



United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 9, San Francisco, California

February 2010

Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings, Conferences and Webinars

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9

Feb 2-4	Regional Tribal Operations Committee	Susanville, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797, chin.willard@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency, Region 8 (Webinar) 8:30 to 10:00 am Mountain Time

Feb. 23	Scrap Tire Reuse and Recycling	Webinar	https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/305861456 or call 312-878-0222 enter access code 684-424-482
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Sponsor: Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

Mar 25-26	Tribal Energy Economies: Investing in a sustainable future	Tempe, AZ	www.regionline.com/TribalEnergy Darlene Lester Lester@asu.edu or 480-965-7715
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Sponsor: The JC Press, Inc.

Apr 12-15	Biocycle West Coast Conference	San Diego, CA	www.biocycle.net or call 610-967-4135 http://www.biocycle.net/bcwc25/callforpapers.html
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Jun 6-10	2010 National Tribal Science Forum	Traverse City, MI	Monica L. Rodia, 202-564-8322 http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes.htm
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Trainings and Workshops



Sponsor: Tribal Solid Waste Team, EPA, Region 9 (limited to 50 people)

Feb. 23	Greening Tribal Casinos	Chandler, AZ	http://epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/training/green-casino/casino-reg.html or call Tina Davis, 415-972-3784
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Sponsors: EPA and National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE) (4 different trainings)

Mar 1-2 (Carson City, NV) Mar 4-5 (Santa Rosa, CA) Mar 8-9 (San Diego, CA) Mar 11-12 (Phoenix, AZ)	Administrative and Financial Systems Training	Veronica Swann, 415-972-3699 swann.veronica@epa.gov or www.petetribal.org
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**Sponsor: WestWater Research**

Mar 11 and 12	Investing in our Water Future: A focus on California	Santa Barbara, CA	800-574-4852
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**Sponsor: Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN) and University of Washington**

Mar 15 and 16	Mobile Meth Lab Identification on Tribal Lands	Snoqualmie, WA	Kami Snowden, 509-235-6007 or ksnowden@tswan.org
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Sponsors: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, National Park Service, and EPA, in collaboration with several other agencies and organizations

Apr 20-22	Great Basin / Mojave Desert Climate Change Workshop	Las Vegas, NV	http://www.wr.usgs.gov/workshops/index.html
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EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Online Overview Course for Permit

Writers: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/outreach/training/pwtraining.cfm> Questions or comments should be directed to David Hair in EPA's Water Permits Division, 202-564-2287; hair.david@epa.gov

EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of EPA's Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or 740-773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Safety, Health and Environmental Management (SHEM)

SHEM courses are available on-line. To access these and other on-line training, go to <https://www.netionline.com/course/schedule.asp#wbt>.

Sustainable Infrastructure Workshops

EPA and the California Rural Water Association are offering a series of free Sustainable Infrastructure workshops throughout California. The dates and locations are on: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waterinfrastructure/docs/Sustainable-Infrastructure-2009.pdf>. For more information, contact Charlotte Ely, 415-972-3731 or ely.charlotte@epa.gov

Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Training catalog for ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training can be viewed by going to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu, or 928-523-6887 or visit: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp>

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email betanzo.elin@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



The American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP)

AIAQTP provides workshop training, internships and technical support to tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality management programs for lands under their jurisdiction. The Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center is a component of the AIAQTP, and is a partnership effort between the selected grant recipient and EPA's Office of Air and Radiation, hosted by the Radiation and Indoor Environments National (R&IEL) laboratory in Las Vegas, to provide a full spectrum of technical support to tribes undertaking air quality monitoring and related activities. For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal> or go to <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=cvQ8LGTSxRKfQ1QVSIPV3Gm9ZVn5vk1xMnwQ89TcrqGPWwnNpJ6r!-1179711943?oppld=50996&mode=VIEW> The link to the full RFA to go http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html. The deadline for this grant is February 26.



