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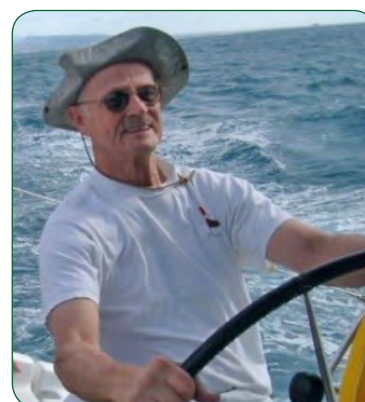
Top News

Tribal Newsletter Creator Receives Fond Farewell

In January, EPA staff and retirees shared stories and well wishes with Don Creek, the EPA Region 10 tribal newsletter's original creator and 28-year senior environmental employee to the Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit. Don joined the EPA's Portland, Oregon office in 1991 and was among the first to serve tribes in Region 10.

In those days there was not much communication between tribes and the EPA, and he spent much of his time meeting with tribes to learn about their situations and to inform them that EPA could provide technical assistance. He created the first tribal newsletter to improve outreach to tribes and share information about environmental trainings and events.

Over the next 28 years, Don continued to support the Region 10 tribal unit and the development of the monthly tribal newsletter. Don is known for his warmth, humor, and wood-carving skills — and will be deeply missed. Gratitude and best wishes to Don Creek for his many years of service.



Waters of the United States (WOTUS) Step 2 Proposed Rule

The EPA and the U.S. Department of the Army invite engagement regarding the proposed rule for the revised definition of **Waters of the United States (WOTUS)** signed on December 11, 2018. The proposed rule would replace the agencies' 2015 definition of WOTUS with a definition that would result in significant cost savings, protect the nation's waterways, help sustain economic growth, and reduce barriers to business development.

The agencies' proposal is the second step in a two-step process to review and revise the definition of WOTUS consistent with the February 2017 Presidential Executive Order entitled *Restoring the Rule of Law, Federalism, and Economic Growth by Reviewing the 'Waters of the United States' Rule*.

The EPA and Army will be hosting half-day discussion forums for tribal representatives that will coincide with similar meetings with states as follows:

- Kansas City, Kansas on **February 27**.
- Atlanta, Georgia on **March 12**.
- Albuquerque, New Mexico on **March 27**.

Representatives of federally recognized tribes that are interested in attending one of the discussion forums should send an email to wotus-outreach@epa.gov.

The EPA and Army are continuing to consult with individual tribes upon request. If your tribe is interested in requesting consultation, please [contact the agencies](#) by email before **April 15**. For additional background, check out EPA's [Waters of the United States \(WOTUS\) Rulemaking – Step 2 Revise](#) website.

TAMS Steering Committee Seeks Nominations



The Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center was created through a partnership between tribes, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, and EPA to meet the needs of tribes involved in air quality management. The TAMS Center is accepting nominations for a position on their Steering Committee through **February 28**. TAMS Steering Committee members meet regularly to discuss tribal air quality monitoring and other air quality technical support needs. The steering committee determines the Center's support efforts and relays tribal air quality concerns to the EPA. The [TAMS Steering Committee](#) website provides details on the steering committee and a nomination submission form.

Deadline Extended to Apply for a President's Environmental Youth Award

The President's Environmental Youth Award program recognizes outstanding environmental stewardship projects by K-12 youth, promoting awareness of natural resources and encouraging positive community involvement. Winners of this year's awards will be invited to a ceremony in Washington, D.C. and have their project mentioned on EPA's website. EPA will select up to two winners in each of EPA's ten regions – one regional winner for grades K-5 and one regional winner for grades 6-12. All student projects must be sponsored by at least one adult over the age of 21.

The application deadline was extended to **March 8**. Check out the [President's Environmental Youth Award](#) website for information on how to apply. Questions can be sent by email to PEYA@epa.gov.

2019 Fuel Economy Guide Available

If you're shopping for a new or used vehicle, the [Fuel Economy](#) website can help you compare and choose vehicles that pollute less and save money at the pump. The website includes the [2019 Fuel Economy Estimates](#), a fuel savings and cost calculator, a mobile app, and other helpful tips and fuel saving information.



