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Top News

Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Spaces

EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued a [Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Public Spaces, Workplaces, Businesses, Schools and Homes](#) to help facility operators and families properly clean and disinfect spaces. Developed in concert with the White House, the guidance provides step-by-step instructions and is in line with the [Guidelines for Opening Up America Again](#).

EPA's expertise on the safe and effective use of disinfectants against the virus that causes COVID-19 informed the development of this comprehensive plan. The guidance offers a practical planning process for preparing spaces.

Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces are an important two-step process to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. Use soap and water to remove germs, dirt, and impurities from surfaces. It lowers the risk of spreading infection. Then use disinfectant products to kill germs on surfaces. By killing germs on a surface *after cleaning*, it can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

EPA offers a [list of disinfectant products](#), including ready-to-use sprays, concentrates, and wipes, that can be used against COVID-19 – and the agency just released a web-based application tool, [List N Tool](#) that allows smart phone users and others to quickly identify disinfectant products that meet EPA's criteria for use against SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

The guidance does not replace other measures that still need to be taken to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19. It is important to continue to practice social distancing, wear cloth face coverings, and wash your hands frequently. As we move forward to reopen America, continue to follow federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local guidance.

6 Steps for Safe & Effective Disinfectant Use



Step 1: Check that your product is EPA-approved

Find the EPA registration number on the product. Then, check to see if it is on EPA's list of approved disinfectants at: epa.gov/listn



Step 2: Read the directions

Follow the product's directions. Check "use sites" and "surface types" to see where you can use the product. Read the "precautionary statements."

Step 3: Pre-clean the surface

Make sure to wash the surface with soap and water if the directions mention pre-cleaning or if the surface is visibly dirty.



Step 4: Follow the contact time

You can find the contact time in the directions. The surface should remain wet the whole time to ensure the product is effective.

Step 5: Wear gloves and wash your hands

For disposable gloves, discard them after each cleaning. For reusable gloves, dedicate a pair to disinfecting COVID-19. Wash your hands after removing the gloves.



Step 6: Lock it up

Keep lids tightly closed and store out of reach of children.

coronavirus.gov

View this poster in full size at <https://go.usa.gov/xwvjv> [Opens PDF]

The Importance of Recycling and Proper Disposal of PPE

EPA is encouraging all Americans to recycle materials from their households and properly dispose of **personal protective equipment** during the COVID-19 pandemic. Americans are staying home, getting more deliveries in cardboard boxes, eating at home, and generating more material than normal, much of which can be recycled.

Recycled materials are used to make new products as well as the boxes and other essential supplies that are shipped in for the everyday needs of hospitals, grocery stores, pharmacies and homes. Currently, businesses that normally recycle large amounts of paper and cardboard are not able to do that due to the impacts from the coronavirus health crisis. Household recycling is more essential than ever.

EPA encourages households to do their part – recycle more and recycle correctly so the right materials are available for U.S. manufacturers.

- Check with your local recycling hauler to see what materials they accept right now and recycle what you can from your home.
- Break down shipping and food boxes, rinse out containers and cans, keep them dry and clean, and put them in your recycling bin or drop them off for recycling.

Important! Keep disinfectant wipes, gloves, masks, other PPE, and medical waste out of recycling bins. Do not litter disinfectant wipes, masks, gloves or other PPE, instead put them securely in a trash can and follow local trash and Center for Disease Control guidelines.

EPA sends out heartfelt thanks to recycling workers for providing this essential service. This important work creates jobs and the containers, packaging, and products needed, while keeping the public safe and healthy. For more information, check out the press release - [EPA Stresses the Importance of Recycling and Proper Disposal of Personal Protective Equipment](#).

GAP Grant Flexibilities Due to COVID-19

Last month, director of EPA's American Indian Environmental Office Scott Mason sent an email message to all tribal leaders and tribal environmental directors across the country acknowledging tribal concerns about COVID-19 impacts to Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants. The message stated that AIEO is working proactively and closely with EPA's grants and regional offices to address questions and is working to provide the maximum flexibility permitted by law to continue financial assistance support to tribes and other grant recipients.