Methane Recovery

EPA requests proposals for Activities that Advance Methane Recovery and Use as a Clean Energy Source. This RFP will support investigation, survey, study, training, and demonstration projects that advance international near-term, cost-effective methane recovery and use as a clean energy source, and support the goals of the Methane to Markets Partnership. \$5 million is expected to be available and up to 35 awards are anticipated. A Notice of Intent to Apply is requested but not required and is due February 11 and final proposals are due April 15. For more information, contact Henry Ferland at ferland.henry@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html.



Community Action and the Environment

EPA requests proposals for the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program. CARE is a unique community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risks due to toxic pollutants and environmental concerns from all sources. \$2 million is expected to be available and up to 9 awards are anticipated. Responses are due March 9. For more information, contact Dennis O'Connor at oconnor.dennis@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html.



Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program

The FY '10 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Source Reduction Assistance grant program has been posted at <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/srap10.pdf>. State and local governments, tribes, universities, and non-profits are eligible for this grant program. The due date for submitting proposals is February 4. Please note that proposals may be submitted by hard copy or e-mail. For more information, call Alex Peck, Pollution Prevention Team, EPA Region 2, 212 637-3758



Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)

EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$400,000 through Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements (DITCAs) ranging in size from approximately \$25,000 to \$85,000 for SWAP activities. The purpose of the funding is to enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia within EPA Region 9, who operate at least one public water system (PWS), to identify and assess any possible threats (potential sources of contamination) to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. The deadline for proposal submission is March 31, 2010. This will be the last proposal acceptance date for 2010 awards. For more

information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-sdwa.html#swp> or contact Jamelya Curtis at 415-972-3529; curtis.jamelya@epa.gov

Environmental Management Fellowship Program

EPA requests proposals for the National Network for Environmental Management Studies Fellowship Program. This program provides students an opportunity to participate in a fellowship project that is directly related to their field of study. Fellowship categories include: Environmental Policy, Regulation, and Law; Environmental Management and Administration; Environmental Science; and Public Relations and Communications. \$400K is expected to be available and up to 40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 5. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/students.html>

FY 2010 Clean Water Act Section 106: Water Pollution Control Program

Contact: Danielle Angeles, 415-972-3441 or angeles.danielle@epa.gov, or your Clean Water Act grants project officer. Due date: February 1.

Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants

EPA is providing more than \$1.5 million for ten Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants. For more information, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Organic Agriculture Initiative

USDA requests proposals for the Organic Agriculture Research and Extension Initiative. This program will support projects that enhance the ability of producers and processors who have already adopted organic standards to grow and market high quality organic agricultural products. Projects that emphasize research and outreach that assist farmers and ranchers with whole farm planning and ecosystem integration are of particular interest. \$19 million is expected to be available and individual awards will not exceed \$3 million. Responses are due February 9. For more information, contact Mary Peet at mpeet@nifa.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/OREI.html>

USDA Rural Development:

This grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Other Available Grants



Residential Weatherization Grants

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for Weatherization Formula Grants. Prime applicant restricted to agencies responsible for administering the annual Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) formula allocation. WAP funds are used to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety. WAP assists persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high-energy burden. \$210 million is expected to be available and 59 awards are anticipated. Response due date is dependent on fiscal year end of prime applicant, with range of 2/15/10 – 8/1/10. For more information, including contacts go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000216&agency=DOE>.

**Sponsor: Praxis Project**

The Praxis Project has a Call for Proposals for [Communities Creating Healthy Environments](#) (CCHE)- a grant initiative funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to support community organizing and policy advocacy to increase access to healthy food and safe places to play in communities of color. CCHE will provide funding and technical assistance for up to ten local community organizing groups and indigenous nations with grants of up to \$250,000 over three years. For more information, go to www.ccheonline.org where you can download the Call for Proposals, sign up for information sessions and learn about the current CCHE communities!

**Sponsor: U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA)**

EDA has announced that nearly \$37 million in grants is available to help communities suffering from the adverse effects of import competition to develop ways to more effectively compete in the global economy. The funding is available under EDA's Community Trade Adjustment Assistance (Community TAA) Program, which was created in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. For more information, contact John Atwood (202) 482-4085 go to: <http://www.eda.gov/NewsEvents/PressReleases/PRWashDC011510.xml>

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)

NFWF is accepting applications for the Five-Star Restoration Matching Grants Program which seeks to fund community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects throughout the U.S. Grants range from \$10,000 to \$40,000 and are available for both non-profit organizations and government entities. The application deadline is February 11, 2010. View additional information on NFWF's website

(http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=Charter_Programs_List&Template=/TaggedPage/TaggedPageDisplay.cfm&TPLID=30&ContentID=14123).

