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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Reasons not to buy bottled water in the United States:

Bottled water isn't a good value and the containers add to landfill. Conserve water wherever possible, and stay informed on local water issues. For more information go to



http://www.epa.gov/safewater/faq/pdfs/fs_healthseries_bottlewater.pdf or

<http://www.mnn.com/food/healthy-eating-recipes/stories/5-reasons-not-to-drink-bottled-water>

Consider taking Food and Water Watch's [No Bottled Water Pledge](#).

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops and Webinars

Sponsor: Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals

 Jan 12-15	Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools National Symposium	Washington, D.C.	928-523-1496
Jan 11-14	Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	Flagstaff, AZ	Lydia Scheer, 928-523-6887 or http://www.nau.edu/itep/
 Jan 25-27	Source Reduction Strategies for Tribal Solid Waste Programs	San Diego, CA	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840

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.



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



Sponsor: Environmental Health Support Center

Jan 25-27	Sustainable Solid Waste Management Operations	Rock Hill, SC	Sonya McDonald, 301-443-1046 sonya.mcdonald@ihs.gov
Feb 16-17	Tribal Utility Asset Management	Lakeside, CA	Sonya McDonald, 301-443-1046 sonya.mcdonald@ihs.gov

To register go to the following website:

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

Sponsor: Arizona Cooperative Extension's Community Resource Development Program

Jan 23-27	43 rd Annual Arizona Economic Development Course	Tucson, AZ	BobMcNichols@RezBuilders.com 928-753-6110
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Sponsor: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Feb. 8-10	ROTC Meeting	Coarsegold, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Apr 26-28	ROTC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
July 26-28	ROTC Meeting	Nevada (location TBD)	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Oct 17-18 Oct 19-21	ROTC Meeting and EPA/Tribal Conference	Pala, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov

Sponsor: Nielsen Environmental Field School

Jan 10-13	2011 North American Environmental Field Conference and Exposition	San Diego, CA	www.envirofieldschool.com or call (575) 532-5535
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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

**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 ROTC 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 wilcoxen.katy@epa.gov.

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Pesticide Office

The Region 9 Pesticide Office has developed a solicitation notice for pesticide special project proposals from eligible tribes and intertribal consortia for FY 2011 funding. Under this program, financial assistance will be provided 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. Examples of projects to be considered include the collection and disposal of unwanted/obsolete pesticides, the development of a plan to reduce pesticide use by promoting alternatives to pesticides, and reducing the risk of exposure to pesticides through education and outreach. The total amount of funding for FY 2011 is expected to be about \$300,000. For questions, contact Allen Demorest at 415-947-4214 or demorest.allen@epa.gov.



The US-Mexico Border Environmental Education, Outreach and Support Program Funding Opportunity

The Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) has announced a new funding opportunity: the US-Mexico Border Environmental Education, Outreach and Support Program. The closing date for this funding opportunity is January 10, 2011. This program supports environmental education activities designed to reach K-12, undergraduate, and graduate students, and provide training to assist them in pursuing careers in air quality management. For more information please go to http://www.epa.gov/oar/grants_funding.html.

Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grants Program - \$4 million

The upcoming Request for applications (RFA) will announce the availability of grants for helping eligible entities deliver environmental workforce development and job training programs focused on hazardous and solid waste management, assessment, and cleanup activities. EPA anticipates awarding approximately 13 environmental workforce development and job training cooperative agreements from this competitive opportunity. Applications are due January 14. Visit the following website for more information <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm> or access the draft grant application guidelines at: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/proposal_guides/fy11_ST_final.pdf

Competitive Funding Under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319

FY2011 CWA Tribal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for competitive funding requests is posted on the following website at <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/tribal/>. The purpose of the NPS Control Program is to assist federally-recognized Indian tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed-based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results. For information on the FY2011 CWA Section 319 RFP for competitive funding requests including submission instructions and proposal content, go to http://www.epa.gov/owow_keep/NPS/tribal/funding11.html. The due date for submission materials for competitive funding only is January 7. For more information, contact Tiffany Eastman, 415-972-3404 or eastman.tiffany@epa.gov, or Audrey L. Johnson at 415-972-3431 or johnson.audrey@epa.gov, or your CWA grants project officer.

Funding Opportunity under CWA Section 106 for FY 2011

The Water Pollution Control Program assists Federally-recognized Indian tribes with achieving environmental results by developing institutional capacity for administering water quality programs to protect, improve, and enhance natural resources. The due date for submitting your draft 106 work plan and budget is February 1. For more information, please contact Danielle Angeles, EPA Region 9 CWA 106 Program Co-Lead at 415-972-3441 or angeles.danielle@epa.gov, or your CWA grants project officer.

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 protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. Awards will be made in two phases according to the following proposal submission schedule: Proposals received by March 25 will be awarded by August 15. 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>

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)



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.

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



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>

K-12 Environmental Literacy

The U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests proposals for Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education. This RFP will support K-12 education projects that advance inquiry-based Earth System Science learning and stewardship directly tied to the school curriculum, with a particular interest in increasing climate literacy. \$8 million is expected to be available and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 12, 2011. For more information, contact Carrie McDougall at oed.grants@noaa.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=56016>.

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 info, contact Lindsey Pangretic at grants@eda.doc.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=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>.

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.