EPA Year in Review 2018

EPA released its report, [Year in Review 2018](#) that outlines major accomplishments and environmental progress. In 2018, EPA awarded more than **\$63 million** under the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program to 500 tribal governments and approximately 25 intertribal consortia. **\$4.344 million** was also awarded in State and Tribal Assistance Grants, and **37 Environmental Education grants were awarded** in 32 states to 13 colleges and universities, 23 stakeholder organizations, and one tribal community. The report outlines achievements across the Agency's various media areas such as air, water, land, chemicals, and other areas.





Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Five Tribes Awarded Clean Water Act Grants in Pacific Northwest

EPA awarded Clean Water Act Section 319 grants to five tribes to restore habitat and protect water quality in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington. Grants were awarded to the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Nez Perce Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe, and Quinault Indian Nation.

Through Section 319 of the CWA, 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. Learn more at EPA's [Tribal 319 Grant Program](#) website.



Alaska News

ANTHC and Alaska Partners Hosted IGAP Workshop

During the partial government shutdown in January, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and several partners hosted an IGAP grant workshop in Anchorage — *Sustaining Strong Engaged Tribal Health and Environmental Programs*.

The EPA Region 10 Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit was originally planning to host the event, but due to the shutdown was planning to cancel. In light of continued interest and need, ANTHC and partners took over. More than 100 attended, representing over 70 Alaskan communities. ANTHC reported that participants expressed how necessary the training was and appreciative that it was offered.

The Region 10 TTAU is grateful to ANTHC and its partners for hosting and making the 2019 Alaska IGAP workshop a success. Stay tuned for an upcoming announcement about the next Alaska IGAP workshop tentatively scheduled for December 2019!



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 RTOC Meetings

- **March 4-5** • Quarterly Meeting • Portland, OR
- **April 18** • Conference Call
- **May 16** • Conference Call
- **June Quarterly Meeting** (date TBD) • Fort Hall, ID
[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

2019 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

March 6-8 • Portland, OR

The 2019 TELS conference will feature large plenary gatherings each morning to share and learn from each other on important aspects of managing the life-force of our communities — the physical environment. Each afternoon will offer separate tracks for air, land, and water. The conference organizers encourage tribal leaders to attend sessions along with their tribe's environmental staff to nurture dialogue and understanding. Separate youth sessions will be offered in the afternoons with scholarships available for youth participants.

- [Excellence Award nominations](#) and [vendor and exhibitor](#) applications are due **February 27**.
- Check the [TELS website](#) for updated agendas and announcements!

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- [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](#).*

Alaska Revised Water Quality Standards Mixing Zone Rule

END DATE: **March 6.**

In 2006 the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation submitted revisions to its water quality standards addressing the authorization of mixing zones. A regulatory mixing zone is an area where initial mixing and dilution of a discharge with its receiving water occurs and pollutant concentrations may exceed certain applicable water quality criteria. The allowance for regulatory mixing zones is based on the premise that certain water quality criteria may be exceeded under limited circumstances, while still protecting the designated and existing uses for the whole water body.

Federal water quality standards at 40 CFR Part 131 requires that states and authorized tribes adopt designated uses for their waters, water quality criteria to protect those designated uses, and an antidegradation policy. States and authorized tribes may also adopt general policies affecting application and implementation of water quality standards — such as mixing zone policies. Information on Alaska's revised mixing zone rule can be found on the [Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Mixing Zones](#) website.

In 2005, EPA offered an opportunity for tribal consultation, however neither tribal consultation nor EPA's Clean Water Act action were completed, and EPA is now preparing to take a CWA action on Alaska's revised mixing zone rule. EPA is again offering the opportunity for tribal consultation because significant time has passed.

If your tribe is interested in requesting consultation, please contact **Bill Beckwith** at 206-553-2495 or beckwith.william@epa.gov. Tribes that previously requested government-to-government consultation on this action are asked to reaffirm their interest.

CONTACT: **Bill Beckwith** • 206-553-2495 • beckwith.william@epa.gov

National Compliance Initiatives

END DATE: **March 11.**

The FY 2020-2023 National Compliance Initiatives cycle will focus on achieving the EPA's new strategic goals of increasing the environmental law compliance rate and reducing the average time from violation identification to correction. The National Compliance Initiatives ensure that our civil and criminal enforcement resources and expertise are focused on the most serious pollution problems affecting communities.

