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## Top News

### American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month

EPA celebrates American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month each November by commemorating the cultures and traditions of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and the lessons and wisdom gained from tribal partnership. Tribal engagement and strengthening government-to-government relationships is essential to the agency. EPA Region 10 values collaboration with tribes and recognizes Native American Heritage Month by hosting internal events and requiring an annual Working Effectively with Tribal Governments training for staff.

Consider sharing information or hosting a Native American Heritage Month event in your community. Check out the [National Native American Heritage Month](#) website for information about special events and American Indian and Alaska Native contributions to U.S. history. To learn more about EPA's relationship with tribes, check out EPA's [American Indian Environmental Office](#) website.

### America Recycles Day — November 15



EPA recognizes the importance and impact of recycling to protect the environment. The recycling rate has increased from less than 7 percent in 1960, to the current rate of [35 percent](#). To build on that progress, EPA encourages every American to recycle right on [America Recycles Day](#) and all year long.

Organizations are invited to sign the [America Recycles Pledge](#) to work towards a more resilient materials economy. By submitting a pledge, you indicate your organization's interest in participating in ongoing dialogues and taking action to improve America's recycling system.

Learn what you can do to recycle at home, at school, or at the office by checking out EPA's [Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle](#) website.

### Pop Quiz

**What are some of the benefits  
of recycling?**

See answer on [page 18](#).

## New Tribal Indoor Air Funding Directory

Tribal Healthy Homes Network recently launched a new, online *Indoor Air Funding Directory*. The directory is an interactive, searchable, and comprehensive database — a living document created to connect tribes with indoor air quality grants and loans.



THHN began this initiative by obtaining input from tribes detailing their specific needs and priorities, and collaborated with staff from EPA Region 10, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, Tulalip Tribes, and members of the National Tribal Air Association's Indoor Air Workgroup. The directory is available on the [Tribal Indoor Air Funding Directory](#) website.

## FY 2021 IGAP Notice of Funding Availability — Coming Soon!



The EPA [Region 10 FY 2021 Notice of Funding Availability](#) for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants will be posted soon! IGAP grants help tribes and tribal consortia build capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. The NOFA describes everything you need to know to prepare and submit your IGAP grant application. Please read the NOFA carefully before drafting your proposal.

EPA Region 10 will host a series of webinars for applicants. The webinar schedule will be made available on the [Region 10 Tribal Programs](#) website. If you have questions about the NOFA, please contact your tribe's [IGAP Project Officer](#).

## Steps to a Successful IGAP Grant Closeout

With the end of the calendar year fast approaching, some grant recipients have a closeout due. A closeout is the process by which EPA determines that all projects funded by a grant or cooperative agreement are completed and administrative requirements are met. A successful closeout is important because it may affect future agency funding decisions.

Closeouts are due 90 days after the last day of a grant's project and budget period. Generally, IGAP grants last for four years. If your tribe's four-year IGAP grant began on October 1, 2015 (FY 2016) and ended on September 30, 2019 (FY 2019), then your closeout is due 90 days later – or by **December 30, 2019**. If you aren't sure if closeout is due, please refer to your grant agreement's end date or [contact your Project Officer](#).

As you prepare to close out a grant, take time to review past year's work plans, budgets, and progress reports to see if there is any work that remains. It's also important to collect receipts and deliverables, review timesheets, and submit any missing items to EPA. A thoughtful review of previous work plans and reports can help identify meaningful accomplishments, challenges encountered, and improvements for the future.

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## Steps to a Successful IGAP Grant Closeout

The first step in completing a grant closeout is to make the final drawdown or payment. You can make drawdowns to pay any bills and to cover payroll costs for work or expenses charged *before* the end of your grant. But, *no new charges should be made, even if there is unspent money remaining.* Don't order any new supplies or equipment using past years' money.

Within 90 days of the end of the grant period, please take the following steps to ensure a successful grant closeout.

➤ **Step 1 – Final Drawdown.**

➤ **Step 2 – Federal Financial Report – SF-425.**

A blank [Federal Financial Report](#) is available online. Submit this form after making the final drawdown. Send it by email to [lvfc-grants@epa.gov](mailto:lvfc-grants@epa.gov) or mail it to 4220 Maryland Parkway, Building C, Room 503, Las Vegas, NV 89119.