For GAP grant recipients, this means the following:

- Tribal staff may continue to conduct GAP workplan activities while teleworking. If your current workplan activities are not suitable for telework, you may work with your project officer to re-negotiate some or portions of your workplan.
- GAP grant recipients may request an extension of your project period.
- AIEO obtained a class exception that allows the agency to extend existing GAP assistance agreements beyond four years. Under this class exception, recipients of stand-alone GAP grants may extend their agreements for up to twelve months from their scheduled date of expiration, even when the extension puts the grant into a fifth year.

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GAP Grant Flexibilities Due to COVID-19

EPA's *Frequently Asked Questions on Grant Issues in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency* is available on the [Frequent Questions About Grants and Coronavirus](#) website.

While the FAQs address general policies and practices, individual work plan and award situations may be different for each tribe's unique situation and personnel policies. We encourage you to [contact your EPA project officer](#) to address specific questions or concerns. To receive updates on grant issues, subscribe to the [EPA Grants Update Listserv](#).

June is Healthy Homes Month – Training and Tools Available

National Healthy Homes Month is an opportunity to learn about healthy homes and provide outreach in your community. This year's theme is *Healthy Housing for All*, focused on the importance of safe and healthy living in your home, highlighting the connection between your indoor environment and your health.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development sponsors a [National Healthy Homes Month](#) website featuring tools and outreach materials like the new [Tribal Healthy Homes Guides](#) for families, tribal leadership, and medical and housing professionals. See the tips below from the new Tribal Healthy Homes Guides to keep your home healthy and safe.

In Region 10, there are two partner organizations that develop and share tribal healthy housing resources. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium's [Healthy Homes Program](#) provides trainings, a checklist, tip sheets, and a helpful [educational video](#). The [Tribal Healthy Homes Network](#), hosted by the Tulalip Tribes in Washington, creates

outreach tools such as their Resident Education Calendar, recorded webinars, policy tools – and they recently posted information on safe cleaning and disinfecting.

The [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals](#) provides indoor air and healthy homes trainings, and is offering an [on-line course on indoor air quality](#). Finally, if you're engaged in indoor air quality in your community and interested in connecting with other tribes, consider joining the National Tribal Air Association's [Indoor Air Quality Workgroup](#).

Keep Your Home Healthy and Safe				
Every Day	Every Week	Every Month	Every 6 Months	Every Year
 Turn on the bathroom fan while taking a bath or shower.	 Change and wash bedding.	 Check your air filter and replace if necessary. (Replace every 3 months).	 Clean your gutters of leaves and debris.	 Treat deck/patio for mold and mildew.
 Put trash in garbage cans (do not allow to build up).	 Vacuum (with HEPA filter) carpeting and sweep/wet clean floors.	 Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors (change batteries every 6 months).	 Clean your kitchen exhaust fan and filter.	 Deep clean and inspect your basement.
 Wipe countertops in the kitchen, bathroom and laundry room.	 Clean bathrooms and kitchens.	 Trim trees and bushes. Clear leaves and debris from around your home and roof.	 Test your GFCI outlets.	 Inspect screens and replace any that have holes.
 Keep floors dry and clean.	 Remove clutter. Dust surfaces of furniture and blinds.	 Check for water leaks, inspect sump pump (if applicable).	 Check all locks and deadbolts on your doors and windows.	 Inspect roof for cracks, leaks, or broken shingles/tiles.



Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

Avoid Unnecessary Open Burning on Reservations During Pandemic

The COVID-19 virus is burdening tribal communities across our region, threatening respiratory health, and impacting community wellbeing. EPA Region 10 is concerned about tribal communities and recommends avoiding open burning and the use of prescribed fire during the pandemic.

