



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

February 2011

Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Cleaning your dryer's lint filter can slash its energy usage by as much as 30%!

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops, Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: Multi-Agency Tribal Infrastructure Collaborative and the Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians.

Feb 7 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Multi-Agency Sustainable Infrastructure Resource Forum for tribes in California	Coarsegold, CA	Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445 or reeves.linda@epa.gov or Michelle Baker, 415-972-3206, baker.michelle@epa.gov
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To register: <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=688&update=N>



Sponsor: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

Feb. 17	Fish tissue targets, fish consumption, fisheries management	Placerville, CA	Patrick Morris, 916-464-4621 pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov
Mar. 17	Source analysis, source control options	Rancho Cordova, CA	Patrick Morris, 916-464-4621 pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov
Apr 13	CEQA Scoping meeting, general implementation ideas	Auburn, CA	Patrick Morris, 916-464-4621 pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov
May 18	Draft Basin Plan amendment implementation program text	Placerville, CA	Patrick Morris, 916-464-4621 pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov

The meetings will be from 10:00 to 12:00. Contact information is above.



Sponsor: Watershed Management Group

Mar 18-27 Deadline to apply Feb. 14	Water Harvesting Certification Program	Phoenix, AZ	Lindsay Ignatowski, 520.396.3266 or email lindsay@watershedmg.org or visit www.watershedmg.org/certification
Apr 29-May 8 Deadline to apply Feb. 28	Water Harvesting Certification Program	Tucson, AZ	Lindsay Ignatowski, 520.396.3266 or email lindsay@watershedmg.org or visit www.watershedmg.org/certification

Sponsor: Princeton Groundwater, Inc.

Feb. 7-11	The Groundwater and Pollution and Hydrology course	Orlando, FL	813-964-0800 email: info@Princeton-Groundwater.com
Mar 14-18	The Groundwater and Pollution and Hydrology course	San Francisco, CA	Same as above

Apr 11-15	The Remediation course	Las Vegas, NV	Same as above
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Sponsor: Environmental Health Support Center

Feb 16-17	Tribal Utility Asset Management	Lakeside, CA	Sonya McDonald, 301-443-1046 sonya.mcdonald@ihs.gov
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To register go to the following website:

<http://www.ehsc.ihs.gov/index.cfm?module=class&cIID=443&q=module=classes&startrow=26>

Sponsor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

 Mar 30-31	National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (NPETE)	San Francisco, CA	Veronica Swann, 415-972-3699, swann.veronica@epa.gov or Pamela Overman, 415-972-3781 Overman.pamela@epa.gov
Feb. 8-10	RTOC Meeting	Coarsegold, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Apr 26-28	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin
July 26-28	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin
Oct 17-18	RTOC Meeting	Pala, CA	Willard Chin
Oct 19-21	EPA/Tribal Conference	Pala, CA	Veronica Swann, 415-972-3699 or swann.veronica@epa.gov Rodney Watkins, 760-891-3515, or rwatkins@palatribe.com



Sponsors: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) , National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Steering Committee and USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)

Mar 22-24	Tribal Transfer Stations	Albuquerque, NM	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or Email: Todd.Barnell@nau.edu
Aug. 23-25	2011 Tribal Lands Forum	Green Bay, WI	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or Email: Todd.Barnell@nau.edu

Training catalog for ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training can be viewed by going to:

http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/training_aq.asp or contact Lydia Scheer listed above.

EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Online Overview Course for Permit Writers:

EPA has created a web-based training series, NPDES) Permit Writer's Course, which allows state and EPA Regional permitting staff, as well as stakeholders and the public, to access NPDES permit program training content online. This course is a five-day training session covering the key elements of NPDES permit development. The NPDES Web-based training series can be accessed at:

<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/training> under "Self-Paced Web Training." For more information please contact: David Hair (hair.david@epa.gov; or 202-564-2287)

Water Education for Teachers (WET)

