

EPA Region 9 Report

RTOC - April 15, 2010

► Air Division Update

Tribal Air Funding

- ▶ Region 9 received 36 applications for FY 11 tribal Clean Air Act (CAA) funding.
 - We are evaluating the applications and will notify tribes of their funding status by the end of April.
- ▶ Region 9 Tribal Air website is now live:
www.epa.gov/region9/air/tribal
- ▶ Contact: Sara Bartholomew
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Pinal Particulate Matter Redesignation (PM10 and PM2.5)

- ▶ R9 is working to redesignate Pinal County for PM10 & PM2.5.
 - Pinal County has violated the PM10 standard since 2002, and the PM2.5 standard in 2006.
- ▶ If Pinal is designated nonattainment, Pinal and ADEQ will need to develop a state implementation plan (SIP).
 - Several tribes in Pinal County will be impacted by this action.
 - Region 9 will consult with the impacted tribes before finalizing the designation boundaries.
- ▶ Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

New Ozone (O3) Standard

- ▶ On January 6, 2010 EPA proposed to strengthen the Ozone standard.
 - Proposed primary standard: .060-.070 ppm
 - Proposed secondary standard: 7-15 ppm-hours
 - 2008 standard was .075 ppm primary and secondary
- ▶ Several tribes in Region 9 submitted comments by the March 22, 2010 deadline.
- ▶ Many Region 9 tribes may be impacted.
- ▶ EPA will issue final standards by August 31, 2010.
- ▶ Attainment and nonattainment recommendations from Tribes and States on the new standard will be due January 2011.
- ▶ Designations process will be completed by August 2011.
- ▶ Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

BART Determination for Navajo Power Plants

- ▶ EPA is responsible for determining the Best Available Retrofit Technology (BART) for two coal-fired power plants on Navajo Nation.
- ▶ In August 2009, EPA issued an Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking requesting public comment on visibility improvements and cost effectiveness.
- ▶ EPA is aware of the concerns of many Arizona tribes related to the Central Arizona Project and has consulted with Navajo Nation, the Hopi Tribe, Ak-Chin Indian Community, and Gila River Indian Community.
- ▶ Consultation is pending with Pascua Yaqui, Fort McDowell, and Tohono O'odham.
- ▶ BART proposals published in summer 2010 (anticipated).
 - There will be a lengthy public comment period, public hearings, and public information meetings.
- ▶ Contact: Anita Lee, lee.anita@epa.gov.

New Air Toxics Requirements

- ▶ EPA is required to develop air toxics regulations for 70 categories of area sources.
- ▶ **66** rules have been issued to date
 - **47** of those have been issued just since 2006.
 - The remaining **4** will be issued by the end of 2010
- ▶ Sources must comply within **3 years** of rule issuance
- ▶ Contact: Roberta Blank, blank.roberta@epa.gov;
<http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/arearules.html>

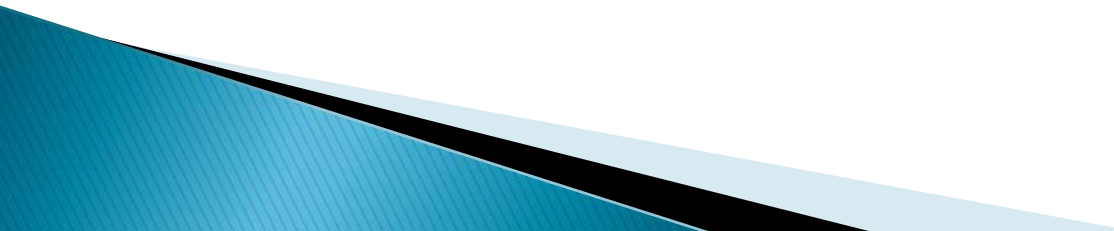
Climate Showcase Communities Grants

- ▶ Goal is to create models of sustainable community action that generate cost-effective and persistent Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reductions while improving environmental, economic, public health, or social conditions.
- ▶ Amount: \$300,000-\$500,000 per grant, possible tribal set aside.
- ▶ Next RFP: late Spring 2010.
- ▶ Contact: Penny McDaniel (415) 947-4203
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- ▶ <http://www.epa.gov/statelocalclimate/local/showcase/index.html>