The EPA invites tribes to provide input on the following four issues:

1. Modifying the selection criteria to better align with FY 2018–2022 EPA Strategic Plan measures and priorities.
2. Engaging more fully with federally recognized tribes and states in the selection and development of the initiatives.
3. Enhancing the EPA's use of the full range of compliance assurance tools.
4. Extending the cycle to four years to better align with the Agency's National Program Guide cycle.

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⇒ Continued **Tribal Consultation – National Compliance Initiatives**

Information on the current initiative areas and initial thoughts on proposed 2020-2023 NCIs is available on EPA's [National Compliance Initiatives](#) website.

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New Source Performance Standards for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Electric Utility Generating Units

END DATE: **March 18.**

On December 6, 2018, EPA announced the proposed rule — [Review of Standards of Performance for GHG Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Stationary Sources: EGUs](#). The proposed rule determines that the best system of emission reduction for newly constructed coal-fired power plants is the most efficient demonstrated steam cycle in combination with the best operating practices. The proposed BSER would replace the determination from the 2015 Greenhouse Gas Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed Electric Utility Generating Units rule, which identified the BSER as partial carbon capture and storage.

EPA is proposing limits for carbon dioxide emissions based on the most efficient demonstrated steam cycle, in combination with best operating practices. The primary reasons for the proposed revisions are the high costs and limited geographic availability of CCS. EPA is specifically proposing limits for carbon dioxide emissions based on the most efficient demonstrated steam cycle, in combination with best operating practices. To learn more about the proposed rule, check out EPA's [Proposal: NSPS for GHG Emissions from New, Modified, and Reconstructed EGUs](#) website.

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FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

END DATE: **To Be Determined.**

The 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. 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 draft National Program Guidances available on the [National Program Guidance](#) website for a 30-day external review and comment period. A template will be posted on the National Program Guidance website for tribes to use to provide written comments.

Grants

2019 Environmental Justice Small Grants

PROPOSALS DUE: **March 8.**



The Environmental Justice Small Grants program supports community-driven projects designed to engage, educate, and empower communities to better understand local environmental and public health issues and develop strategies for addressing those issues, building consensus in the community, and setting community priorities.

This opportunity will emphasize projects that address emergency preparedness and increase resiliency, as well as projects that include the needs of U.S. military veterans and homeless populations.

EPA anticipates awarding approximately 50 grants of up to \$30,000 for one-year projects (five grants for each of EPA's ten regions). Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations, federally recognized tribal governments, and tribal organizations. For more information about this grant opportunity, visit EPA's [Environmental Justice Small Grants Program](#) website.

Alaska DEC Brownfields Assessments and Cleanup Service

APPLICATIONS DUE: **March 1.**

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation assists Alaskan communities by conducting environmental site assessments, a limited cleanup effort, and characterization/cleanup planning. Using funds from the EPA, DEC will conduct Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup projects (DBAC) at eligible properties in Alaska.

A DBAC is intended to help reduce the environmental uncertainties or conditions that hinder the reuse or redevelopment of an eligible property. DBAC objectives are to:

- ▶ Help clarify whether an environmental problem is limiting a site's use or intended reuse or redevelopment
- ▶ Identify the nature and extent of contamination. provide recommendations and estimate costs for additional assessment, if needed, and
- ▶ When funding is available - conduct cleanup activities designed to enable reuse of a site.

DBAC services are available to public, quasi-public or nonprofit entities such as municipalities, tribal governments, native corporations, and community development organizations interested in redeveloping abandoned or underutilized properties.

Details about this funding opportunity are available on the [Alaska DEC Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup service](#) website.

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FY 2019 Clean Air Act Tribal Funding

PROPOSALS FROM NEW APPLICANTS DUE: **March 15.**

APPLICATIONS FROM CURRENT GRANTEEES DUE: **April 5.**

EPA anticipates the availability of **Clean Air Act** grant funding in FY 2019 for tribes and tribal consortia within Region 10. Sections 103 and 105 of the Clean Air Act allow EPA to provide grant support to tribes to help build tribal knowledge and increase tribal capacity to manage air quality issues.

Funding priority will be based upon sufficient evidence of and tribal capacity to address ongoing air pollution concerns. Awards typically range from \$25,000 to \$250,000. EPA Region 10 expects that nearly all available grant funding will be awarded to provide base funding for tribes and consortia that have established eligibility under CAA §105, completing existing CAA §103 projects, or with whom DITCAs have been negotiated.