Welch's Harvest Grants

K-8 public and private schools, public libraries, religious educational, and Head Start centers are invited to apply for Welch's Harvest Grants. Two schools in each state will receive a customized indoor or outdoor garden package filled with a variety of tools, seeds, educational materials, and more. Garden packages range in value from \$1,000 to \$250. Winning applicants will have the option of indoor or outdoor packages. For more information, visit www2.scholastic.com. Deadline is February 6.

New Era Rural Technology Competitive Grants Program

These grants are for technology development, applied research, and/or training to develop an agriculture-based renewable energy workforce to serve rural communities. Awards will stimulate and enable community colleges and advanced technological centers located in rural areas to provide technology development, applied research, and/or training necessary to produce graduates capable of strengthening the Nation's technical, scientific and professional workforce in the fields of bioenergy, pulp and paper manufacturing, and agriculture-based renewable energy resources. For more information go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?jsessionid=lhy5LkhLYbyntnQTnjMWq6TGW6YT14hT8F9mtXfpGxXglCbjWJpR!-1299818899?opId=50214&mode=VIEW>. The deadline is April 14.

Children's Health

The Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA) set aside \$100 million for fiscal years 2009-2013 expressly to help find and enroll eligible uninsured children, including \$10 million specifically for Indian health providers. For more information about the outreach and enrollment grants, go to www.cms.hhs.gov/CHIPRA . Questions about the grants may be directed to the CHIPRA grants mailbox AIANCHIPRAOUTREACHGRANTS@cms.hhs.gov General information about CHIP can be found at www.insurekidsnow.gov.

Tribal Energy Program

See <http://www.grants.gov/GetStarted>. Questions regarding Grants.gov should be directed to the Grant.gov Customer Support Center between 7 am and 9pm EDT at 1-800-518-4726 or at support@grants.gov

Rural Development's Business and Industry (B&I) Guaranteed Loan Program

September 30, 2010; See <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/arra/recovery-program.htm> for additional details.

Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

The Water and Environmental Program (WEP) provides a combination of loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. For more information, go to:

<http://www.indiancountryworks.org/file/Rural%20Water%20and%20Waste%20Disposal%20Program%202-27-09%20FINAL.pdf> or call Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681, tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov or Sandi Boughton, 202, 720-1681m sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

General information and an application package are available on Web site: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov> or by calling 916-341-6316.

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

To access detailed information about this opportunity, visit: <http://www.solicitation.calwater.ca.gov> or call the Cal Water Helpline at 877-408-9310.

California's Changing Climate

California has ambitious plans to cut greenhouse gas emissions, but the state also needs an integrated policy to prepare for and adapt to climate change. Some institutions, such as water agencies and electrical utilities, have already begun planning for change but other areas have yet to prepare effectively for the challenges of a changing California. To read more about these changes, go to:

http://www.ppic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. info@nativeworkplace.com

Northwest Sustainable Energy for Economic Development (SEED) Releases Northwest Tribal Energy Planning Guidebook

For more information or to obtain a copy of the guide, contact Leslie Moynihan, 206-267-2215 or leslie@nwseed.org

Toxics Release Inventory

A peer-reviewed analysis of the Toxics Release Inventory and the impact of the EPA's Toxics Release Inventory Burden Reduction Rule have been published and are available online at:

<http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive Web application which provides access to results by EPA Region and state can be found at:

<http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

This site includes information about the costs to establish and maintain each project, and how local communities can apply for EPA grants to kick-start their activities. Contact: Cathy Milbourn, 202-564-4355 / milbourn.cathy@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/air/community/>

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

To report a spill, contact 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675. NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance>. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at <http://www.assistancecenters.net>. If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook is available at <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

California Hazardous Materials Information Exchange list serve is used mainly by HHW professionals in California, but may be useful for those working outside of California as well. The list serve is also searchable by topic and date: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Specialist

The Picayune Rancheria Environmental Department has a position open. This is a full time position with benefits. This position will be in charge of managing the Air and Water programs. The position is to be filled in February 2010. The Picayune Rancheria is located in Coarsegold, California near Fresno. For more information contact: Samuel Elizondo, samuel.elizondo@chukchansi.com or hr@chukchansi.com.