▶ Communities and Ecosystems Division

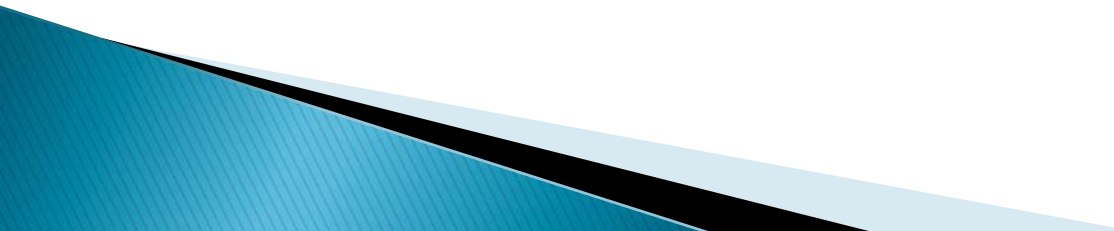
Tribal Program Office

- ▶ American Indian Environmental Office now in the Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA)
 - ▶ AIEO Interim Director Sadie Hoskie began her temporary detail from Region 8 on March 29th.
 - ▶ Michelle DePass is the Assistant Administrator of OITA.
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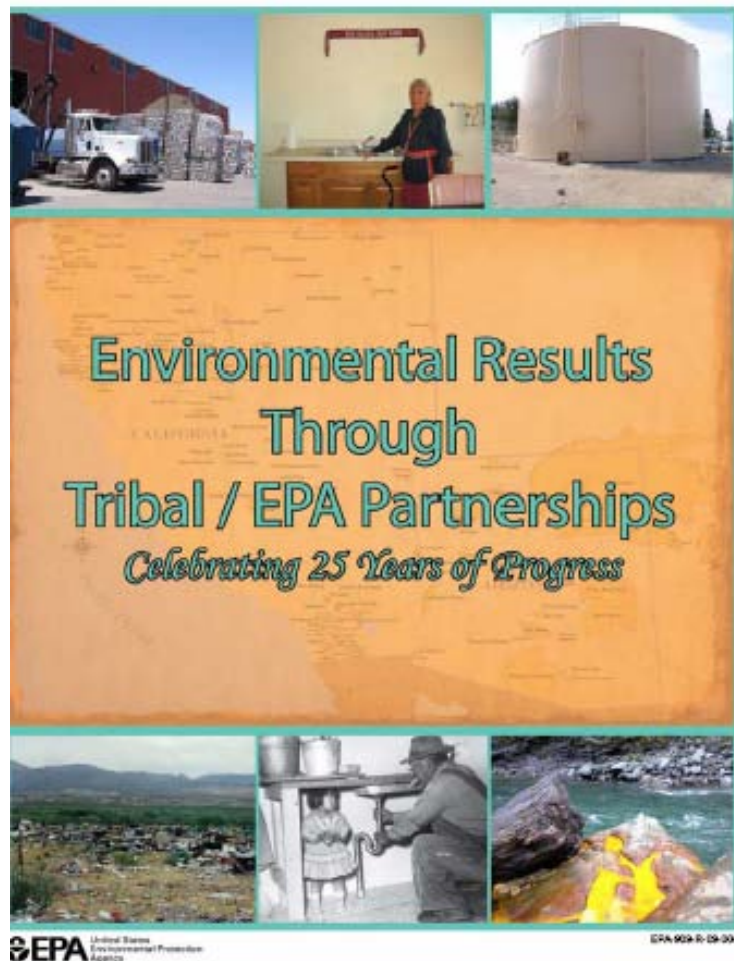
Tribal Travel Fund (TTF)

- ▶ The travel fund can support travel to RTOC meetings and training.
- ▶ The priority for utilizing the TTF was set by the Tribal Caucus as follows:
 1. Elected RTOC Representatives
 2. Tribal Leaders, Tribal Workgroup Leads, Environmental Staff, or other Tribal Staff designated by the Tribe.
- ▶ Due date for submitting travel reimbursement request form for the Summer RTOC is four weeks prior to the Summer 2010 meeting.
- ▶ Contacts
 - Rosanna Marujo, Owens Valley Indian Water Commission
 - 760-873-3300
 - Erica Yelensky, Tribal Program Office
 - 415-972-3021

Tribal Financial Training

- ▶ National PETE Training on the 10-module handbook will be occurring by webinar for those who missed in-person trainings.
 - ▶ The Trainings will occur in 1-module increments beginning on April 20 and ending on May 6.
 - ▶ For information on the webinar schedule, visit: www.petetribal.org
 - ▶ For further information, contact Veronica Swann swann.veronica@epa.gov
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FY2011 Tribal Accomplishments Report



- Please start collecting photos and stories for the FY2011 report.
- Deadline for submitting photos and stories: Mid-June 2010.
- Contact: Erica Yelensky yelensky.ERICA@epa.gov.