➤ **Step 3 – Send any remaining deliverables to your project officer.**

➤ **Step 4 – Final Performance and Technical Report.**

Submit a report to your project officer that describes all activities conducted during the grant. The report must include a comparison of accomplishments against work plan commitments, an evaluation of the effectiveness of work performed, any existing or potential problems (such as staff turnover or natural disasters that affected accomplishments), and suggestions for improvement. Consider organizing the report by year or topic.

➤ **Step 5– Equipment Inventory Report.**

*If your tribe or organization purchased equipment during the grant, you'll need to send an inventory report about the item(s) to your project officer. Equipment is defined as any one item that cost \$5,000 or more, with a useful life of more than a year.*

The report must list the original cost and description of the item, date of purchase, an estimate of its current value and condition, and the method of disposal. Most often the method of disposal is the following statement.

*The tribe will keep the equipment and continue to use it on the project originally funded through the assistance agreement or on other federally funded projects whether or not the project or program continues to be supported by federal funds.*

➤ **Step 6 — Indirect Costs.**

If your tribe or organization uses an Indirect Cost Rate, make sure you have a current indirect cost rate agreement that covers the grant period, and that the indirect costs are properly calculated. For more information, check out EPA's [Indirect Cost Guidance for Recipients of EPA Assistance Agreements](#) website.

➤ **Step 7 — Minority Business Enterprise/Woman Business Enterprise Report**

**(MBE/WBE)** or EPA Form 5700-52A. *If applicable, submit MBE/WBEs each federal fiscal year to your [EPA Grant Specialist](#). Note: the MBE/WBE requirement does not apply to most tribes in Alaska.*

If you have questions, or to obtain templates and example reports, please [contact your EPA Project Officer](#).



## Alaska News

### RACEJT Graduation and Upcoming Opportunity



Zender Environmental Health and Research Group's Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training (RACEJT) program seeks to provide environmental training that will result in employment for residents in rural communities impacted by environmental health issues. The RACEJT 2019 program recently completed a successful cohort of 14 students entering and graduating. Finishing its 8th year,

RACEJT offers a 97% graduate job placement rate, and graduates can be found working to improve the quality of life in 66 communities across Alaska.

Typical certificate and course offerings include HAZWOPER, solid waste management and resource recovery, introduction to water quality and soil sampling, community spill response, rural Alaska landfill operations, refrigerant recovery, confined space entry, and more topics. Tentative 2020 training dates are **March 28 - April 10** and **April 20 - May 3** in Anchorage, AK.

The application deadline for the 2020 RACEJT program is **December 16**. Applicants must be unemployed or under-employed, live in a rural community that is 30% or more Alaska Native, and meet other eligibility factors included in the application packet. RACEJT is primarily funded by the EPA, Alaska Department of Labor, and the NIEHS Worker Training program.

To learn more, check out the Zender Environmental [Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program](#) website, or contact **April Reed-McCoy** • (907) 277-2111 or email at [areed@zendergroup.org](mailto:areed@zendergroup.org).