By preventing unnecessary exposures to smoke, we can help protect susceptible communities. Smoke irritates the lungs of all individuals, even healthy people, may cause symptoms that could be incorrectly attributed to COVID-19, and can have grave effects on those with compromised health, including those who are currently ill with COVID-19.

Many Region 10 tribal, federal, state, and local partners have already taken steps to stop outdoor and prescribed burning during the pandemic, and others have requested that everyone avoid unnecessary burning and instead pursue alternatives. Tribal governments may have already issued restrictions or offered additional guidance for the public to consult or consider. If burning cannot be postponed, please take steps to reduce your exposure to smoke.

By not burning, you will be helping members of your community, local fire departments, and first responders. Fire departments and first responders are doing everything they can to protect their own health, so that they are ready to protect you if needed. Instead of outdoor burning of any type, please consider postponing or cancelling your burn. EPA's [Burn Bans on Indian Reservations in ID, OR, and WA](#) website lists alternatives to waste disposal that you can consider during this time.

Smoke Ready Communities Week — June 15-20

The Northwest Air Quality Communicators and Region 10 tribes are preparing communities in the Pacific Northwest to become “smoke ready” this summer. EPA Region 10 participates in the Northwest Air Quality Communicators, a consortium of communicators from federal, state, provincial, tribal, and local air quality and health organizations. The partners aim to develop community strategies through education and outreach to minimize smoke exposure during wildfires, prescribed fires, home wood heating, vegetation burning, and industry emissions.

The group will use the hashtag **#SmokeReady2020** on social media to unify the event. Daily themes during the week are as follows:

- **Monday:** Measuring Our Community's Air Quality.
- **Tuesday:** Wildland Fire Smoke.
- **Wednesday:** Explain Our Community's Health Risk.
- **Thursday:** How to Minimize Your Community's Smoke Exposure.
- **Friday:** Decreasing Smoke Exposure on a Yearly Timeframe.
- **Saturday:** Participate in a Community Event.



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Smoke Ready Communities Week — June 15-20

Smoke Ready resources that you can use in your community during #SmokeReady2020 include the following:

- EPA's [Smoke Ready Toolbox for Wildfires](#) website.
- ITEP and EPA's [Air Quality Planning for Wildfire Smoke](#) recorded webinar.
- Training materials from the 2017 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality [Smoke Ready Communities](#) website.
- Tribal Healthy Homes Network's [Indoor Air Quality and Public Health During Wildfire and Smoke Events](#) website.

For more information about Smoke Ready Communities Week, contact **Kris Ray** with the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation at 509-634-2418 or email Kris.ray@colvilletribes.com.

Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Bloom App and Email List

[Cyanobacterial Harmful Algal Blooms](#) can appear in water bodies as an indicator of poor water quality and can potentially cause serious environmental – and human and aquatic health effects. Historically, monitoring these HABs has been labor intensive and limited due to cost, time, and logistical constraints.

However, EPA developed a mobile app to help local and state water quality managers make faster and better-informed management decisions related to cyanobacterial blooms. The CyAN mobile app provides an easy to use, customizable interface for accessing algal bloom satellite data for over 2,000 of the largest lakes and reservoirs in the U.S.

The [CyAN mobile app](#) is free and available for download on Google Play™. It is designed for use on Android™ devices and is compatible with versions 4.2-9.0. It is currently being developed as a web-based app, which will be compatible with most devices.

The CyAN mobile app is currently only made for users in the lower 48 states. If tribal environmental programs, including users in Alaska, would like access to the CyAN data layers underlying the app, please contact [Rochelle Labiosa](#) to arrange a time to review the data access and analysis procedures with the principal investigators. As a courtesy, access to the data can be provided preliminarily to state and tribal government environmental programs to become familiar with it prior to the wider public release.



For more information on ambient water HAB issues and questions - including recreational issues in Region 10, please contact **Rochelle Labiosa** at 206-553-1172 or Labiosa.rochelle@epa.gov. For information on drinking water HAB issues in Region 10, contact **Cyndi Grafe** at 208-378-5771 or grafe.cyndi@epa.gov.

