges, community colleges, and public schools in Oregon may apply for a materials management project grant. Grant application details, including FAQs and a recording of a conference call about the grant application process are available on [DEQ's Materials Management Grants Program](#) website.

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## Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2018 Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: January 31.

### Flood Mitigation Assistance

The Flood Mitigation Assistance Program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program.

FEMA will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities: advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects, and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for reducing NFIP flood claim payments. The remaining funding, will be used for FMA technical assistance, mitigation planning, and mitigation projects reducing risk to severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties. Applicants may submit a maximum of one advanced assistance and one community mitigation project sub-application.

Check out for details on this grants notice on the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal website](#).

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 to states and territories, and a tribal set aside of \$15 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives.

Applicants may submit a maximum of nine project sub-applications notwithstanding any project(s) submitted for the state/territory allocation or tribal set aside. In addition, any state or tribe willing to serve as the applicant for a multi-state or tribal activity may submit one additional plan or project sub application.

Check out details about this grants notice on the [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal website](#).

FEMA offers webinars for interested applicants. Webinars will be held on the following dates and times.

- **September 12** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Join the webinar on FEMA's [Fiscal Year 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity Adobe Connect](#) website, and enter as a guest. For audio, call 1-800-320-4330, and enter code 338559.
- **September 13** at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Join the webinar on FEMA's [Fiscal Year 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity Adobe Connect](#) website, and enter as a guest. For audio, call 1-800-320-4330, and enter code 338559.

## Training & Scholarships

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### Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training

**September 10-14**, Anchorage, AK

The Composting Solid Waste Training will explore several topics to manage solid waste programs, including codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables and hazardous waste, landfill problem solving, solid waste funding, and will emphasize composting.

The Waste Utility Training looks at solid waste management programs as a utility operation. The training will include self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the ten management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. Participants will identify their own program's strengths and weaknesses, and leave with an approach to improve your program.

A travel stipend is available to participants who complete the full training. More information is available on the [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) website.

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### Composting Programs for Tribal Communities

**September 11-13**, Oakland, CA

This Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals course will be taught by tribal presenters that have been successful in starting their own composting programs. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting topics and a variety of different size projects. Attendees will also participate in small group activities so they can work directly with fellow tribal professionals, putting into practice what they learn during the lectures. For more information, check out ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings Schedule](#) website.

### Introduction to Tribal Air Quality

**September 11-14**, Flagstaff, AZ

This is an entry level ITEP course designed to provide an understanding of the importance of clean air for the protection of human health and the environment. It is appropriate for tribal environmental personnel who are new to air quality, and are interested in learning the basics of air quality management. The course is structured as an intensive training that uses multiple approaches to learning: lecture/discussion, laboratory, and small group activities. There will be reading and writing assignments each evening. The content is very basic and assumes that the participant has no prior background in science or air quality management. Check out the [ITEP Training](#) website for registration information.

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## FEMA Mitigation Planning for Local Governments

**September 24-25, Anchorage, AK**

This FEMA Region X and Alaska Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management workshop covers the fundamentals of the mitigation planning for communities to develop or update local or tribal mitigation plans that address community priorities and needs, and meet requirements established in 44 CFR 201.6.

Course objectives include defining hazard mitigation and identifying the benefits of mitigation planning, developing or updating a local or tribal mitigation plan, and identifying resources and guidance available for mitigation planning and implementation.

The target audience includes local and tribal government officials, land use planners, emergency managers, floodplain managers, and others who are involved in the development of a local or tribal mitigation plan. State and tribal officials involved in mitigation planning may also find this training beneficial.

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## Metal Mining Discharges: Impacts on Aquatic Ecosystems Symposium

**September 24-25, McCall, ID**

The purpose of the symposium is to examine how metal mining discharges impact fish, other aquatic resources, and human health. It will examine some relevant case studies and discuss what should be expected of proposed mines to reduce environmental impacts in the future. To reserve a spot, please send an email to [wesleyk@nezperce.org](mailto:wesleyk@nezperce.org).

## Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

**November 27-30, 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. Register on the [ATCEM](http://ATCEM) website.



## Reorienting and Redefining Waste Diversion Projects

**September 25-27, Duluth, MN**

ITEP is offering this new course that will feature instructors from five different tribes who have all faced different challenges and setbacks, developed unique approaches, and figured out how to best advance waste diversion in their communities. The training will include time for attendees to share their own stories and ideas on how to make waste diversion a success. This course is specifically designed for tribal staff who manage waste diversion programs, such as solid waste, utility, and environmental directors and specialists. For more information, check out ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings Schedule](http://Waste and Response Trainings Schedule) website.

## TRAINING

## Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase

**October 1-3, Anchorage, AK**

The Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase will be the first annual summit focused solely on rural Alaska solid waste issues and solutions. The summit is open to anyone interested in learning more about solid waste and recycling. Attendees will be able to choose from a selection of three concurrent breakout sessions. The technology showcase will have solid waste and recycling vendors on-hand to demonstrate and discuss their products and answer questions. For details, check out the [Solid Waste Alaska Task Force](http://Solid Waste Alaska Task Force) website.



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## Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders

**October 9-12, White Cloud, KS**

Itep is offering this new course in collaboration with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and EPA Region 7. The course will foster partnerships at all levels of government, with nongovernmental organizations, and with the private sector to prepare for a unified response to disasters and emergencies. It will strengthen tribal capacity in emergency response situations by providing the foundation for tribes to determine their role in the Incident Command System, and will provide hands-on experience with various emergency response situations so that participants will be effective liaisons and advocate for preventing and responding to emergencies. It will also provide participants with an awareness of the level of training needed to act as first responders to various incidents. Details are available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Training Schedule](http://Waste and Response Training Schedule) website.

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## Best Practices for Prevention of Mold and Water Damage in Tribal Housing

Tribal Healthy Homes Network, in partnership with the Tulalip Tribes and HUD's NW Office of Native American Programs, developed a five-part instructional video series that covers best practices for prevention of mold and water damage in tribal housing. The best practices featured include flashing, insulation, ventilation and air sealing, assessment, and containment.

Through this training, participants will be better equipped to prevent water damage and mold, improve durability of housing units, increase resident comfort and health conditions, reduce rehabilitation and utility costs, and decrease repairs through preventative maintenance. The five part series is available on THHN's website, [Best Practices for Prevention of Mold and Water Damage in Tribal Housing: A 5-Part Video Training for Tribal Housing Professionals](http://Best Practices for Prevention of Mold and Water Damage in Tribal Housing: A 5-Part Video Training for Tribal Housing Professionals).

## Region 10 GAP Grant Training Webinars

EPA Region 10 will host five webinars with the goal of improving grant recipient understanding of grant requirements and common environmental topics. Details will be shared when the specific dates and instructions on how to join each webinar are determined.

### Best Practices and Helpful Resources for Tribal Consortia

**September 5** at 2:00 p.m. Pacific Time.

Hear about resources available specifically for tribal consortia and discuss best practices that will help meet the needs of member tribes under EPA's Indian General Assistance Program. Presenters will include EPA, Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, Yukon River Inter-Tribal Watershed Council, and Copper River Native Association. [Join the webinar](#) online, call **1-866-299-3188**, and enter conference code **907-271-5083**.

**OCTOBER 2018 - GAP Notice of Funding Availability.** This webinar will provide an overview of the FY 2020 NOFA and what applicants need to know when applying for GAP grants.

**NOVEMBER 2018 - Environmental Science — Contaminants Basics.** This webinar will discuss assessment of environmental contaminants and the link to EPA -Tribal Environmental Plans and Quality Assurance Program Plans (QAPPs).

**DECEMBER 2018 - Indirect Costs.** This webinar will discuss EPA's new policy on indirect costs and how it affects tribes in Region 10.