2019 Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training graduates





## Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

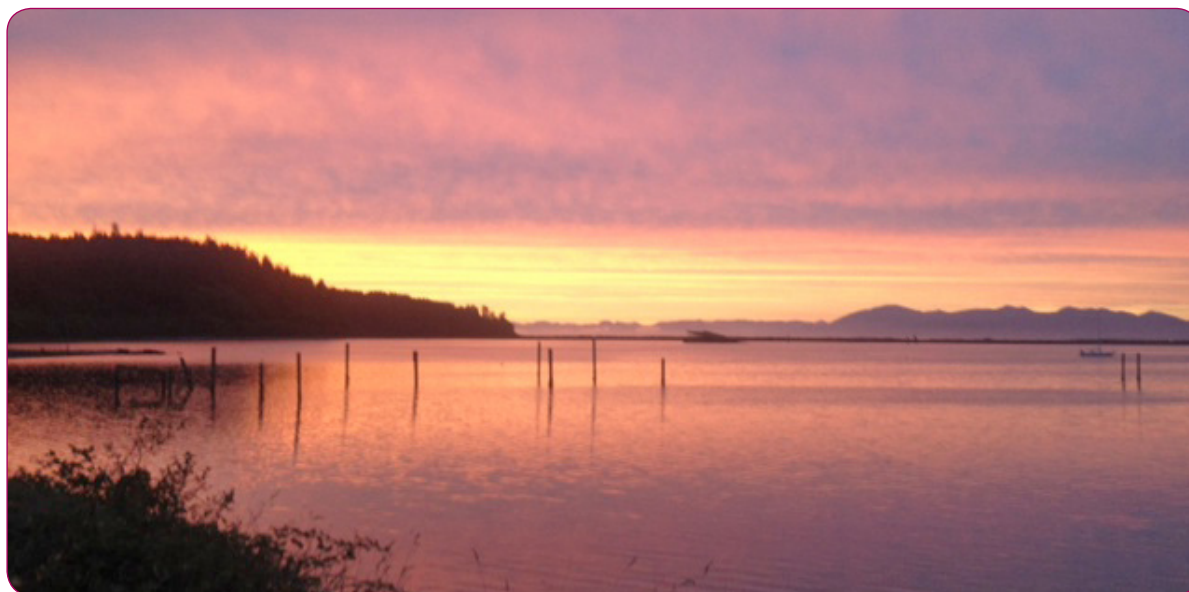
### Quidiqabit — Warmhouse Beach Superfund Site Newsletter Available



In August, EPA and the Makah Tribe released their fourth newsletter for the [Warmhouse Beach Dump Superfund Site — qidiqabit](#). The site is located on the Makah Reservation in Neah Bay, Washington. It was designated a federal Superfund site in 2013. EPA has been working with the Makah Tribe through its Environmental Division to identify the contaminants at the site and determine whether they pose risks to human health and the environment.

The biannual newsletter keeps the community up-to-date on activities at the site and in this latest issue, we request information from the community about how the dump was used, give an update on the asbestos removal, describe sampling events, risk and cultural uses, and other topics.

For questions, or to learn more about the site, contact **Debra Sherbina** by phone at (800) 424-4372, extension 0247 or email [sherbina.debra@epa.gov](mailto:sherbina.debra@epa.gov).



Sunset over Neah Bay

## 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

**December 10-12 • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA**

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

### Save the Date!

### 2020 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

**May 6-8, 2020 • Anchorage, AK**

The 2019 TELS Summit Report is available on the [Region 10 RTOC Tribal Leaders Summit](#) website. Presentations from the 2019 summit are available on the [Region 10 RTOC 2019 Presentations](#) website.

### 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 item to a monthly meeting agenda, 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 RTOC's Executive Director, Karla Louise.

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# Tribal Consultation

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

## **National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing Residual Risk and Technology Review**

END DATE: **November 12.**

The EPA performed a residual risk and technology review of the Taconite Iron Ore source category. Based on the risk assessment, available health information and associated uncertainties, the EPA concluded that risks from this source category are acceptable and that the current standards provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health. EPA also conducted a technology review by looking into the development in practices, processes, and control technologies for this source category. EPA did not identify any developments that would further reduce hazardous air pollutant emissions beyond the original Taconite Iron Ore rule.

Although the EPA is not proposing any amendments to the rule based on risk or technology, we are proposing to revise requirements for startup, shutdown and malfunctions to be consistent with recent court decisions; require electronic reporting of performance test results; remove the requirement for quarterly internal baghouse inspections since they are continuously monitored with bag lead detection systems; and reduce the duration of performance test runs from 2 hours to 1 hour.

If you believe your tribe could be affected by these proposed actions, EPA invites you to consult prior to the agency issuing the final rule. Additionally, if your tribe has questions about the proposed Taconite Iron Ore Processing rule, we invite you to request an informal discussion.

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## **Forthcoming Water System Restructuring Rule Proposal**

END DATE: **November 15.**

The EPA has initiated consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes to obtain input into the development of the forthcoming proposed **Water System Restructuring Rule**. The WSRR is mandated under the **America's Water Infrastructure Act** of 2018. The AWIA amended the **Safe Drinking Water Act** subsection 1414(h) - Consolidation Incentive, and subsections (a) and (b) of SDWA section 1413 - Primary Enforcement Responsibility, also known as "primacy."