The mission of Project WET is to teach children, parents, educators, and communities about water education. Non-EPA training and assistance are also available to tribes through Project WET. For more information on Project WET, please contact Kerry Schwartz at (520) 621-9591, extension 22 or Mansel A Nelson, 928 523 1275, mansel.nelson@nau.edu

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

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 carey.kyle@epa.gov

Certification and Training for Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in Indian Country

Because of the specific hazards associated with RUPs, the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide and Fungicide Act (FIFRA) requires any person who applies RUPs to demonstrate competency and be certified for the types of intended pesticide applications. 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). All certification and training plans must be approved by EPA. To inform tribes about these existing requirements and possible changes to EPA's certification regulations, the Region 9 Pesticides Office is making presentations at the 2010 RTOC meetings. For detailed information about the options above and questions on the Certification and Training Program, contact Katy Wilcoxon at 415-947-4205 or via e-mail at wilcoxon.katy@epa.gov.

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Source Reduction

EPA (with the exception of Region 6) request proposals for the Source Reduction Assistance Grant Program, for projects that support pollution prevention and source reduction. Priority areas vary by region. Examples include: developing/implementing green curricula; funding interns to conduct P2/source reduction projects; eliminating toxics by using more benign substitutes in schools, hospitals, or elsewhere; sustainable manufacturing; green chemistry; green economy/green jobs; and environmental justice. \$1.17 million is expected to be available and 20 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 24. For more information, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/>.



Guidelines - Clean Water Act Base Grants for Indian Tribes

Below is the link to the Federal Register notice regarding US EPA's Final Rule for the Section 319(h) grants program to Indian Tribes. The national guidelines became effective January 6, 2011. <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2011/pdf/2011-16.pdf>



Funding Available Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)

EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$290,000 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 will 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 measures to protect these sources against those threats. Region 9 has been accepting proposals according to the following proposal submission schedule: Proposals received by December 15 will be awarded by May 15. Proposals received by March 25 will be awarded by August 15. **Region 9 has not received any proposals for 2011 SWAP DITCA funding to date.** Please contact: Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 or curtis.jamelya@epa.gov for hard copies or more information. <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tribal/pdf/FY11Guidance.pdf>



FY 2011 Tribal Nonpoint Source Base Funding Announcement:

If your tribal environmental program is interested in receiving Nonpoint Source (Clean Water Act, Section 319) Base Funding, please submit draft work plans and budgets by March 1, 2011 to your CWA Project Officer. Eligible tribes can receive \$30,000 or \$50,000 (dependent on land area) to develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results. If you have any questions regarding this program or the due date, please contact your CWA Project Officer or Tiffany Eastman-Stone, 415-972-3404, eastman.tiffany@epa.gov or Audrey L. Johnson, (415) 972-3431, johnson.audreyL@epa.gov.



Pesticide Office

The Region 9 Pesticides Office is currently soliciting pesticide special project proposals from eligible tribes and intertribal consortia for FY2011 funding. Region 9 hopes to provide financial assistance to eligible tribal governments or intertribal consortia to carry out projects that assess or reduce risk to human health and the environment from pesticide exposure. The total amount of funding is expected to be approximately \$300,000 with a maximum of \$50,000 per project. The solicitation closes March 25, 2011. For more information, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribal-pesticide-rfp.html> or contact Marcy Katzin, 415-947-4215 or Allen Demorest, 415-947-4214, demorest.allen@epa.gov.

Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP)

OPP is soliciting applications from eligible parties for an EPA cooperative agreement to build upon the success of the current clinical component of the National Strategies for Health Care Providers: Pesticide Initiative (HCI), (<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/healthcare/healthcare.htm>) by expanding the reach of the initiative to additional healthcare practice sites and by continuing to train practicing clinicians and other stakeholders in the agricultural and medical community on the recognition and management of pesticide related health conditions. More at <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/grants/proposals/2010-opp-healthcare-rfa-0608.pdf>

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> or go to: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm.

Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Conservation Innovation Grants

USDA requests proposals for GHG Innovation Grants. Through this RFP, the USDA seeks to stimulate the application of GHG benefitting practices on agricultural land. Targeted projects would secure the participation of agricultural producers, determine baseline values of greenhouse gas emissions and/or carbon sequestration, verify the implementation and maintenance of GHG benefitting practices, and determine GHG benefits so that these benefits can be successfully registered in a commonly recognized carbon registry. \$5 million is expected to be available and up to 60 awards are anticipated. Responses due February 11. For more information, contact Gregorio Cruz at gregorio.cruz@wdc.usda.gov or go to: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/cig/>.

Energy Assistance Program

USDA has funding available to help rural residents in remote areas reduce energy costs. The program is administered by USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service. Recipients use funds to improve energy generation, transmission or distribution facilities that serve communities where the average residential cost for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Grants are available to individuals, businesses, non-profit entities, states, local governments and federally recognized Indian

tribes. The funding totals more than \$12 million. These funds may not be used to pay utility bills, purchase fuel, or be used for the sole benefit of the applicant. For more information, contact Dane Henshall, 202-260-0996

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

USDA has launched a Conservation Loan (CL) program that will provide farm owners and farm-related business operators' access to credit to implement conservation techniques that will conserve natural resources. For more information on this CL program, visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov, or go to <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/federalNotices?area=home&subject=lare&topic=frd-ii>

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Programs

USDA requests proposals for the AFRI – Foundational Programs. The Foundational Programs support research, education, and extension as well integrated programs that address key problems of national, regional, and multi-state importance in sustaining all components of agriculture, including farm efficiency and profitability, ranching, renewable energy, forestry (both urban and agroforestry), aquaculture, rural communities and entrepreneurship, human nutrition, food safety, biotechnology, and conventional breeding. The RFP is posted at: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html.

Other Available Grants



Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and Global Climate Change Mitigation

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), requests proposals for Public Works, Economic Adjustment, and the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund. These EDA programs are designed to provide distressed communities and regions with comprehensive and flexible solutions to a wide variety of economic impacts. Respondents are encouraged to consider the energy and environmental implications of their activities. Responses are due March 10. For more information go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=58457>



Feasibility Studies for Water Reclamation and Reuse

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office, requests proposals for WaterSMART: Development of Feasibility Studies under the Title XVI Water Reclamation and Reuse Program. Through this RFP, funding will be made available to assist project sponsors with the development of new Title XVI feasibility studies to reclaim and reuse wastewaters and naturally impaired ground and surface water in the 17 western states and Hawaii. \$1.2 million is expected to be available and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 11. For more information, contact Michelle Maher at mmaher@usbr.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=59296>.



WaterSMART – Western U.S.

DOI, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office, requests proposals for WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants. Through this RFP, the Bureau seeks western U.S. projects that save water, improve energy efficiency, address endangered species and other environmental issues, and facilitate transfers to new uses. Individual awards NTE \$1 million and responses are due February 17. For more information, contact Michelle Maher at mmaher@usbr.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=59091>.



Department of Energy (DOE)

Up to \$10 million will be available this year through DOE's Tribal Energy Program to support the evaluation, development and deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on tribal lands that will help save energy and money, expand the use of renewable energy resources, and promote economic development for tribal communities. Indian Tribes, Tribal Energy Resource Development

Organizations and Tribal Consortia on whose lands the projects will be located are eligible to apply for the available funding. The funds will support three project areas: first steps and capacity building, energy efficiency development and deployment, and renewable energy development and deployment. The full Funding Opportunity Announcements will be available online at www.FedConnect.Net or accessible through DOE's Tribal Energy Program website at www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/government_grants.cfm#Tribal This funding is subject to continuing congressional appropriations.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fund Program

HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development new Rural Innovation Fund (RIF) will be offering grants of up to \$2 million to support innovative housing and economic development activities. Eligible applicants include federally-recognized Indian tribes or consortia. Grantees can use grant funding to support various housing and economic development activities including construction, plan preparation, land acquisition, demolition, homeownership counseling or financial assistance. To view the RIF Advance Notice please go to the following website: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/grpruralinno.cfm> (This is for informational purposes because applications are not yet being solicited or accepted. HUD will commence solicitation of applications of this grant when it is posted on the Grants.gov website. For more information, please contact 202-402-4681 or 1-877-787-2526.)