For that reason, we expect to have very limited funding for new projects and initial air quality assessment needs. The funding announcement is available on EPA's [Region 10 Clean Air Act Tribal Program Funding](#) website.

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Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 3.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications 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. Questions about DERA funding may be directed to cleandiesel@epa.gov.

FY 2019 Exchange Network Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 1.**

The Environmental Information Exchange Network is an internet-based system used by state, tribal, and territorial partners to securely share environmental and health information with one another and the EPA.

The primary outcome is improved access and exchange of high-quality environmental data from public and private sector sources. With this outcome in mind, applications should demonstrate support for and results toward EN program priorities. Eligible applicants include states, U.S. territories, federally recognized tribes, inter-tribal consortia and other entities, such as regional air pollution control districts and some public universities may apply. For details, check out the *FY 2019 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice* on the [Exchange Network](#) website.

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Training & Scholarships

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Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan

February 26-28, Palm Springs, CA

This Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals course is designed for tribal staff who are interested in developing a plan or updating an existing solid waste management plan. The course will feature lectures on the five critical elements of a tribal solid waste management plan, small group work focused on developing an outline or making improvements to your plan, and a tour of local tribal solid waste programs.

Individuals selected to attend will have their lodging expenses covered and will be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses after the course. More information is available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings](#) website.

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

Air Pollution Technology

March 12-15, Flagstaff, AZ

This ITEP course provides an overview of the science of air pollution and techniques of air quality management. This intensive training will include lectures and discussions, laboratory activities and demonstrations, computer and problem-solving exercises, and small-group work.

The course is open to tribal air quality personnel who have successfully completed ITEP's *Introduction to Tribal Air Quality* and *Air Quality Computations* courses, or who have sufficient academic training in science, mathematics, or engineering. Attendance will be contingent upon completion of a pre-course module that will be sent with selection materials. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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



Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase

March 19-21, Anchorage, AK

This is the first annual summit focusing on rural Alaska solid waste issues and solutions. The summit is a combination of two days of breakout sessions and trainings, and a full day technology showcase. Details and registration information is available on the [Solid Waste Alaska Taskforce](#) website.

Air Quality in Alaska Native Communities

March 19-22, Klawock, AK

This is an entry-level ITEP course for environmental staff from Alaska who are interested in air quality issues. The content is basic and assumes the participant has no background in science or air quality management. The course provides an understanding of the importance of clean air for the protection of human health and the total environment.

Instructors and participants will explore ways in which tribes in can solve air quality problems, protect human health, and preserve cultural values. The course consists of lectures, demonstrations, small-group activities, and a building walk-through. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify indoor air quality problems. Registration information is available on [ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

CONTACT: **Sharlene Brown** • 928-523-5504 • Sharlene.brown@nau.edu

Air Quality Planning for Wildfire Smoke

April 2-3, Boise, ID

In this hands-on ITEP workshop, participants will learn and practice skills that will be useful in preparation for wildland smoke events. Prior to the workshop, participants will watch five recorded webinars and one live webinar. The webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. The webinars are required for those who want to attend the hands-on workshop in Boise, Idaho. Registration information is available on [ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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TRAINING

Using Compost to Grow Food on Tribal Lands

April 9-11, Tucson, AZ

This ITEP course is for tribal employees intended to focus on diverting waste streams to create a usable product (compost). The course will be taught by a few different tribal presenters that have been successful in starting their own composting programs and using that compost to help them grow food. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting and growing topics of different sizes.

Participants will have the opportunity to visit two different styles of composting projects and farms in the Tucson area including a mid-sized compost facility located on a farm that grows traditional foods, and a community garden with a three-bin system that works in partnership with the Tucson Food Bank. These field trips will allow participants to better determine the right size composting program and learn how to get started. Details are available on [ITEP's Waste and Response Training](#) website.