**FEBRUARY 2019 - Grants.Gov Workspace.** This webinar will feature an online demonstration of Grants.gov application procedures.

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## Pop Quiz Answer from Page 1

**Q: What are the most important items to pack in an emergency supplies kit?**

- A. Food and water.
- B. Medications.
- C. Radio.
- D. First Aid Kit.
- E. Cell phone with charger.

**F. All of the above ↑**

Check out the [ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) website for details on how to build an emergency supplies kit.



# Calendar of Events

## September

- 5**      **Region 10 Webinar: Best Practices and Helpful Resources for Tribal Consortia.**  
2:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r10-igap>. For audio, call 1-866-299-3188, and enter conference code 907-271-5083
- 6**      **Tribal Consultation Webinar: Regulation of TSCA Section 6(h) PBT Chemicals.**  
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/pbt>
- 10 – 14**      **Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training.** Anchorage, AK  
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 11 – 13**      **Composting Programs for Tribal Communities.** Oakland, CA  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 11 – 13**      **National Tanks Conference and Exposition.** Louisville, KY • <https://bit.ly/2lcDjCH>
- 11 – 14**      **Introduction to Tribal Air Quality.** Flagstaff, AZ  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 12**      **FEMA FY 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nofo18>
- 13**      **FEMA FY 2018 Notice of Funding Opportunity Webinar.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://fema.connectsolutions.com/nofo18>
- 18**      **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 18 – 20**      **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Seattle, WA • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 19 – 21**      **Understanding the Effects of Stormwater on Salmon and Developing Solutions Summit.** Kingston, WA • Contact: Laurie J Larson-Pugh at [laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu](mailto:laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu) or Fran Wilshusen at 360-438-1180 • [fwilshus@nwifc.org](mailto:fwilshus@nwifc.org)
- 24 – 25**      **Metal Mining Discharges: Impacts on Aquatic Ecosystems Symposium.** McCall, ID  
Email [wesleyk@nezperce.org](mailto:wesleyk@nezperce.org)
- 25 – 27**      **Reorienting and Redefining Waste Diversion Projects.** Duluth, MN  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 25 – 27**      **Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshop.** Williamsburg, MI  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste). Register by September 18.
- 28 – 30**      **15<sup>th</sup> Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions.** Covington, KY • <https://go.usa.gov/xQhHZ>

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## Calendar of Events

### October

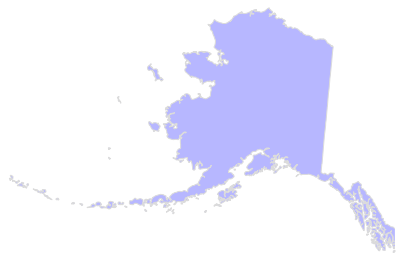
- 1 – 3**      **Alaska Solid Waste Summit.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www.907swat.org>
- 9 – 12**      **Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders.** White Cloud, KS  
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- 10**          **Stress and Environmental Contamination: Tips and Tools from ATSDR.**  
Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/NARPM Presents41>
- 11**          **National Fish Conference Call.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
Contact: **Sharon Frey** at 202-566-1480 or [frey.sharon@epa.gov](mailto:frey.sharon@epa.gov)
- 16**          **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 18**          **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time  
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23 – 25**      **EE2018 — E-Enterprise for the Environment National Meeting.** Addison, TX  
<https://www.ee2018.net>

### November

- 15**          **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time  
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 20**          **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 27 – 30**      **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management.** Anchorage, AK  
<http://www.atcemak.com>
- 27 – 30**      **Clean Air Act and Permitting.** Las Vegas, NV  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)

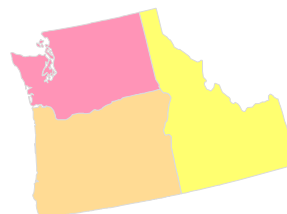
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