Reuse/Recycling/Restoration, Green Building, Climate Change & Green Jobs

There is significant competitive federal funding available to support reuse, recycling, and composting grant and cooperative agreement projects through the Department of Commerce's Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund. Green building, energy efficiency and renewable energy projects are also eligible. - Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund: The following link has detailed application information. <http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY%202011%20EDAP%20FFO-FINAL.pdf>

We Can Change the World Challenge

The Siemens Foundation, Discovery Education and the National Science Teachers Association request proposals for the "We Can Change the World Challenge", a program designed to educate, empower, and engage students and teachers across the U.S. to become "Agents of Change" in identifying and solving environmental problems. Awards vary by grade levels and include savings bonds and school grants. Responses are due March 15, 2011. For more information, go to: <http://www.wecanchange.com/>.

Tribal Project Assistance

The Department of Energy (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is offering tribes financial and technical assistance to explore and implement renewable energy projects. NREL helps tribes develop and implement sustainable energy strategies with technical expertise and [capabilities](#) that support renewable energy technology deployment. For more information go to: http://www.nrel.gov/applying_technologies/tribal.html or <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy07osti/40509.pdf>

Economic Development Assistance (EDA) - Recovery Act

These programs target areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due to corporate restructuring. \$150 million is expected to be available and proposals are accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, contact Lindsey Pangretic at grants@eda.doc.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=45786>.

Economic Development Assistance

EDA requests proposals for the following programs: Public Works; Planning; Local Technical Assistance; and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund, which supports projects that foster economic competitiveness while enhancing environmental quality. Proposals accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=48106>.



EPA's Office of Children's Health Protection Solicitation for Grant Proposals to Address Children's Environmental Health

This office has released a solicitation for grant proposals to address children's environmental health in underserved communities by building capacity for these communities to reduce environmental exposures in child-occupied settings (e.g. homes, schools and child care centers). Funds available for award are expected to total approximately \$1.5 million, and EPA intends to award approximately 15-20 awards, each for an amount not to exceed \$100,000. The due date for initial proposals is February 18, 2011. Federally recognized American Indian Tribes are eligible to compete. For complete information regarding this Request for Initial Proposals, see: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/grants.htm>.

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. General information about CHIP can be found at www.insurekidsnow.gov.

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

The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)

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

Employment Opportunities



Hydro-Geologist: Hopi Tribe Water Resources Program

The incumbent is under general supervision and line authority of the Water Resources Program Director. This position is responsible for performing administrative and technical duties in the area of ground water and surface water hydrology requiring knowledge in geology, geomorphology, and chemistry in support of the Water Resources Program. The incumbent performs duties of considerable difficulty and complexity requiring working knowledge of tribal, state and federal policies, procedures, rules and regulations. For more information please contact The Hopi Tribe Human Resources at (928) 734-3212. Applications are to be submitted to The Hopi Tribe: Human Resources; PO Box 123, Kykotsmobi, AZ 86039. *This position is subject to Indian preference under applicable law.



Internship Opportunities for Spring and Summer 2011

The Indian Land Tenure Foundation is looking to hire up to three current undergraduate or graduate students as interns: one for the spring semester and two for summer of 2011. The spring internship is a part-time position of approximately 5-10 hours a week and the summer internships are full-time positions over the course of 10-12 weeks. All three internships are research-based and emphasize collecting, compiling and analyzing information about Indian land ownership in the U.S. These are excellent opportunities for any students who have a background in Native American history and issues or who have a strong desire to learn. Visit our [website](#) to find out more or call 651-766-8999.