Tribal Energy Student Internship Program

The [Bureau of Indian Affairs](#) is accepting applications for the Tribal Energy Student Internship Program. Twelve post-secondary students will be selected for the program, which runs May 25 through August 6 at the [Argonne National Laboratory](#) near Chicago, Illinois. The application deadline is March 15. According to BIA, interns will work with nationally known scientists in a wide range of research fields including energy resource development, both renewable and non-renewable, and environmental evaluation and analysis of potential impacts from energy resource development activities. Applications can be made at http://www.dep.anl.gov/p_undergrad/TribalInternships. For more information, contact the ANL Division of Educational Programs at (630) 252-4114.



United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Intern Program

USDA invites all currently enrolled college students to apply for the Summer Intern Program (SIP). The link below has internship vacancy announcements available for summer 2010. Application forms and information are included. USDA interns must be U.S. Citizens, must be currently enrolled in a college or university, and must be planning to continue their education (enrolled for fall 2010). Please note that each intern position vacancy has its own deadline). Also, the individual USDA agencies may post

additional summer positions on their own websites, so be sure to check throughout the spring for further updates. <http://www.da.usda.gov/employ/SIPIntro.htm>

Director, Native American Cultural Center (NACC) and Assistant Dean, Yale College

Yale College is seeking a full-time (37.5 hours/week), permanent Director of NACC. The NACC Director has the additional title of Assistant Dean, as the Director provides Native Students in Yale College with a key source of academic counseling, personal advising, and guidance. The start date for this position is negotiable, but anticipated for July 1, 2010, or thereafter. The appointment is for three-years, renewable. All external candidates will be subject to pre-employment screening and all offers are contingent on a successful background check. For more information, go to www.yale.edu or telephone 203-432-1121.

Morris K. Udall Scholarship Program

This program awards \$5,000 merit based scholarships for college sophomores and juniors seeking a career in tribal health, tribal public policy, or the environment. Scholars participate in a five day orientation in Tucson, AZ, to learn more about tribal and environmental issues through discussions with experts, their peers, and members of the Udall family. Applications must be submitted through a Udall Faculty Representative at the student's college or university. More information about Faculty Representatives can be found on the Udall website. The application deadline is March 2, 2010. For more information, visit the Foundation website at <http://www.udall.gov>. For other colleges and universities, please visit the Scholarship section of the Udall website or contact Jim Self, 405-744-9901

Environmental Positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has openings for two senior environmental specialists, one environmental engineer and one associate environmental engineer. These positions will be opened until filled. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Tribal outreach, review and comment



The Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse (TEEIC)

The TEEIC Web site (<http://teeic.anl.gov>) provides information about the environmental effects of energy development on tribal lands. If you have questions or need more information, visit the TEEIC Web site (<http://teeic.anl.gov>) or contact the TEEIC Webmaster at teeicwebmaster@anl.gov



Environmental Video Contest

EPA is sponsoring a video contest titled "Our Planet, Our Stuff, Our Choice," that challenges filmmakers to produce short, creative videos that highlight the "Three Rs" of individual consumption: Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. Entries should be 30 to 60 seconds in length. Award range \$500 to \$2.5K. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/osw/wydc/video.htm>



EPA Releases First-Ever Baseline Study of U.S. Lakes

This draft study, which rated the condition of 56 percent of the lakes in the United States as good and the remainder as fair or poor, marked the first time EPA and its partners used a nationally consistent approach to survey the ecological and water quality of lakes. A total of 1,028 lakes were randomly sampled during 2007 by states, tribes and EPA. The survey included a comparison to a subset of lakes with wastewater impacts that were sampled in the 1970s. It finds that 75 percent show either improvements or no change in phosphorus levels. This suggests that the nation's investments in wastewater treatment and other pollution control activities are working despite population increases across the country. To view this study go to: <http://www.epa.gov/lakessurvey>