These amendments require the EPA to promulgate a regulation which authorizes the EPA, or those entities to which the EPA has delegated primacy for the Public Water System Supervision (PWSS) program, to mandate assessments of restructuring options for public water systems. In addition, the amendments added a new mandatory assessment authority to the SDWA requirements for PWSS primacy.

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### Proposed Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review

END DATE: November 25.

The proposed Oil and Gas review rule culminates EPA's response to the [2017 Energy Independence Executive Order](#), which called for the agency to review and, if appropriate, revise the 2012 and 2016 [New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry](#).

The 2016 rule established NSPS for volatile organic compound emissions and greenhouse gas emissions from various equipment throughout the industry, including fugitive emissions at well sites and compressor stations. From this review, EPA is now proposing to remove regulatory duplication and rescind the methane requirements of the NSPS, while maintaining health and environmental protections from appropriately identified emission sources within the regulated source category.

In this action, EPA is specifically proposing: to remove sources in the transmission and storage segment from the source category and rescind the NSPS requirements applicable to those sources in the 2012 and 2016 NSPS; and rescind the methane requirements of the NSPS applicable to sources in the production and processing segments. As an alternative to these proposed actions, EPA is proposing to rescind the methane requirements of the NSPS applicable to all oil and natural gas sources without removing any sources from the source category. The agency also is seeking comment on alternative interpretations of EPA's legal authority to regulate pollutants under section 111(b) of the Clean Air Act.

We recognize that numerous oil and gas affected facilities are located throughout Indian country. If you believe your tribe could be affected by these proposed actions, EPA invites you to consult prior to the agency issuing the final rule. Additionally, if your tribe has questions about the proposed Oil and Natural Gas rule, we invite you to request an informal discussion.

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### 2020 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment

END DATE: November 28.

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with tribes to obtain input on the proposed design and approach for the agency's forthcoming *2020 Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment*. The 2020 endeavor will include surveying the 20-year infrastructure investment needs of public water supply systems owned or operated by tribes.

EPA's most recent effort to survey and assess long-term infrastructure needs of tribal water systems was accomplished in a 2011 survey, with a statistical sampling of 220 of the 791 American Indian water systems and 86 of the 165 Alaska Native water systems. While the final design and approach of the 2020 survey is still being developed, the EPA is planning to conduct the effort much in the same way as the 2011 survey. The most significant change in the design from previous EPA surveys will be the inclusion of questions regarding the presence of lead service lines and the estimated cost of their replacement.

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## **Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment**

The best source of information on the design and approach of the American Indian/Alaska Native Village component of the 2020 survey effort is the “Supporting Statement” used in the EPA’s *Information Collection Request* developed for the 2011 survey, which can be found on the [regulations.gov](https://www.epa.gov/regulations.gov) website.

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## **Grants**

### **Tribal Support Cooperative Agreements**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 13.**

EPA’s **Office of Land and Emergency Management** solicits applications to provide training, technical assistance, research, and tools to build tribal capacity to implement OLEM’s programs in Indian country. The recipient will conduct two separate projects that promote discussion, collaboration, engagement, and partnership among tribes and federal agency representatives.

Project One will provide trainings, including the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, for tribal professionals on OLEM-related topics of interest to tribes including solid and hazardous waste, underground storage tanks, brownfields, emergency response, etc. Project Two will conduct research to identify Superfund issues of importance to tribes, conduct research on those issues, and disseminate the results of the research to tribes through reports and tools to support their participation in the Superfund program.

Eligible entities include tribes, tribal consortia, non-profit organizations, universities, and colleges. EPA anticipates the award of two separate cooperative agreements to one successful applicant. The total estimated value for the Project One agreement is \$1,150,000. In FY2020, EPA anticipates that the maximum value will not exceed \$230,000. The total estimated value for the Project Two agreement is \$1,300,000. In FY20, EPA anticipates that the maximum value will not exceed \$250,000. For details, check out EPA’s [Office of Land and Emergency Management Grants and Funding](https://www.epa.gov/office-of-land-and-emergency-management/grants-and-funding) website.