Phoenix Indian Center, Project Coordinator

The Department of the Native Workforce Services has an opening for a project coordinator. This person will provide oversight of daily operations of customer services and activities offered through the Native Workforce Service. Salary is \$35,000 to \$45,000 per annum and applicant should have a Master's

degree preferred in field appropriate to area of assignment and five years effective administrative or coordinator program experience. For more information please contact Karen A. Thorne, Director, Native Workforce Services, Phoenix Indian Center, Inc. 4520 N. Central Ave., Ste. 250, Phoenix, AZ 85012 or call 602-264-6768, ext. 2119 or visit Web: www.phxindcenter.org



2010-2011 Google AISES Scholarship Program

Google is committed to helping the innovators of the future make the most of their talents by providing scholarship and networking retreats for computer science students. Recipients of the Google AISES Scholarship will each receive a \$10,000 scholarship for the 2011-12 academic year. Selected students will also be invited to attend the annual Google Scholars' Retreat at the Googleplex in Mountain View, CA in 2011. Scholarships will be awarded based on the strength of applicants' academic background and demonstrated passion in science. Deadline is February 15, 2011.



2011 AISES Summer Internship Program

Participation in an internship program should be an essential part of a higher education path. The AISES Internship Program provides students with applied work experience and an opportunity to explore career options through ten-week summer positions with partner agencies. Deadline is February, 15, 2011. Students interested in applying for a summer internship with NASA through the AISES summer internship program, must also apply through NASA's newly implemented One Stop Shopping Initiative (OSSI), in addition to applying through AISES. For additional information about NASA's OSSI program, please visit: <http://intern.nasa.gov/>. Deadline to apply through NASA OSSI is February 1, 2011.



The Truman D. Picard Scholarship Program

This award is dedicated to the support of Native American students pursuing a higher education in Natural Resources. The deadline is March 18, 2011, 5:00 p.m. PST and the amount of the award is \$2,000 for college students and \$1,500 for graduating senior high school students. For more information, visit www.itcnet.org or e-mail itc1@teleport.com. Inquiries and applications should be directed to the Intertribal Timber Council Office: Attn: Education Committee, Intertribal Timber Council, 1112 N. E. 21st Avenue, Suite 4, Portland, Oregon 97232-2114 (503) 282-4296

Student internships under DOE's Tribal Energy Program

The Tribal Energy Program is seeking current college upper-classmen and graduate students for summer 2011 internships. Students must be U.S. citizens and Native Americans (defined as a member of a federally recognized tribe, Alaska Village, or Alaska Corporation) with specific interest in renewable energy. Applications are due **February 18, 2011**. [Download the application](#). For more information on the internship program, comments of past interns, and their papers, see the [Tribal Energy Program Web site](#) or the [application form](#).

Clean Water Field Technician, La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians

The EPA Clean Water Act Sec.106 Water Pollution Control Program at the La Jolla Indian Reservation has an open position for a Clean Water Field Technician under the EPA CWA-Sec.106 program that will protect the surface water quality, the environment, and the residents of the La Jolla Indian Reservation and the San Luis Rey watershed. This is an entry level, part-time position with possibility for advancement that reports to the CWA 106 Program Manager. All applications are due November 12. Applications are available at the La Jolla Tribal Office and an application and resume should be submitted to the La Jolla Personnel Committee or Environmental Director at the following address: La Jolla Band of Indians – 22000 Highway 76, Pauma Valley, CA, 92061 - (760) 742-3790 x407. We require a responsible person with a professional attitude and a passion for environmental protection.

Environmental Position

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has an opening for an Associate Environmental Engineer. This position 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



New Group to Increase Tribes' Role in Chemical Management and Pollution Prevention Activities

EPA is establishing a National Tribal Toxics Committee (NTTC) that will give tribes a forum for providing advice on the development of EPA's chemical management and pollution prevention programs that affect tribes. Given the uniqueness of tribal cultures, communities and environmental problems, the forum will help EPA better tailor and more efficiently address a variety of issues, including preventing poisoning from lead paint, expanding pollution prevention and safer chemical initiatives in Indian country, and better evaluating unique chemical exposures on tribal lands. A charter for the new NTTC is being developed and the membership of the council will be formed over the next several months. The first meeting of the NTTC will be held in the spring of 2011. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/tribal/> or <http://www.epa.gov/indian/>