**Certification and Training for Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides in Indian Country:**

Because of the specific hazards associated with restricted use pesticides (RUPs), the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide and Fungicide Act (FIFRA) requires any person who applies RUP to demonstrate his/her competency and be certified for the types of applications they intend to conduct. Competency is generally achieved by attending designated training or completing a specific self study program. Applicators then demonstrate competency by passing a certification exam. There are currently 3 options for ensuring that applicators in Indian country are trained and legally certified to apply RUPs (40 CFR Part 171). This year, the Region 9 Pesticides Office will conduct a pilot project with tribes that have pesticide cooperative agreements to determine which of the three regulatory options are preferable for their communities. In the future, we hope to work with all the tribes in the region where RUPs are used to ensure that applicators are properly trained and certified. For questions on the Certification and Training Program, contact Katy Wilcoxon at (415) 947-4205 or via e-mail at wilcoxon.katy@epa.gov.

**Pesticide Endangered Species Bulletins for California:**

In January, 2010, EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) completed draft Endangered Species Bulletins for 40 California counties. The bulletins were developed for the protection of Salmon and Steelhead in the states of California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington and describe pesticide use limitations for pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos, diazinon or malathion. This year the Region 9 Pesticides Office will assist tribes with implementation of the pesticide use limitations in specific counties described in the bulletins. Once pesticide products with generic endangered species label statements are being used, the use limitations will be enforceable. If you would like a copy of the bulletin for your county or counties, contact Allen Demorest at 415-947-4214 or via e-mail at demorest.allen@epa.gov.

**Community Renewable Energy Project Guide Available**

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) has completed the Guide to Developing a Community Renewable Energy Project in North America. This guide is meant to assist community and indigenous communities groups in the development of their own small-scale renewable energy projects. The Guide covers Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Guide is available on the CEC Web site at: http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608_Guide_Community_RE_en.pdf

Reducing Methane from Landfills

EPA announces its intent to request proposals for Technical and Outreach Support Services for Reducing Emissions from Landfills. The contractor will support the mission of the Landfill Methane Outreach Program, a voluntary assistance program that helps to reduce methane from landfills by encouraging the recovery and use of landfill gas as a renewable, green energy source. The RFP will be issued on or about February 2. For more information, contact Faye Sas at sas.faye@epa.gov or go to: https://www.fbo.gov/?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=0e90c51835d6b1b73e011dbba75df433&tab=core&_cview=0.

Treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles

EPA Region 9 has published a 15-page booklet on the treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles, with emphasis on the problem faced by tribal nations. Here is the URL <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>. In addition to the internet, paper copies are available by request to Michelle Baker at baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206.

Expanding the Self Governance Model to Tribal Environmental Programs – the Swinomish “Indian Environmental Act” – The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is sponsoring a bill referred to as the Indian Environmental Act. The proposed bill supports applying the “Self Governance” model to environmental programs, as a proven model that recognizes the sovereignty of tribal nations and allows for continuous and flexible funding that meets the needs and priorities of Tribes. The Act supports a pilot project with a new funding source for 12 tribes and four to five consortia (north, south, east, west, Alaska),

and supports Tribes working with EPA on a Nation-to-Nation basis to develop a self governed environmental program that would allow tribes, to combine funds from different agencies and programs to address tribal priorities in a sustainable manner. The anticipated outcome is to develop the new program within one year and begin implementation of the program nationally in year two. The effort is intended to be structured under EPA's competitive RFP process, and one grant is being sought for each region. To view the document to go:

<http://www.ntec.org/Documents/Envtl%20and%20Natural%20Resources%20Brief%20-%202009%20Tribal%20Nations%20Conf.pdf>

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

A TBA is an environmental investigation designed to document environmental conditions at a property under consideration for redevelopment. EPA can provide communities and nonprofit organizations with environmental assessment services at brownfield properties with redevelopment potential. TBAs are noncompetitive and are available all year. [Brochure \(PDF\)](#) 5/2007 (3-page brochure, 725 K, [About PDF](#)) [Online Application](#) (PDF fillable form)