### **Tribal Pesticide Program Council Technical Support**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 20.**

EPA is soliciting applications to provide technical support for the [Tribal Pesticide Program Council](https://www.epa.gov/tribal-pesticide-program-council) as it works to protect public health and strengthen tribal pesticide programs. The TPPC informs tribes of pesticide issues and promotes pesticide education and awareness. The TPPC also provides a forum for tribal pesticide and environmental officials to share information, raise tribal pesticide program implementation issues to EPA, and offer input on national pesticide policy that affects tribes.

The recipient of the cooperative agreement will provide administrative support to the TPPC, help identify high-priority pesticide-related areas of tribal interest, assist the TPPC with comments to new rulemaking or issue papers, and develop an effective outreach program to interact with tribal and non-tribal pesticide organizations.

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## **Tribal Pesticide Program Council Technical Support**

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In cooperation with the TPPC and EPA project officer, obtain, develop, deliver and/or facilitate pesticide-related training for the TPPC, and work with EPA to develop a tribally driven agenda for tribal pesticide program needs and concerns.

The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$975,000 over a five-year period. EPA is soliciting applications from states, any agency exclusive of local governments (includes public institutions of higher education and hospitals), Native American organizations including Indian groups, cooperatives, corporations, partnerships, and associations. Additional information is available on [EPA's Cooperative Agreement Providing Technical Support for the TPPC](#) website.

### **FY 2020 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants**

PROPOSALS DUE: **December 3.**

Grants offered by EPA's Brownfields Program may be used to address sites contaminated by hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum) and petroleum.

#### **Assessment Grants**

Assessment Grants provide funding for developing inventories of brownfield sites, prioritizing sites, conducting community involvement activities, conducting planning, conducting site assessments, developing site-specific cleanup plans, and developing reuse plans related to brownfield sites. Assessment Grant funds may not be used to conduct cleanup activities.

Applicants may apply for a Community-wide and/or a Site-specific Assessment Grant or apply as part of an Assessment Coalition.

**Community-wide Assessment Grants** are appropriate when a specific site is not identified and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on more than one brownfield site in its community. Applicants may request up to \$300,000 for hazardous substances and/or petroleum. Applicants may also apply for a Site-specific Grant, but may *not* apply as a member of a coalition.

**Site-specific Assessment Grants** are appropriate when a specific site is identified, and the applicant plans to spend grant funds on this one site only. Applicants may request up to \$200,000 for hazardous substances and/or petroleum and may request a waiver for up to \$350,000. Applicants may also apply for a Community-wide Grant, but may *not* apply as a member of a coalition.

**Assessment Coalition Grants** are for three or more eligible entities who will perform Assessment Grant activities on at least five brownfield sites within their communities. Applicants may request up to \$600,000 for hazardous substances and/or petroleum.

EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 100 Assessment Grants for an estimated \$31 million.

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## ***FY 2020 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grants***

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### **Revolving Loan Funds**

Revolving Loan Fund programs provide no-interest or low-interest loans for eligible brownfield cleanups, subgrants for cleanups, and other eligible programmatic costs necessary to manage the RLF to eligible entities to carry out cleanup activities at brownfield sites contaminated with hazardous substances and/or petroleum. The maximum amount of funding is up to \$1,000,000 for hazardous substances and/or petroleum for a project period of five years. EPA anticipates awarding an estimated eight Revolving Loan Fund Grants for an estimated \$8 million.

### **Cleanup Grants**

Cleanup Grants provide funding to carry out cleanup activities on brownfield sites owned by the applicant. The maximum amount of EPA funds that will be awarded under a Cleanup Grant is \$500,000. EPA anticipates awarding an estimated 18 Cleanup Grants for an estimated \$9 million.

Eligible entities include local governments (a county, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority including any public and Indian housing agency, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, any other regional or interstate government entity, or any agency or instrumentality of a local government), land clearance authorities, regional councils, redevelopment agencies, states, Indian tribes *other than in Alaska* (except for Metlakatla Indian Community), tribal consortia, Alaska Native Regional and Village Corporations, nonprofit organizations, and others.

Details on each of the Brownfields Program grant opportunity are available on EPA's [FY 2020 Multipurpose, Assessment, RLF, and Cleanup \(MARC\) Grant Application Resources](#) website.

