



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

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Environmental Tip of the Month**

Don't let it drip - fix the leak! Leaky faucets can waste thousands of gallons of water each year, like money down the drain. Repair or replace old or damaged fixtures. Check the water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there probably is a leak. For more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/gogreen/201003.htm>



## **Invitation**

You are invited to send photographs and descriptions of tribal environmental work conducted during FY 2010 (October 1, 2009 – September 30, 2010), for the “Environmental Results through Tribal/EPA Partnerships” report. Photographs should be provided in jpeg format and should have the date, tribal name, activity (water, air, waste, etc.) Please submit your write-ups, photographs and necessary consent forms no later than Friday, June 18, 2010. Mail your information to: [r9accomplishments@epa.gov](mailto:r9accomplishments@epa.gov).

## **Meetings, Conferences, Workshops and Webinars**



### **Sponsor: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)**

Jun 9-11	National Tribal Healthy Homes	Sacramento, CA	Debbie Albin at 406-994-3782 or <a href="mailto:Deborah.albin@montana.edu">Deborah.albin@montana.edu</a>
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### **Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

 Jun 8-10	Resilient Water Management Strategies for Climate Change: Developing Decision Support Tools for Local Communities	San Francisco and New York (bi-coastal workshop)	<a href="http://epa.blhtech.com/resilientwaterworkshop/">http://epa.blhtech.com/resilientwaterworkshop/</a>
Jul 27-29	Regional Tribal Operations Committee	Mooretown, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 <a href="mailto:chin.willard@epa.gov">chin.willard@epa.gov</a>

### **Save-the-Date**

#### **Sponsor: EPA, the Natural Resource Conservation Service and the Washoe Tribe**

Sep 14-16	Annual CWA Section 319 Workshop	Gardnerville, NV	Tiffany Eastman, <a href="mailto:eastman.tiffany@epa.gov">eastman.tiffany@epa.gov</a> .
Sep 17	Treatment in the Same Manner as a State for the Water Quality Standards Program	Two Hour Audio Web Broadcast	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html">www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html</a>
Sep 14	Introduction to Water Quality Standards	Two Hour Audio Web Broadcast	Same as above

Details about registration will be made available on EPA's CWA Tribal Training Web site approximately one month prior to the webcasts. Also, the archived versions will be on EPA's CWA Tribal Training web site ([www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html](http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html)) approximately one month after each webcast.

Jun 6-10	2010 National Tribal Science Forum	Traverse City, MI	Monica L. Rodia, 202-564-8322 <a href="http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes.htm">http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes.htm</a>
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**Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Systems**

Jul 12-15	6 <sup>th</sup> Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	<a href="http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference2.html">www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference2.html</a> or call Michelle Silver, 928-871-7759
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**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and the National Tribal Air Association**

Jul 13-15	2010 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Management and Policy	Albuquerque, NM	Lydia Scheer 928-523-6887 <a href="http://www.nau.edu/itep/">http://www.nau.edu/itep/</a>
Aug 24-26	Tribal Lands and Environment: A National Forum on Solid Waste, Emergency Response and Contaminated Sites and USTs	San Diego, CA	Mehrdad Khatibi, 928-523-0946 or <a href="http://www4.nau.edu/itep/">http://www4.nau.edu/itep/</a>

Training catalog for ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training can be viewed by going to: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu)

**Sponsor: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

Jun 8-9	Refrigerant Disposal Training and Certification	Nixon, NV	John Mosley <a href="mailto:jmosley@plpt.nsn.us">jmosley@plpt.nsn.us</a> 775-574-0101x13
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**Sponsor: Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN)**

Jul 13-14	Identification and Initial Assessment of Mobile Methamphetamine Labs	Yakima, Central WA	Kami Snowden, 509-235-6007 or <a href="mailto:ksnowden@tswan.org">ksnowden@tswan.org</a>
Oct 5-6	Repeat of Jul 13-14 class	Spokane, WA	Same as above

**Sponsor: National Water Reach Institute (NWRI) and EPA**

Jun30- Jul 1	Asset Management Training Workshop	Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.regonline.com/AssetMgt-Oakland">www.regonline.com/AssetMgt-Oakland</a> .
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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](mailto:hair.david@epa.gov)

**EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)**

NETI is a part of EPA's Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at [aldridge.zena@epa.gov](mailto: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](http://www.netionline.com)

**Safety, Health and Environmental Management (SHEM)**

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

**Sustainable Infrastructure Workshops**

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

### **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](mailto:carey.kyle@epa.gov)

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

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

## **Grants and Loans**

### **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

#### **Environmental Training**

EPA requests proposals for the National Environmental Education Training Program. The purpose of this program is to deliver environmental education training and long-term support to teachers and other education professionals across the U.S. to enable them to teach effectively about environmental issues. \$2.2 million is expected to be available and one award is anticipated. Responses are due July 26. For more information, contact Kathleen MacKinnon at [mackinnon.kathleen@epa.gov](mailto:mackinnon.kathleen@epa.gov) or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/education/educate/solicitation.html>.