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/tribal/success/09>

2011 Conference Update

- ▶ Pala Band of Luiseno Mission Indians of the Pala Reservation (San Diego County) will be the site of the October 2011 Tribal EPA Conference.

EPA R9 Env. Review Office Contacts

- ▶ **US Forest Service:** Jason Gerdes, Karen Vitulano, Stephani Skophammer
- ▶ **Bureau of Reclamation:** Laura Fujii
- ▶ **BLM Mining:** Jeanne Geselbracht, Carter Jessop
- ▶ **BLM Energy:** Ann McPherson, Thomas Plenys
- ▶ **Dept. of Energy:** Ann McPherson
- ▶ **Federal Energy Regulatory Commission:** Thomas Plenys,
- ▶ **BIA:** Jason Gerdes, Karen Vitulano

For more information go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/nepa/>



Lead Program – Renovation, Repair & Painting Rule

Toxics Substances Control Act Section 402(c)(3)

Beginning 4/22/2010, new Rule applies to any contractor compensated for renovation, repair or painting activities at pre-1978 housing or child occupied facilities must be trained/certified in lead-safe work practices.

Rule applies to builders/painters/plumbers/ electricians or any business receiving compensation for renovation work (such as hardware stores that sub-contract work).

Rule applies where > 6 sq. feet of lead-based paint disturbed in room or > 20 sq. feet disturbed on exterior.



Lead Program – Renovation, Repair, & Painting Rule

Trained contractors must:

- ▶ post warning signs;
- ▶ restrict occupants from work areas;
- ▶ contain work areas to prevent dust & debris from spreading;
- ▶ provide on-site training in lead-safe work practices to uncertified workers (only one worker per site needs to be certified);
- ▶ conduct thorough cleanup & verify that cleanup was effective;
- ▶ keep required records.

Program delegation to Tribes is possible.

Suspect possible violations? Contact EPA.

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For more information visit: www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm



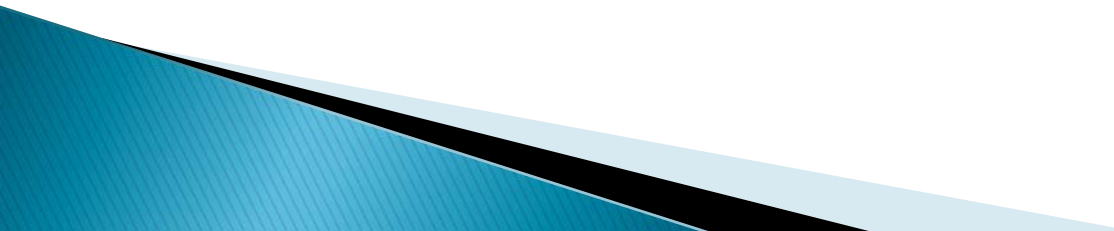
U.S. – Mexico Border 2012 Program Request for Proposals

- ▶ Announced on April 1; deadline to apply is May 31, 2010
- ▶ Tribes in Border region are eligible to apply
- ▶ Key Criteria:
 - Address one of the 3 categories:
 - Unmet Border 2010 Objectives
 - Priority Areas
 - Children's Environmental Health Protection
 - Measurable results
 - Leveraging of other resources
 - Partnerships/Collaboration
- ▶ Final selection by July/August 2010 timeframe

Border Grant RFP Outreach in 2010

- ▶ Three workshops in U.S.
 - San Diego (April 20)
 - Calexico (May 6)
 - Tucson (May 18)
- ▶ Three workshops in Mexico
 - Tijuana (April 22)
 - Mexicali (May 5)
 - Nogales (May 19)
- ▶ One workshop for Tribes
 - San Diego (April 27)
- ▶ Electronic communication
 - EPA Communications
 - BECCNet Listserve