## **BLM FY 2020 Management Studies Support for National Conservation Lands**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 15.**

The National Conservation Lands financially supports studies aimed at increasing the Bureau of Land Management's understanding of the resources present on BLM lands and the effectiveness of resource management decisions.

The program seeks to develop and maintain strong partnerships with state, local, and private stakeholders in shared conservation stewardship by engaging partners in conducting management-focused research on the National Conservation Lands. Results from these studies on National Conservation Lands will inform management strategies utilized throughout BLM as well as other land management entities.

Eligible entities include state, local, and tribal governments. Maximum funding amount for these cooperative agreements is \$25,000. Details are available on [grants.gov](https://www.blm.gov/grants).

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## Columbia River Basin Restoration Grant Program

APPLICATIONS DUE: **December 20.**

EPA is soliciting grant applications from organizations to develop and implement projects to reduce toxics, enhance toxics monitoring, support small-scale cleanups, and increase public education and outreach about toxics that affect the Columbia River Basin's multiple ecosystems. The grant program will implement the [Columbia River Basin Toxics Reduction Action Plan](#), the Lower Columbia River Estuary Partnership's Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan, and support EPA's goals.

The agency is issuing two Requests for Applications: one for the Lower Columbia River Estuary and one for the Middle and Upper Columbia River Basin. *Applicants may be considered under either or both RFAs.* Eligible entities include state and tribal governments, regional water pollution control organizations, local governments, non-governmental organizations, and soil and water conservation districts. The maximum application amount is \$200,000. Both RFAs and additional information, can be found on EPA's [Columbia River Basin](#) website.

EPA will host two informational webinars, and recordings will be made available.

- **November 7** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time.  
Register for the webinar on EPA's [CRBRP Grant Program Informational Webinar](#) website.
- **November 25** at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time.  
Register for the webinar on EPA's [CRBRP Grant Program Informational Webinar](#) website.





## NOAA Marine Debris Prevention Grants

LETTERS OF INTENT DUE: **November 5.**

The **N**ational **O**ceanic and **A**tmospheric **A**dministration's Marine Debris Program provides funding to prevent the introduction of marine debris into the marine and coastal environment. Projects awarded through this grant competition will actively engage and educate a target audience in hands-on programs designed to raise awareness, reduce barriers to marine debris prevention, and encourage and support changes in behaviors to ensure long-term prevention of marine debris.

Eligible applicants are state, local, tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris, and any institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial (for-profit) organization with expertise in a field related to marine debris. Typical awards will range from \$50,000 - \$150,000.

The structure for this opportunity is a two-part proposal process. Applicants must first submit a short **L**etter of **I**ntent that is reviewed by NOAA to confirm that projects are a good match for the opportunity. If the LOI is successful, the applicant is invited to submit a full proposal.

Details are available on NOAA's [Marine Debris Program Funding Opportunities](#) website. For questions about the opportunity, contact **Peter Murphy** at [peter.murphy@noaa.gov](mailto:peter.murphy@noaa.gov).

## NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants

PRE-APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 25.**

The NOAA Office of Education has issued a competitive funding opportunity for projects designed to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards and become involved in achieving that resilience.

Awards will range from \$100,000 - \$500,000. Eligible applicants are limited to institutions of higher education, K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, nonprofits (including community-based organizations and informal education institutions such as museums, zoos, and aquariums), state and local government agencies, and tribal governments. Details are available on [NOAA's Grants](#) website.

## USDA Solid Waste Management Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **December 31.**

USDA's **S**olid **W**aste **M**anagement Grant Program has been established to assist communities through free technical assistance and/or training provided by the grant recipients. Qualified organizations will receive SWM grant funds to reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas.

Funds may be used for evaluating current landfill conditions, providing technical assistance and training to enhance operator skills, training to help communities reduce solid waste, future land use plans, and other activities.

Eligible entities include state governments, local governments, federally recognized tribes, nonprofits, and academic institutions. The award ceiling is \$1,000,000. The funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](#).

## FEMA 2019 Grants for Hazard Mitigation Assistance

APPLICATIONS DUE: January 31, 2020.

### Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant

The Flood Mitigation Assistance (FMA) Program makes federal funds available to states, U.S territories, tribal governments, and local communities to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program. In FY 2019, the FMA Program will prioritize proposals that address community flood risk. FEMA will seek to fund advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects, and mitigation projects that address community flood risk. For details, check out FEMA's [Flood Mitigation Assistance Grant 2019](#) website.

### Pre-Disaster Mitigation Funding

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes federal funds available to state, local and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters. This program awards planning and project grants and provides opportunities for raising public awareness about reducing future losses before disaster strikes. Mitigation planning is a key process used to break the cycle of disaster damage, reconstruction, and repeated damage.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 to states and territories, and a tribal set aside of \$20 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for tribal governments to support overall 16 mitigation planning and projects. FEMA requires state, territorial, tribal, and local governments to develop and adopt hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for PDM mitigation projects. For more information, check out FEMA's [Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant 2019](#) website.

## Training & Technical Assistance

*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. EPA can neither attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites nor endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications.*

### Sensor Technology

**November 19-21, Las Vegas, NV**

This ITEP course will introduce participants to the uses and operation of low-cost air quality sensors. After taking the course, participants should be able to understand and implement sensors as a screening tool for their communities. This will include the ability to create and implement a network plan, as well as the ability to capture and present data.

In order to be selected for this course, applicants need a basic understanding of air quality. If you have no background in air quality, you will need to complete a self-paced online course, offered by EPA's Air Pollution Training Institute. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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## Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

**November 19-22**, 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 agencies, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. Details and registration information are available on the [ACTEM website](#).

## Rural Alaska Landfill Operator

**December 2-6**, Kotzebue, AK

The RALO course is offered by the Alaska Forum, Inc. and is for the designated landfill operator and administrator in a community 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. This training will include Rural Alaska Landfill Operator training, household hazardous waste training, and Freon removal certification. Details are available on the Alaska Forum's [RALO – Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training, 2019-2020](#) website.

## Air Quality in Alaska Communities

**December 3-6**, Bethel, AK

This is an entry-level ITEP course for environmental staff from tribes in 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 (outdoors and indoors) for the protection of human health and the total environment. Attendance is encouraged from environmental, housing, and health departments.

Instructors and participants will explore ways in which Alaska Native communities can take action to solve air quality problems, protect human health, and preserve cultural values. This 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 IAQ problems. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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## Region 10 Alaska IGAP Grant Workshop

**December 10-12**, Anchorage, AK

EPA Region 10 is offering an Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grant workshop at Alaska Pacific University. The workshop is for tribes and tribal consortia focused on developing mentor relationships, long-term planning, developing FY 2021 IGAP workplans and budgets, and encouraging collaborative solutions and best practices. Registration information is available on the EPA's [2019 Alaska IGAP Workshop](#) website.

If you also plan to attend ATCEM, a preview session to this IGAP Grant Workshop will be offered the day before ATCEM begins on Monday, **November 18** at 2:15 p.m. in the Chart Room of the Hilton Hotel. This pre-ATCEM afternoon session will outline improvements to EPA's IGAP training approach. EPA will share important preparatory materials that participants will need for the December 10-12 IGAP Grant Workshop. With this important information in hand, it is our hope that initial thoughts on FY21 workplan elements and collaborative solutions will come into focus.

For more information about the IGAP Grant Workshop and the pre-ATCEM session, contact **Santina Gay** by email at [gay.santina@epa.gov](mailto:gay.santina@epa.gov).

## GIS for Air Quality

**December 16-18**, Las Vegas, NV

This ITEP course will provide tribal environmental professionals with the skills needed to map and interpret air quality-related data using Geographic Information System software. Participants will learn to integrate a variety of data (including Access and Excel file formats) into a GIS project.

Prior GIS experience is not required, but basic computer skills are necessary. Participants will be able to progress at their own pace through a series of computer exercises designed to use GIS for real-world applications. Applicants need a working knowledge of air quality terms and concepts and must have completed prerequisites (or have equivalent training/experience) prior to attending. Details are available on ITEP's [Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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## Federal Facilities Academy

The Federal Facilities Academy is a voluntary training program developed for EPA remedial project managers, project managers from other federal agencies, state government, and tribal groups who work on federal facility Superfund cleanups. There are 11 webinars and one in-person training available, covering such topics as *Community Involvement at Federal Facilities*, *Coordinating with Tribes at Federal Facilities*, and *Groundwater Policy Overview*. Details are available on the [Trainex](#) website.