#### **Brownfields Training, Research and Technical Assistance Grants**

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

#### **EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes**

For more state-specific information about the CWSRF and DWSRF programs, visit the EPA, Region 9 Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water> or go to: [http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide\\_grants.htm](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm).

## **Department of Agriculture (USDA)**



#### **Rural Housing Preservation Grants**

USDA requests proposals for Rural Housing Preservation Grants. This RFP supports projects to assist very low and low income homeowners in repairing and rehabilitating their homes in rural areas, and, assists rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes if they agree to make such units available to low and very low income persons. \$10.146 million is expected to be available and up to 160 awards are anticipated. Responses due June 28. For more information, contact Bonnie Edwards-Jackson at [Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Bonnie.Edwards@wdc.usda.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=54121>.



### **Efficiency and Renewables in Rural America**

USDA requests proposals for Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency Improvements, under the Rural Energy for America Program. This RFP will provide support to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to purchase and install renewable energy systems and make energy efficiency improvements. \$51.5 million is expected to be available and up to 2,000 awards are anticipated.

Responses are due June 30. For more information, go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=54175>

### **Agriculture and Food Research (AFRI) - Climate Change**

USDA requests proposals for the AFRI - Climate Change. The AFRI Climate Change Program will fund projects focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions and increasing carbon sequestration in agricultural and forest production systems and preparing the nation's agriculture and forests to adapt to changing climates. The RFP is posted at: [http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri\\_rfa.html](http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html).

### **Agriculture and Food Research - Global Food Security**

USDA requests proposals for the AFRI – Global Food Security. This RFP focuses on two intertwined issues: Food Availability and Food Accessibility. The RFP is posted at:

[http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri\\_rfa.html](http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html).

### **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Bioenergy**

USDA requests proposals for the AFRI– Sustainable Bioenergy. This program will support projects that target the development of regional systems for the sustainable production of bioenergy and biobased products that: contribute significantly to reducing dependence on foreign oil; have net positive social, environmental, and rural economic impacts; and are compatible with existing agricultural systems. The RFP is posted at: [http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri\\_rfa.html](http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html).

### **Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Programs**

USDA requests proposals for the AFRI – Foundational Programs. The Foundation 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](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**



### **Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) requests proposals for the Weatherization Innovation Pilot Program. This RFP addresses the pressing need to significantly increase the rate and total number of low-income residential energy retrofits in a manner consistent with the President's goals of creating a green workforce and weatherizing one million homes nationally per year. Priority areas include: 1) New and non-traditional providers and developing new partnerships, 2) Leveraging financial resources in addition to Federal funds, and 3) Improving the effectiveness of low-income weatherization through the use of new materials, technologies, behavior-change models, and/or processes. \$30 million is expected to be available and up to 15 awards anticipated. Responses are due June 2. For more information, contact Sara Wilson at [sara.wilson@go.doe.gov](mailto:sara.wilson@go.doe.gov) or go to:

<https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000309&agency=DOE>.



### **FY 2010 Solicitation of Grant Proposals for Tribal Transit Program (TTP) Funds**

This notice announces the availability of \$15,074,963 million in funding provided by the Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program, TTP. This is a national solicitation for grant proposals and includes the selection criteria and program eligibility information for FY 2010 projects. Applicants proposing projects for funding under TTP may apply through GRANTS.GOV or via e-mail at [fta.tribalprogram@dot.gov](mailto:fta.tribalprogram@dot.gov). Those who apply via GRANTS.GOV should receive two confirmation e-mails. The first will confirm that the application was received and a subsequent e-mail will be sent within 48 hours indicating whether the application was validated or rejected by the system. Complete proposals for the discretionary program announced in this Notice must be submitted by June 28, 2010. This announcement has been published in the Federal Register. To read the entire Notice, go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-11476.pdf>. For questions about this announcement, contact Eric Eidlin, 415-744-2502 or [www.fta.dot.gov](http://www.fta.dot.gov)



### **Applications for Tribal Wildlife Grants**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service requests grant proposals from federally recognized tribes for projects that will conserve fish and wildlife resources. The Tribal Wildlife Grants program supports projects on a competitive basis that benefit habitat, fish and wildlife, including species that are not hunted or fished. This grant request is for FY 2011. Proposals and grant applications must be postmarked by September 1. The maximum award for any one project under this program is \$200,000. For more information and to obtain a copy of the grant application kit, or to find a regional tribal grants contact, please visit <http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican>. Additional information about this and other grant programs go to <http://www.grants.gov>. or contact Tom R. MacKenzie, 404-679-7291 [tom\\_mackenzie@fws.gov](mailto:tom_mackenzie@fws.gov)

### **Residential Weatherization Grants**

DOE requests proposals for Weatherization Formula Grants. Prime applicant restricted to agencies responsible for administering the annual Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) formula allocation. WAP funds are used to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety. WAP assists persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high-energy burden. \$210 million is expected to be available and 59 awards are anticipated. Response due date is dependent on fiscal year end of prime applicant, with a range of Feb 15 to Aug 1, 2010. For more information, including contacts go to: <https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0000216&agency=DOE>.