Smart Growth Solutions

For more information on the guide: <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/smartgrowth-coastal.html>

A Guide to Build Cultural Awareness of the American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

This free publication may be downloaded or ordered from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration (SAMHSA) at www.SAMHSA.gov/shin; or call SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 877-726-4727 and ask for DHHS publication # (SMA) 08-4354.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

EPA has set up a hotline and a website to answer questions about this issue – concerned parties can call (888) 835-5372 or visit <http://www.epa.gov/pcbsincaulk/> for additional information.

The National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE)

For more information, please go to the tribal training project web site: <http://www.petetribal.org>

National Congress for American Indians (NCAI) Opportunities

NCAI has posted a list of opportunities for Tribes resulting from the Recovery Act. There are also links to related news updates and webinars. See: <http://www.indiancountryworks.org/>.

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)

NPIC offers a toll-free number staffed by knowledgeable specialists seven days/week from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm PST. NPIC has real-time access to current, in depth information for a national audience. NPIC addresses questions in multiple languages such as Navajo, Cherokee, Ojibway and many more. For any question regarding pesticides, please call toll free 800-858-7378 or visit www.npic.orst.edu.

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

For more information, call Eugenia McNaughton, 415-972-3411 or Joe Eidelberg at 415-972-3809 or go to <http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>

Sources of Exposure to Lead in Children and Eliminating Childhood Lead Poisoning in America

For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region09/lead/EHP-lead.pdf> or contact Dave Tomsovic, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3858.

Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit Help Line

Call 866-602-7333 or email RDEE@icfi.com to receive a response to your inquiry within one business day. Or visit: www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/ee_toolkit.html. All questions related to funding provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act should be directed to DOE: www.eere.energy.gov/recovery or 1-877-337-3463.

Ensuring health and safety from potential asbestos hazards in schools (grades K-12).

Asbestos, a naturally-occurring mineral, is used in building materials due to its heat- and fire-resistant properties. For information on the asbestos-in-schools program go to: <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/> or contact: Ron Tsuchiya, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-947-4168, or email tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov

Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Public Data

Region 9 TRI data and press releases are at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/> and the national web site is at <http://www.epa.gov/tri> or contact: Mariela Lopez, EPA Region 9 Toxics Office, 415-972-3771 or lopez.mariela@epa.gov.

Tribal Pesticide Issues

Contact Pam Cooper, Manager, Region 9 Pesticides Office at 415-947-4217 or e-mail cooper.pam@epa.gov.

The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)

A mailing list and a Web site at <http://snamp.cnr.berkeley.edu> will have all of SNAMPs activities. For more information, contact Anne Lombardo at 209-966-2417 or email amlombardo@ucdavis.edu.

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazards Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in AZ

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

Web sites for tribal programs and federal programs

To find case studies and information on Energy Efficiency, Green Site Cleanups, Renewable Energy, Smart Growth, Transportation, Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Waste Management go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/climatechange/tribes.html>

Web sites for EPA's compliance assistance newsletter:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>

Automotive Recycling:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol4no1.pdf>

Strategic Approach--Best Practices:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol3no1.pdf>

Educational Facilities:

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol2no2.pdf>

Healthcare: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompass2-2006.pdf>

Storm Water: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/cacompassvol1no1.pdf>

WTR7 presented the Clean Water Act compliance program to tribes on August 20th. The presentations are available online at this address: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal-CWA-workshop/>

More EPA Websites:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/F7C43BF20985D562852576B100764FB1>

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>

<http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>

<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/2009/tevent0919.html>.
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/training.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
<http://www.epa.govhttp://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>)
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/data.html>)
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.htmlv/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP->
http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

National Indian Justice Center

<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>
<http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

Other Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>
<http://www.doi.gov/bia>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>
<http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml>
<http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
www.energysavers.gov
<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/> Spatialite is a free open source spatial database that has a simple GIS/Map Viewer, as well as a GUI (graphical user interface) for interacting with the database tables itself.
<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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