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December 10-12, 2019

Alaska Pacific University  
Anchorage, Alaska

# SAVE THE DATE!

## 2019 US EPA Alaska IGAP Workshop

Dear Alaska Tribes and Consortia:

This December, EPA Region 10 will offer a workshop for Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP) grantees focused on developing mentor relationships, long-term planning, developing FY21 workplans and budgets, and encouraging collaborative solutions and best practices among Tribal government and Inter-Tribal consortia. Please join us!

For more information, check out EPA's [2019 Alaska IGAP Workshop](#) website.

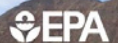
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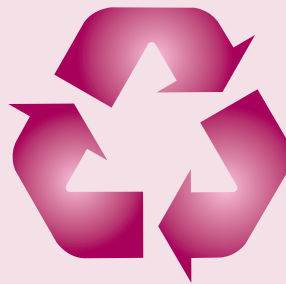
## ***Pop Quiz Answer from Page 1***

**What are some of the benefits of recycling?**

***The benefits of recycling include the following:***

1. Recycling reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills and incinerators.
2. Recycling conserves natural resources and prevents pollution.
3. Recycling saves energy.
4. Recycling creates jobs in recycling and manufacturing.

Check out EPA's [Recycling Basics](#) website for more ideas about how recycling can make a difference for our planet.





## Calendar of Events

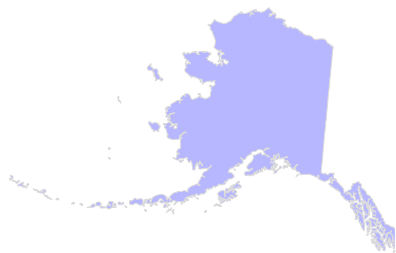
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- 5-7 **Tribal Environmental Data and Technology Academy.** Flagstaff, AZ  
<http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org/tribalconferencedetails.html>
- 7 **Columbia River Basin Grant Program Informational Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://bit.ly/32HI9TO>
- 8 **Redevelopment Academy Webinar: Pulling Back the Curtain – How Developers Make Money.**  
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/RE-DA3>
- 13 **Contaminated Sediments Virtual Workshop Session 3 – Remediation Technologies.**  
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/live>
- 19 **Arctic and Western Alaska Area Committee Meeting.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www.alaskarrt.org>
- 19-21 **National Tribal Water Council Meeting.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/ntwc>
- 19-21 **Sensor Technology.** Las Vegas, NV • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 18 **Pre-ATCEM EPA Opening IGAP Session: Training Opportunities and FY 2021 Funding Information.**  
2:15 – 4:00 p.m. Alaska Time. Chart Room, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage, AK  
Contact: **Santina Gay** at [gay.santina@epa.gov](mailto:gay.santina@epa.gov)
- 19-22 **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management.** Anchorage, AK • [www.atcemak.com](http://www.atcemak.com)
- 20 **Contaminated Sediments Virtual Workshop Session 4 – Long-Term Monitoring.**  
10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/live>
- 25 **Columbia River Basin Grant Program Informational Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://bit.ly/2oeHTWq>
- 26 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 27 **Monthly IGAP Networking Call.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <https://bit.ly/2GRKy4f>

### December

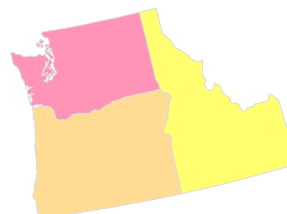
- 2-6 **Rural Alaska Landfill Operator.** Kotzebue, AK • <https://bit.ly/33TOH1E>
- 3-5 **BIA Tribal Providers Conference.** Anchorage, AK • <https://biaprovidersconference.org>
- 3-6 **Air Quality in Alaska Native Communities.** Bethel, AK  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 10-12 **IGAP Grants Management Workshop.** Anchorage, AK  
<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/2019-alaska-igap-workshop>
- 11-13 **Brownfields 2019.** Los Angeles, CA • <https://brownfields2019.org>
- 16-18 **GIS for Air Quality.** 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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To report a possible environmental violation, submit information online to the EPA at <https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>.