EPA's national HABs coordinator, **Lesley Danglada** offers an email list for those interested in freshwater cyanoHABs. Content shared through the email list includes upcoming events, new publications, and other relevant information. To join the email list, send an email to Lesley at danglada.lesley@epa.gov.

Tribes Selected in Oregon and Washington for Brownfields Funding

A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. EPA's Brownfields Program is designed to empower states, communities, and other stakeholders in economic redevelopment to work together in a timely manner to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. There are estimated to be more than 450,000 brownfields in the U.S.

Nationwide, [151 communities and tribes](#) were selected to receive EPA brownfields funding through [Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup Grant Programs](#). In Region 10, one tribe in Oregon and one tribe in Washington were among those selected.

In Oregon, EPA selected Coquille Indian Tribe/Mith-Ih-Kwuh Economic Development Corporation for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Site-specific grant funds will be used to conduct a Phase II environmental site assessment at the Ko'Kwel Wharf Property in the City of North Bend. Grant funds will also be used to conduct cleanup and reuse planning activities and to support community outreach activities.

In Washington, EPA selected the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe for a Brownfields Assessment Grant. Community-wide grant funds will be used to conduct up to five Phase I and up to five Phase II environmental site assessments. Grant funds will also be used to enhance and maintain a brownfields inventory, develop four cleanup plans, and support community outreach activities.

To learn about opportunities in Region 10, check out the [Brownfields in Region 10](#) website.



Alaska News

Alaskan Winner of Presidential Environmental Youth Award

EPA's Presidential Environmental Youth Award recognizes outstanding environmental projects by K-12 youth to promote awareness of natural resources and encourage positive community involvement. EPA's Region 10 winner of the [President's Environmental Youth Award](#) this year is Anna DeVold, a 9th grader at the Connections Homeschool Program in the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District of Alaska.

Anna designed the [Promote Our Pollinators](#) program to educate her community about bees and other pollinators, why their numbers are declining and ways to promote pollinator population growth. Anna has held POP "make and take presentations" in schools, libraries, and community centers and she distributed POP promotional items, such as reusable tote bags and plant stakes. Check out the resources she created to engage her community including a flier, activity book, [website](#), as well as Facebook and Twitter pages.



For youth interested in learning about how to apply for next year's award, check out EPA's [President's Environmental Youth Award](#) website.



To locate Brownfields sites in Alaska, visit <https://dec.alaska.gov/spar/csp/brownfields/locate>.

New Alaska Brownfields Website

The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation recently updated its [Brownfields in Alaska](#) website to better assist tribes, local governments, and other community stakeholders address brownfields in their area.

The new website features more information about common types of brownfields in Alaska, summaries of DEC brownfields projects, and searchable maps and datasets to help locate brownfields across the state. The updated site features a new [webmap](#) (see image above) that highlights all state and tribal response programs in Alaska, with links to their respective brownfields programs.

The site also identifies potential funding opportunities and technical resources offered by both DEC and EPA, including DEC Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup services.

To learn more about the DEC Brownfields Program, check out the [updated website](#) or contact **Lisa Griswold** at lisa.griswold@alaska.gov or **Marc Thomas** at marc.thomas@alaska.gov.



RTOC



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

June 18 • Conference Call

July 16 • Conference Call

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

COVID-19 Impacts to Upcoming RTOC Events

The **2020 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit (TELS)** scheduled for September 23-25 in Anchorage, Alaska is **cancelled**. However, the Region 10 RTOC is modifying their work plan to include monthly digital events and other creative endeavors such as training workshops, digital storytelling, podcast creation and high-profile guest speakers for an online TELS lineup. Please stay tuned to our website and social media for further announcements on these exciting, new developments!

All **in-person RTOC meetings are cancelled** until further notice, however conference calls will continue as scheduled on the third Thursday of the month.