CONTACT: **Julie Jurkowski** • 928-523-9404 • Julie.Jurkowski@nau.edu

Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska

April 9-12, Anchorage, AK

This ITEP course is designed for tribal environmental staff who are responsible for managing air quality projects in Alaska communities. Topics include visioning and planning for air quality, creating an air quality plan, developing and managing an air quality project, engaging the community, building partnerships, using a Quality Assurance Project Plan, developing a grant work plan with outputs and outcomes, and grant reporting. This is a level 2 course, therefore participants should have attended prior trainings or have equivalent background and experience. Registration information is available on [ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

CONTACT: **Sharlene Brown** • 928-523-5504 • Sharlene.brown@nau.edu



Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training

April 23-25, Anchorage, AK

SWANA Alaska Chapter and Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation are offering Rural Alaska Landfill Operator training. This RALO training will include learning solid waste management concepts with hands-on demonstrations, understanding best management practices for rural Alaska landfills, sharing local problems and solutions, guest speakers from agencies, landfills, and consulting, and a half-day field trip to the Anchorage Regional Landfill and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center. Application deadline is **March 15**. After March 15 seating will be available on a first-come, first-served, or wait-list basis.

CONTACT: **Lori Aldrich** • 907-269-7622 • lori.aldrich@alaska.gov

Qualified Sampler Training (Soil and Water Sampling)

May 8-10, Anchorage, AK

This Zender Environmental Health & Research Group training will include three days of a combination of classroom and field training that includes taking water and soil samples to send for laboratory contaminant testing, testing surface water for fecal coliform, sampling and monitoring for the basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter, and determining flow rates and discharge for your water body using a flow probe.

Passing this course satisfies the State of Alaska training requirements to become a qualified sampler. Trainees with approved QAPPs and appropriate sampling equipment can receive **follow up assistance** to help them complete the State's requirement for supervised work in the field. Full attendance and completion of the training can provide participants with University of Alaska - Fairbanks course credit for the ENVI 110 *Introduction to Water Quality*.

If you are interested in attending, please complete an online application on the [Zender Environmental Health & Research Group](#) website.

Underground and Leaking Underground Storage Tank Training

EPA's Office of Underground Storage Tanks compiled a variety of trainings about underground storage tanks topics. EPA is sharing with you OUST's compilation of a variety of potential training covering the spectrum of UST activities. The compilation includes available trainings in a variety of formats. Check out EPA's [UST and LUST Training](#) website to access the list of available training resources. EPA requests your assistance in keeping the list fresh and inclusive. Please send any additions, corrections, or thoughts directly to **Linda Gerber** by email at gerber.linda@epa.gov.



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Calendar of Events

February

- 26** **Challenges and Treatment Solutions for Small Drinking Water Systems: Treatment Technologies for Removing Chemicals of Concern.**
11:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/4114974339580474114>
- 26 – 28** **Tribal Exchange Network Conference.** San Diego, CA
<http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org>
- 26 – 28** **Designing and Using a Tribal Solid Waste Management Plan.**
Palm Springs, CA https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 27** **The Influence of Storm Wildfire Cycles on Radionuclide Contaminant Transport at Pueblo de San Ildefonso.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/449484047708160001>

March

- 4 – 5** **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Portland, OR
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 5** **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting.** Anchorage, AK
<https://alaskarrt.org>
- 6** **Policy Tools to Improve Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Homes.**
Webinar at 12:30 p.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6317867876991841283>
- 6 – 8** **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit.** Portland, OR
<http://region10rtoc.net/tribal-leaders-summit>
- 12 – 15** **Air Pollution Technology.** Flagstaff, AZ
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 19** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 19 – 21** **Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase.** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.907swat.org>
- 19 – 22** **Air Quality in Alaska Native Communities.** Klawock, AK
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- 9-11** **Using Compost to Grow Food on Tribal Lands.** Tucson, AZ
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste
- 9-12** **Air Quality Project Planning, QAPPs, and Grants for Alaska.** Anchorage, AK
https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air
- 18** **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 23 – 25** **Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training.** Anchorage, AK
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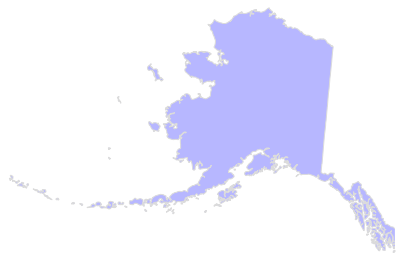
May

- 6 – 9** **National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.** Temecula, CA
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_ntf
- 8 – 10** **Qualified Sampler Training (Water and Soil Sampling).** Anchorage, AK
<http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
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<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
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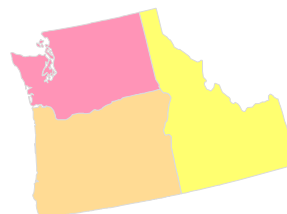


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