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

Environmental Director, Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians

The Director is responsible for managing the agency, developing and coordinating environmental programs and activities, managing a team of technical staff as well as outside environmental consultants for on-going natural resource management and permitting of emerging economic development on the reservation. The candidate must demonstrate the following skills: ability to develop and analyze technical resource data, research and studies, ability to manage and complete work on several projects at one time, strong public relations skills, strong interpersonal skills, verbal, listening and negotiation skills strong analytical, research and writing skills, team building skills, budget management, accounting and reporting skills analytical and problem solving skills, and decision making, stress and time management skills strong computer skills, software spreadsheet, word-processing, graphics at a highly proficient level. Please submit a letter of interest, resume and professional references to: Michelle Cuero, Vice Chairwoman, 36190 Church Road Suite 1, Campo CA 91906. *This position is subject to Indian preference under applicable law



Fishery Biologist II – Pyramid Lake Fisheries; Closes December 30, 2010.

The incumbent is responsible to the Executive Director for all scientific and ecological functions that contribute to the operation of the Pyramid Lake Fisheries, and supervision of staff to meet the mission and goals of the program. He/she will coordinate the scientific management and study of hatcheries, wild fish populations, and aquatic environment of the Pyramid Lake and the Truckee River and manage a field crew, laboratory, fish health, creel surveys, and water quality monitoring programs. Salary: \$18.00-\$18.54 per hour + COLA. For more information please contact the Pyramid Lake Fisheries at (775) 476-0500. Applications are to be filed at the Pyramid Lake Fisheries Admin. Office, Sutcliffe, NV by 4pm on December 30, 2010.

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



Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

EPA hosted a webinar for tribal stakeholders on TRI in September 2010. The purpose of the webinar was to increase use and awareness of this publicly available tool that tribes may use to identify sources of toxic chemical releases in their geographic areas. Currently, there are 49 facilities which report to TRI on tribal lands and 321 facilities operating within 3 miles of tribal land emitting over 141 million pounds of toxic chemicals. TRI data can be used as a resource to help assess human health and environmental concerns on tribal lands. If you missed the webinar, information is posted on <http://chemicalright2know.org/content/webinar/tribes2010>. A good starting point to learn more about TRI is the ABCs of TRI found at <http://www.chemicalright2know.org/files/webinar-09082010/TRI-program-intro-and-basics.pdf>. For more information, please contact Penny Wilson Reddy, 415-972-3108.



Environmental Outreach Program

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is looking for host sites for their 2011 student summer internship program on Environmental Education Outreach. The program is focused on air quality but a student may be assigned other tasks as well during the 10 week internship. This is a paid internship, with housing and travel stipends. The deadline is December 31. For more information or application details, please visit http://www4.nau.edu/eeop/internships/ssi_host.asp or contact Mansel Nelson, 928 523 1275 or mansel.nelson@nau.edu.

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.

The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Collaborate to Provide Funding Opportunity for Bay-Delta Water Efficiencies

Reclamation and NRCS are working together to leverage federal monies for water delivery agencies and agricultural producers in California's Bay-Delta region. Reclamation has made available a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) to invite Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts and other organizations with water or power delivery authority to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with Reclamation on projects that save water, improve water management and create new

supplies for agricultural irrigation. As part of the Reclamation/NRCS partnership each group will provide up to \$5 million for this effort. The FOA is available online at www.grants.gov. If you encounter problems accessing the FOA online, please call the Reclamation Public Affairs Office at 916-978-5100 (TTY 916-978-5608) or e-mail mppublicaffairs@usbr.gov. Applications are due by January 31, 2011, 3:00 PM PST.

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, you can find a range of resources on the children's environmental health network website (see eco-healthy child care fact sheets) and on the headstart webpage for environmental health and safety. <http://www.cehn.org/ehcc> or

<http://eclkc.ohs.acf.hhs.gov/hslc/ecdh/Health/Environmental%20Health%20and%20Safety>

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/>

Native American Construction Training Management, Inc (NACTM)

This nationwide training provider has teamed up with the United Association of Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Techs and UA Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters, to give yet another advantage to Native American's preparing to enter into the construction arena. Though Local Union 669's willingness to address historical barriers to career opportunities for Native Americans, they have agreed to allow residential requirements for entry level apprenticeship opportunities for Native American/Indian candidates who wish to participate. For more information, go to: <http://www.nactm.com/>

\$250,000 from the Women's Self Worth Foundation

The Women's Self Worth Foundation has pledged \$250,000 to the American Indian College Fund over the period of four years for 14 scholarships to benefit American Indian women attending college. The grant will be used to fund seven scholarships at the amount of \$4,000 per year for a period of two years for Native women pursuing an associate's degree at a tribal college; four scholarships for \$6,000 per year for four years for Native women students pursuing a bachelor's degree at a tribal college; and three scholarships for \$8,000 per year for four years for Native women pursuing a bachelor's degree at a

mainstream college or university. For more information about American Indian College Fund, please visit www.collegefund.org

New Native American Job Site

This site will provide an online job data bank available to Native American job seekers, Native American tribes, tribal organizations and tribally-owned or controlled casinos. For more information go to:

<http://nnlm.gov/mcr/bhic/>

Children's Environmental Health

Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Health Threats:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/tips.htm>

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/rrp.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.

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>

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

The American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) has added a new webpage, "Consultation", to its intranet site. Under this tab you will find all current information about the consultation policy effort. In addition the site also contains a searchable database of comments received on the draft policy from tribal governments and organizations. <http://intranet.epa.gov/aieo/index.htm>; <http://intranet.epa.gov/aieo/consultation-comments.htm>

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

Web sites for EPA's compliance assistance newsletter:

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

More EPA Websites:

Energy Efficiency, Green Site Cleanups, Renewable Energy, Smart Growth, Transportation, Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Waste Management: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/climatechange/tribes.html>

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

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

<http://www.epa.gov>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/training.html>

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

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/grants/pdf/gap-funds2010-invite-to-apply.pdf>

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

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

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

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

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

<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/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>

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/>



<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>

<http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/othertraining.htm>

<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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