Stay Engaged with RTOC

- RTOC will soon be announcing open positions for employment and contractor services. They are seeking an administrative assistant, and hiring contractors for communications specialists, including digital events coordination, podcasters and video production. Job descriptions and instructions on how to apply will be posted soon to the RTOC website and social media - and shared with EPA.
- [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 Administrator, Randi Madison.

CONTACT: **Randi Madison**, RTOC Administrator • randi@region10rtoc.net



Tribal Consultation

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

Guiding Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations

END DATE: July 13.

In 2004, Congress directed all federal agencies to consult with corporations established by the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act in 1971 “on the same basis as Indian tribes under Executive Order No. 13175.” EPA has a long history of engaging with ANCSA corporations on matters for which it consults with federally recognized tribes in Alaska and now seeks to formalize this process.

EPA is proposing to consult with ANCSA corporations on any regulatory action that has substantial direct effects on an ANCSA corporation and imposes significant compliance costs. EPA invites you and your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. A *Guiding Principles for Consulting with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Corporations* (Guiding Principles) document establishes principles relevant to consulting with ANCSA corporations. The Guiding Principles document, and the proposed consultation process is available on the EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#) website.

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Proposed Renewal of EPA's Pesticide General Permit

END DATE: July 24.

EPA is offering tribal consultation on the proposed renewal of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Pesticide General Permit under the Clean Water Act. The EPA renews this permit every five years, and the current PGP is scheduled to expire on October 31, 2021.

The EPA's PGP regulates discharges of biological pesticides and chemical pesticides that leave a residue in Waters of the United States. The PGP covers pesticide discharges from the following pesticide use patterns: (1) mosquito and other flying insect pest control, (2) weed and algae control, (3) animal pest control, and (4) forest canopy pest control. Additional information about the PGP can be found on EPA's [NPDES Pesticide Permitting](#) website.

An informational webinar for tribes will be held on June 9, at 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time. Please register on the [Webinar for Tribes on the Proposed Renewal of the PGP](#) website.

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Draft Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country

END DATE: August 3.

The *Draft EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country* (EPA Plan) is a plan for the certification of applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country based on the certification requirements enumerated at 40 CFR Part 171. The EPA Plan allows the use of RUPs in those areas of Indian country not covered by any other EPA-approved certification plan.

This opportunity was extended to August 3 (originally the end date was May 1). ➡ *Continued*

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Draft Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country

EPA administers routine maintenance activities associated with the implementation of this *EPA Plan*, including application processing, database management and recordkeeping, and conducting inspections and enforcement actions as appropriate. During consultation, EPA will review the new standards and requirements for state, tribal, and federal agency certification programs for pesticide applicators when applying restricted use pesticides. To learn more, check out EPA's [Federal Certification to Apply Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country](#) website.

A tribal consultation session will be offered on **July 15 at 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time**. To join by phone call **1-866-299-3188**, enter conference code **202-566-0603**. Join as a guest to access the webinar on EPA's Adobe Connect [Session 3: Draft EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country](#) website.

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Grants

National Tribal Toxics Council Technical Support

APPLICATIONS DUE: **June 15.**

EPA is seeking applications from states, federally recognized tribes, Native American organizations, and non-government organizations to provide technical support for the [National Tribal Toxics Council](#).

The NTTC works collaboratively with EPA to represent tribal interests in the development and implementation of chemical risk assessment, risk management, and pollution prevention programs.



EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement for approximately \$800,000 over a five-year period that will focus on the following activities.

- Assist federally recognized tribes, Alaska Native Villages, and intertribal organizations in selecting and maintaining a geographically diverse membership with a diversity of relevant and technical expertise in the NTTC.
- Assist the NTTC in maintaining a viable charter that covers activities eligible for EPA funding and fulfilling the objectives of that charter.
- Provide professional and technical support to the NTTC to conduct its meetings and other activities.