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- ▶ Regional Enforcement
and Compliance
Assurance Update

New Enforcement Response Policy for Public Drinking Water Systems

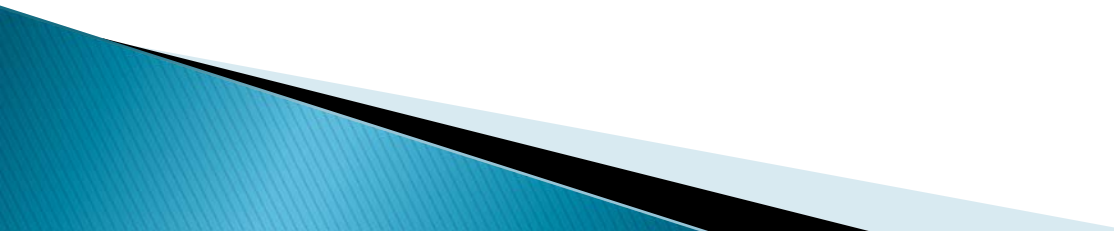
- ▶ Announced by OECA AA, Cynthia Giles, on 12/9/2009
- ▶ Focuses on PWSS with the most significant violations
- ▶ Enforcement Targeting Tool – scores based on system-wide assessment of violations
- ▶ Goal is Return to Compliance
- ▶ More protective of public health
- ▶ Provides additional tool for identifying systems possibly in need of additional help in Capacity Development and Sustainability
- ▶ Seeking input from Tribes on how to best approach implementation of the Policy

www.epa.gov/compliance/civil/sdwa/index.html



▶ Superfund Division

Superfund Activities

- ▶ Elem Tribal and Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine Removal Action – EPA is completing the capping of a road contaminated with mercury and arsenic.
 - ▶ Tohono O'odham Nation – EPA and the Tribe commented on work plan documents for the Cypress Mine groundwater RI/FS.
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Superfund Activities

- ▶ Navajo Nation – EPA is completing an Interim Removal Action: 100,000 cubic yards of radium contaminated soil have been scraped from residential areas and consolidated in the North East Church Rock (NECR) mining site. Reseeding and fencing of the scraped area will be completed in May, 2010. In addition:
 - Completed 192 on-site screenings of Abandoned Uranium Mines
 - Completed removal assessments for the Skyline Mine and NECR Mine.

Superfund Activities

Brownfields Targeted Assessments (TBAs) Completed on Tribal Lands:

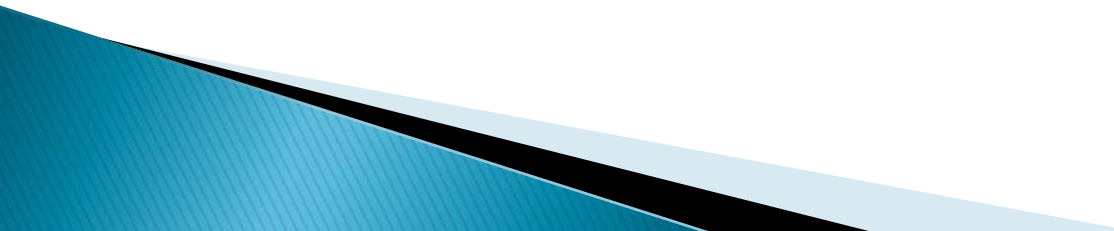
Hopland Band of Pomo Indians – completed Phase II Assessment of contaminated well

Navajo Nation – Pinon site

Goshute Tribe – Ferguson Spring site

Gila River Indian Community – former Electro Treatment and Dela-Tek factories

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► Waste Management Division



Final Report: Increasing Recycling and Related Green Business Opportunities for Northern Nevada Tribes

What: The Environmental Finance Center 9 (EFC) has prepared a report for EPA Region and Northern Nevada Tribes to look at the conditions for recycling and identify opportunities that would be relevant for those tribes.

Why: The report identifies mechanisms to increase recycling on northern Nevada tribal lands and improve financial profitability.

Where: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/waste-reduction/recycling.html>

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Web Features Wanted!