Reducing Exposure Reduction of Lead Sources to American Indian Children

In January 2010, EPA awarded a tribal lead grant to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), to conduct outreach activities for reducing childhood lead poisoning among tribal communities and tribal residents in Arizona. Under this PowerPoint grant, ITCA is conducting outreach to member tribes and the Navajo Nation. For additional information, contact Dr. Patrick McMullen, ITCA Community Development Director, 602-258-4822 or Patrick.McMullen@itcaonline.com. EPA Region IX encourages tribes to share this information with tribal community members, other tribes across the nation, tribal organizations, tribal community groups, and non-tribal partners in protecting health and environmental quality. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-reducing-exposure-lead.pdf>

GAP Online Training Video Available

At the October Conference, Rodges Ankrah from Headquarters led an hour-long training on GAP Online. A digital video of his presentation is available upon request. Contact your project officer for more information.

U.S. Department of Housing Urban and Development (HUD)

The link below is the press release announcing the awards of HUD's Sustainable Communities Regional Planning Grant Program.

http://portal.hud.gov/portal/page/portal/HUD/press/press_releases_media_advisories/2010/HUDNo.10-233

Protecting Health of Children, the Elderly and Community Members from Environmental Hazards and Contaminants

Please share the following information with tribal governments on protecting the health of children, the elderly and community members from environmental hazards including lead-based paint, asbestos, indoor air pollutants and other contaminants. The following four links provide information regarding asbestos, asthma, lead and child health.

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-asbestos-oct2010.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-asthma-oct2010.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-lead-info-oct2010.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf>

For information on asbestos-in-schools, contact Ron Tsuchiya at 415-947-4168 or tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov. For information on managing asthma, contact Barbara Spark at 415-947-4189 or spark.barbara@epa.gov. For information on preventing childhood lead poisoning, contact David Tomsovic at 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov. For information on protecting children's environmental health, contact Kathleen (Katie) Stewart at 415-947-4119 or stewart.kathleen@epa.gov. We encourage tribes to share this information with community members, other tribes across the nation with whom you work, tribal organizations, tribal community groups, and non-tribal partners in protecting health and environmental quality.

Guidelines for Selecting Safe Locations for New Schools

EPA has released new draft voluntary guidelines to help communities protect the health of students and staff when selecting new sites for schools. These guidelines are web-based and will be available for public comment on an EPA contractor web site for 90 days. To review the draft guidelines, click on the following link or enter it into your browser: <http://epaschoolsiting.icfi.com/>. Comments will be accepted until 4 pm EST on February 18, 2011. Instructions for commenting are provided on the web site. To read the press release visit: <http://epa.gov/schools>. With questions about EPA's resources for schools, children's health, or regarding these guidelines, contact Kathleen Stewart, Children's Environmental Health Coordinator for EPA Region 9 at (415) 947-4119. For environmental health and safety resources for child care centers and preschools, go to <http://www.cehn.org/ehcc> or <http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Health/Environmental%20Health%20and%20Safety>

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/>

Tribal Air Section of the Region 9 Web site

EPA, Region 9 now has a section with information and resources on tribal air issues. Please check out this link: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>, if you wish to provide feedback, contact Sara Bartholomew in the Air Division at 415-947-4100 or by email at bartholomew.sara@epa.gov

EPA Encourages States to Use Portal for Reporting Ecological Incidents:

EPA announces the availability of the Ecological Pesticide Incident Reporting Portal at www.npic.orst.edu/eco. Launched in October 2009, this online application was developed to facilitate the reporting of ecological incidents from States, Federal Government organizations, tribes, academia, wildlife rehabilitation centers, conservation societies, beekeepers and other organizations involved with the investigation and documentation of ecological incidents. Information related to ecological incidents submitted via the portal will be imported into a database for use by risk assessors and risk managers in EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and considered the next time risks are assessed for the pesticide(s) involved in the incident report. More complete data on ecological incidents will allow the Agency to make better informed regulatory decisions, write better label statements, and impose better risk mitigation measures. Additionally, incident data serve as early warning information and can assist the Agency in discovering trends, which if left unnoticed, could create problems.

Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs

This updated handbook provides guidance and practical templates for tribes interested in obtaining federal funds to manage nonpoint source pollution under section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, it describes the 319 (h) grant processes, as well as how to develop a nonpoint source assessment report and management program. This version includes new tribal examples, and also a section focused on the watershed-based planning approach. The final section includes additional resources for tribes related to the nonpoint source pollution program goals. For more information, click below: [Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs \(PDF\)](#)

Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and training opportunities.

The following Web site has information on the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and training opportunities: <http://weatherization.org/rp.html>

How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law

If you have seen what appears to be a violation of environmental laws and regulations, visit <http://www.epa.gov/tips>. This Web page provides a tool to report possible environmental violations. Because different activities fall under different jurisdictions, the page gives examples of situations and who to call. The Web page also helps you tell the difference between environmental violations and emergencies.

EPA Seeks Information on Lead-Based Paint activities in Region IX Indian Country 1999-2010

In coordination with RTOC, EPA Region IX is gathering information on all lead-based paint activities conducted at Region IX tribes for the past 10+ years. EPA also seeks information from BIA, HUD and HIS. Information which EPA is seeking includes activities already completed, underway, or approved but not started. EPA specifically seeks the following information to prepare a "baseline inventory" of all lead-based paint activities conducted in Region IX Indian Country from 1999 to 2010: (1) outreach efforts on lead-based paint and lead's hazards; (2) childhood blood lead screening efforts; (3) evaluating lead-based paint conditions at tribal housing, child-occupied facilities or tribal buildings including dust sampling and

soil sampling; and (4) remediating lead-based paint hazards at tribal housing, child-occupied facilities or tribal buildings including lead in soil remediation. EPA seeks information on all efforts (completed; underway; or approved) in Region IX Indian Country whether financed by grants/funding agreements with EPA, BIA, HUD, IHS or other federal departments; funded by tribal governments or tribally-owned entities; or funded by sources such as foundations or nonprofit groups. Please note that EPA is not seeking information related to any specific person's blood lead testing or lead hazard testing involving any specific person's individual housing. If you have information, regarding this baseline inventory for 1999-2010, please contact David Tomsovic, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 or email tomsovic.david@epa.gov.

Pesticide Endangered Species Bulletins for California:

In January 2010, the 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 Court-ordered use limitations for pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos, diazinon or malathion. Once pesticide products with generic-endangered species label statements are used, the use limitations will be enforceable. About 55 tribes in California may be affected if any one of these three active ingredients is used on their lands. Information is available on EPA's websites <http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/wtc/maps.htm> and <http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/wtc/qs-as.htm>. The Region 9 Pesticides Office will provide updates as available and will assist tribes in effected counties as needed. For more information, contact Allen Demorest at 415-947-4214 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.

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.

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. To see the brochure, click on the following link: www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf.

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.

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>

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. Visit or post to your browser: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/index.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.

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

California State and Regional Water Board E-mail Subscription Web Page Links

The State and Regional Water Boards have several electronic mailing lists available for you to subscribe to their respective internet web sites. Subscribing to a regional board's mailing list will allow you to receive announcements/information on TMDL's, water quality standards, and other issues of interest to your tribe. Use the following link to subscribe:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/

Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearing House (TEEIC)

This site <http://teeic.anl.gov> provides information about the environmental effects of energy development on tribal lands. The U.S. Department of the Interior is funding the development of the TEEIC through the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs' Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development. For more information visit the TEEIC Web site (<http://teeic.anl.gov>) or contact the TEEIC Webmaster at teeicwebmaster@anl.gov

More EPA Websites:

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal-CWA-workshop/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/climatechange/tribes.html>

http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

<http://www.epa.gov>

<http://www.epa.gov/aieo/> (Headquarters)

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

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/> (Headquarters)

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/index.html>;

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

<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal>.

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

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/indian/pdf/gap-water-activities-factsheet.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/grants/pdf/gap-funds2010-invite-to-apply.pdf>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/training.html>
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/F7C43BF20985D562852576B100764FB1>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/othertraining.htm>

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/>
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>
<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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