Details are available on EPA's [National Tribal Toxics Council \(NTTC\) Technical Support RFA](#) website



State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program/COVID-19 Projects

APPLICATIONS DUE: **June 30.**

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, EPA is making \$1 million in grant funding to help local environmental justice communities address COVID-19 concerns faced by low-income and minority communities. Through the State Environmental Justice Cooperative Agreement Program, EPA will provide funds to states, local governments, tribes, and U.S. territories to work collaboratively with environmental justice communities to understand, promote and integrate approaches to provide meaningful and measurable improvements to public health and the environment.

The grant funding will be used to support public education, training, and emergency planning for communities impacted by COVID-19. Projects could include sharing information related to EPA-approved disinfectants to combat COVID-19; addressing increased exposure of residents to in-home pollutants and healthy housing issues; and training community health workers.

EPA anticipates awarding five grants of approximately \$200,000 each for up to a two-year period. The agency encourages applicants to develop innovative plans and processes to conduct effective outreach to underserved communities, especially in places where internet access may not be readily available to all residents. Details on this funding opportunity are available on EPA's [Environmental Justice](#) website.

DOE Energy Technology Deployment on Tribal Lands

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 1.**

The Department of Energy's Office of Indian Energy is soliciting applications from tribes, including Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, intertribal organizations, and tribal energy development organizations to:

- Install energy generating systems and energy efficiency measures for tribal buildings.
- Deploy community-scale energy generating systems or energy storage on tribal lands.
- Install integrated energy systems for autonomous operation to power single or multiple essential tribal facilities during emergency situations or for tribal community resilience.
- Deploy energy infrastructure and integrated energy systems to electrify tribal buildings.

The intended results of the 50% cost-shared projects selected under this announcement are to reduce or stabilize energy costs and increase energy security and resiliency for tribes and tribal members. DOE anticipates making approximately 6 to 12 awards for a maximum of \$2,000,000 and minimum of \$50,000. More information about this opportunity is available on [grants.gov](#).



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Tribal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 9.**

EPA has announced the availability of \$2 million in grant funding for tribal applicants. Priority is given to projects that achieve significant reduction in diesel emissions and exposure in areas designated as having poor air quality, and in areas receiving a disproportionate quantity of air pollution from diesel fleets.

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include school buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, locomotive engines, marine engines, and non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at ports or airports), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortiums) including Alaska Native Villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Under this grant competition, each applicant may request up to \$800,000 in federal funding. Application materials and eligibility information is available on EPA's [DERA Tribal Grants](#) webpage.

Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities

APPLICATIONS DUE: **July 14.**

Anaerobic Digestion is an alternative to landfills that results in environmental benefits in the form of renewable energy (biogas) and a product that can improve soil health (digestate). EPA is seeking applications for projects from states, tribes, territories and non-profit organizations to help reduce food loss and waste and divert food waste from landfills by expanding anaerobic digester capacity in the U.S.

All applications must achieve one or more of the following objectives:

- Support state, tribal or local government programs that seek to use AD to increase their organic waste diversion rates or support other sustainability goals.
- Demonstrate or implement solutions or approaches for increasing AD utilization that can be replicated by other communities or governments.
- Establish new or expand existing partnerships that result in the development of AD capacity.

EPA anticipates awarding 10 to 40 cooperative agreements. Individual grant awards may potentially be in the range of \$50,000-\$300,000. Details are available on EPA's [Sustainable Materials Management 2020 Anaerobic Digestion Funding Opportunity](#) website.

Training & Technical Assistance

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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.

Indoor Air Quality – Instructor Led Online Course

June 8-July 17, Online

This entry-level ITEP course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, and tips for solving IAQ problems.

Instruction will include online video recordings, reading materials, webinars, and live discussion groups. The cohort will convene one live webinar followed by discussion groups every two weeks, with supplementary learning activities completed on the participant's own time. Participants will be required to complete group discussions, activities, and assignments in order to receive their certificate of completion. Details are available on ITEP's [Training](#) website.