What: We are looking for success stories to feature on our website. If you have any solid or hazardous waste project that you would like EPA to highlight, please contact us. Topic ideas for stories include: greening your event, casino, or housing; managing a dumpsite after cleanup; or any other recycling, composting, or cleanup programs.

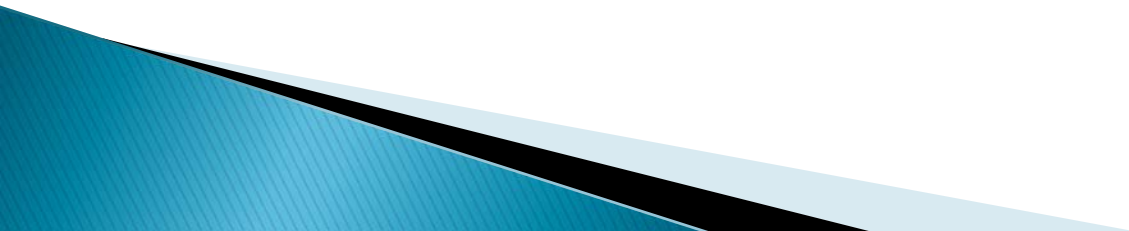
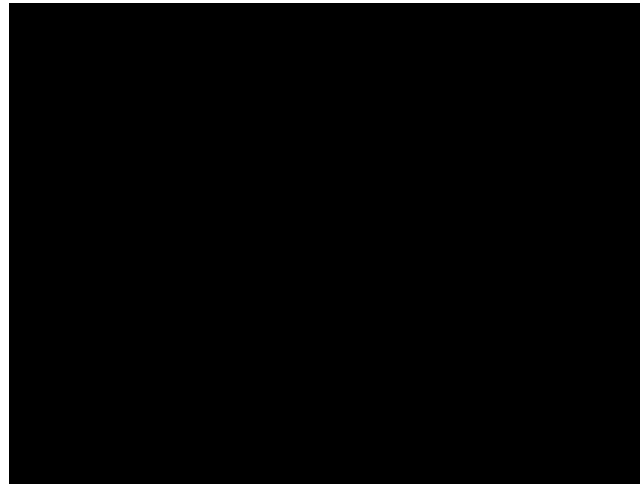
Why: Get the word out about your great project!

Where: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/success.html>

Contact: Charles Swanson (415) 947-4219, or
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La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Improving Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste





Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Program

Technical Assistance Available to Tribal Communities


What: Technical assistance to establish a PAYT program is available to any tribal community within Region 9 through a grant with the Econservation Institute.

- Online Webinar Information Sessions
- In -person Workshop
- Individualized Technical Assistance

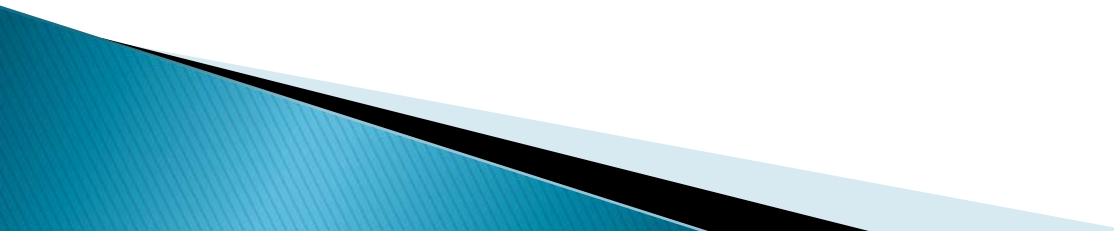
Why: PAYT has been found to be one of the most cost effective methods to reduce trash disposal and encourage recycling.

Where: www.paytnow.org

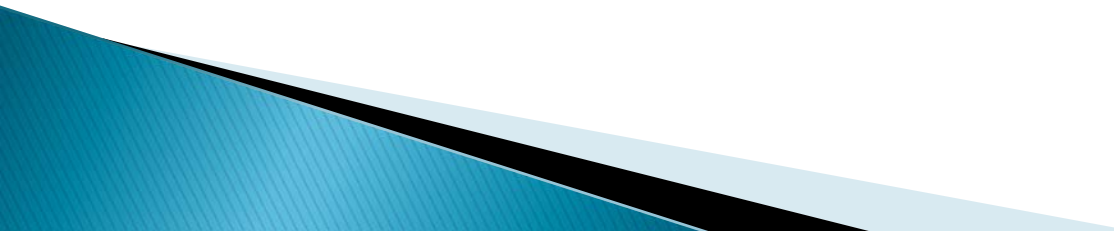
Contact: Laura Moreno, moreno.laura@epa.gov, 415-947-4240



Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) First National Forum on Solid Waste

- ▶ What Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response, Contaminated Sites, and USTs
 - ▶ When August 24- 26, 2010
 - ▶ Where US Grant Hotel, San Diego, California
 - ▶ Co-Sponsors ITEP; OSWER; and Tribal Waste & Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Steering Committee
 - ▶ Assistance Limited number of travel scholarships available
 - ▶ Contact: Todd Barnell, ITEP (928) 523-3840
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Region 9 Tribal Solid Waste Team Contact Information

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 - ▶ **Nancy Sockabasin:** NV and non-border Southern CA tribes, (415) 972-3772
 - ▶ **Charles Swanson:** AZ, Colorado River area, and CA border tribes, (415) 947-4219
 - ▶ **Larry Danos:** Circuit Rider, (415) 972-3383
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▶ Water Division Update

7th National Monitoring Conference

Monitoring From the Summit to the Sea

- ▶ Location: Denver, Colorado
- ▶ Date: April 25th – 29th, 2010 (Sunday – Thursday)
- ▶ Purpose: Showcase southwestern water monitoring issues, including sustainable water management, effects of wildfires, and efforts to evaluate the effects of climate change on water quality, quantity, and aquatic ecosystems.
- ▶ Website info: <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/index.html>
- ▶ Contact: Audrey L Johnson (415) 972-3431
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**Conference is hosted by the National Water Quality Monitoring Council*

CWA § 106 Monitoring Workshop

Host Tribe Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe (PLPT)

When May 4 - 6, 2010

Where Harrah's Reno Hotel & Casino, Nevada


Registration deadline April 19, 2010

Hotel Room Block deadline April 13, 2010

Contact: Danielle Angeles, 415-972-3441 or
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SAVE THE DATE!

Joint EPA/NRCS Workshop

- ▶ Annual Workshop for Tribes - EPA Region 9 Clean Water Act Section 319, Nonpoint Source
 - ▶ Purpose: Learn from experts about Best Management Practices techniques in the field and tools in addressing polluted runoff at a watershed level.
 - ▶ September 14 – 16, 2010
 - ▶ Location: Washoe Tribe, Gardnerville, Nevada
 - ▶ Registration information and draft agenda to be available around July 2010
 - ▶ Contact: Tiffany Eastman, eastman.tiffany@epa.gov
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WQX/STORET Tribal User Workshop Announcement



- ▶ **Purpose:** To offer support and training to participants regarding **WQX/STORET** data management procedures, familiarize users with on-line tools and introduce the benefits of documenting tribal water quality environmental results.
- ▶ **Date:** August 24-26, 2010
- ▶ **Location:** EPA, Region 9 Office, San Francisco, CA
- ▶ **Contact Information:**
 - Audrey L Johnson – johnson.audreyL@epa.gov (415) 972-3431
 - Christopher Chen – chen.christopher@epa.gov (415) 972-3442

2010 Request for Proposals: Tribal Border Infrastructure (TBI) Program

- ▶ Submission deadline: May 14, 2010
- ▶ Eligibility
 - Federally-recognized Tribes
 - Within 62 miles north of U.S./Mexico border
 - High-priority drinking/wastewater needs
- ▶ Funding availability: \$1,500,000
- ▶ Projected number of awards is 3 – 6, range of award amounts is \$250,00 - \$500,000
- ▶ Award options
 - Grant (EPA → Recipient)
 - Interagency agreement (EPA/IHS ↔ Recipient)
- ▶ Want more information?

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/tribal-border-infrastructure-2010.html>

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CWA Section 104(b)(3) – Wetlands Funding Announcement

- ▶ Request for Proposals (RFP) was announced on April 1, 2010, for Fiscal Year 2010 Wetland Program Development Grants.
- ▶ Tribes and intertribal consortia are eligible to apply.
- ▶ **Due date: Thursday, May 6, 2010**
- ▶ The RFP can also be viewed at US EPA Region 9's website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/wetlands-10.html>

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