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Environmental Worker Training - Distance Delivered Classes

Workplace Ergonomics and Hazard Communication, June 9

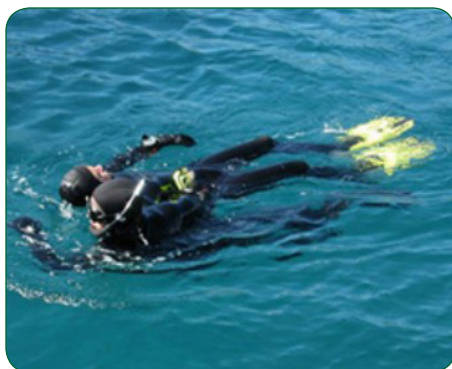
Workers in rural Alaska are exposed to a variety of workplace hazards. These trainings will provide an opportunity to learn how to protect yourself from workplace hazards.

Backhaul Technician Training, June 23-26

This course provides a comprehensive awareness of a backhaul with an emphasis on worker health and safety.

For more information, check out the [Alaska Forum's Environmental Training and Apprenticeship Program](#) website.

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EPA divers practice open water rescue techniques.

EPA Diver Training

September 21-25, Pensacola, FL

EPA hosts [Diver Training](#) that's catered to those needing to conduct scientific and light work diving. Every year EPA offers the class to federal, tribal, state, and local government divers with a work-related need at no-cost, to meet EPA's and our partners program needs. Training includes SCUBA, tethered SCUBA, and surface supply introduction with rescue skills training.

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Federal Facilities Online Academy

Available through **September 14**

This training program has been developed for EPA Remedial Project Managers, project managers from other federal agencies, state government, and tribal groups who work on federal facility Superfund cleanups. To obtain a certificate upon completion of the entire series, please participate in all 12 courses, 11 webinars, and 1 in-person training. To register for upcoming sessions or view archived sessions, check out the [Trainex](#) website.

Calendar of Events

June

- 8 - July 17** ITEP Indoor Air Quality Instructor Led Online Course.
http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_iago
- 9** Alaska Forum's Distance Delivered Workplace Ergonomics and Hazard Communication Training. <https://bit.ly/36VbOfc>
- 9** Informational Webinar for Tribes on the Proposed Renewal of the Pesticide General Permit. 11:30 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5553559970861187342>
- 11** Coastal Wetland Restoration and Planning: Tools for Tidal Restriction Avoidance and Removal. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://www.epa.gov/watershedacademy/coastal-webinar-series>
- 15** Superfund Task Force Listening Session: Clarification of Key Policy/ Guidance to Expedite Superfund Groundwater Remediation. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time
<https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/SFTFRec6-Tribes>
- 18** Alaska Road Dust Webinar #2: Introduction to Dust Suppressants. 10:00 a.m. Alaska Time
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/6227424260215813645>
- 18** Region 10 RTOC Conference Call. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23** Alaska Forum's Backhaul Technician Distance Delivered Training.
<https://bit.ly/36VbOfc>
- 23** Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
<http://www.leonetwork.org>

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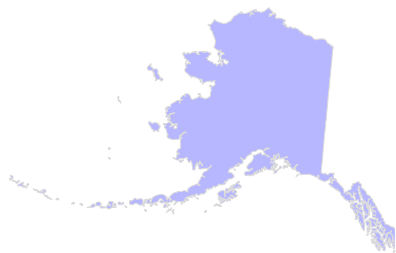
- 7** ANTHC IGAP Networking Call. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time <https://bit.ly/2GRKy4f>
- 15** **Session 3: Draft EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country.** 9:00 a.m. Pacific Time
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- 21** **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time
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- 31 – September 4** **National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference.** St. Paul, MN
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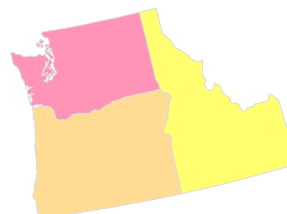
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