### **Sustainable Communities Planning Grants**

A top priority of President Barack Obama is to build economically competitive, healthy, opportunity-rich communities. In the 2010 Budget, Congress provided a total of \$150 million to Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning. Of that total, approximately \$100 million will be available for regional integrated planning initiatives through HUD's Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program. <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/sustaincomm.cfm>



### **Electric Efficiency Research - California**

The California Energy Commission requests proposals for the Energy Innovations Small Grant Program (EISG) – Electricity Program, to conduct research that establishes the feasibility of new, innovative energy concepts. Project must address one of the following research areas: Industrial/Agriculture/Water end-use efficiency; building end-use efficiency; environmentally preferred advanced generation; renewable generation; energy-related environmental research; and energy systems integration. EISG provides \$95K for hardware projects and \$50K for modeling projects. Final proposals are due June 10. For more information, go to: [http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/smallgrant/10-01\\_electricity/index.html](http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/smallgrant/10-01_electricity/index.html)





### **Water Management**

The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) Bureau of Reclamation, requests proposals for WaterSMART: System Optimization Review Grants, for projects that assess the potential for water management improvements and identify specific ways to implement those improvements. Applicants must be located in AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NB, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY, AS, GU, CNMI or the VI. \$1 million is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 14. For more information, contact Stephanie Bartlett at [sbartlett@usbr.gov](mailto:sbartlett@usbr.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=54184>



### **Advanced Water Treatment Projects**

DOI, Bureau of Reclamation, requests proposals for Advanced Water Treatment (AWT) Pilot and Demonstration Project Grants. This RFP will support projects that address the technical, economic, and environmental viability of treating and using brackish groundwater, seawater, impaired waters, or otherwise creating new water supplies within a specific locale. The adoption and use of AWT is a crucial element for addressing Western water issues. Applicants must be located in AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NB, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY, AS, GU, CNMI or the VI. \$2 million is expected to be available and 4 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 29. For more information, contact Stephanie Bartlett at [sbartlett@usbr.gov](mailto:sbartlett@usbr.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=54183>.

### **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](mailto: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>.

### **Climate Change and Wildlife Refuges**

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Wildlife Refuge System, the National Conservation Training Center, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the National Wildlife Refuge Association, request proposals from organizations interested in starting a community-based environmental education initiative called "The Nature of Learning" in their communities. The 2010 theme is Climate Change and Citizen Science, to support education projects focused on the causes and effects of climate change and to start citizen science partnership programs. Individual grants are not to exceed \$10K. Responses are due June 14. For more information, go to: [http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=charter\\_programs\\_list&CONTENTID=15104&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm](http://www.nfwf.org/AM/Template.cfm?Section=charter_programs_list&CONTENTID=15104&TEMPLATE=/CM/ContentDisplay.cfm).

### **Sponsor: Praxis Project**

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

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

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

<http://www.eda.gov/NewsEvents/PressReleases/PRWashDC011510.xml>

**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](http://www.cms.hhs.gov/CHIPRA). Questions about the grants may be directed to the CHIPRA grants mailbox [AIANCHIPRAOUTREACHGRANTS@cms.hhs.gov](mailto:AIANCHIPRAOUTREACHGRANTS@cms.hhs.gov). General information about CHIP can be found at [www.insurekidsnow.gov](http://www.insurekidsnow.gov).

**Tribal Energy Program**

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

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

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

**Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program**

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

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

**California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)**

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

**California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants**

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

**California's Changing Climate**

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

[http://www.ppica.org/content/pubs/report/R\\_1108LBR.pdf](http://www.ppica.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf)

**Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers**

For more information contact Cristala Mussato-Allen, 512-462-9056, Native Workplace 4415 Garnett Ave. Suite #A Austin, TX 78745. [info@nativeworkplace.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at (202) 564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington, DC 20460.

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

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

### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

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

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Water Quality Specialist**

The Shingle Springs Rancheria is looking for a person to perform a wide variety of water quality duties, including evaluation, education and protection of watersheds, source water, and stream restoration. For more information contact: Shingle Springs Rancheria, Human Resources, 530-672-5305

### **Environmental Positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has openings for an Environmental Technician, an Associate Environmental Engineer, an Office Specialist, and a Senior Environmental Specialist. These positions will be opened until filled. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at [charlenenelson@navajo.org](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).



## Tribal outreach, review and comment



### Children's Environmental Health

Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Health Threats:

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



### Asthma Awareness:

Here are some facts: (1) asthma affects almost 12% of people living in tribal communities - nearly double the current national average. (2) many asthma triggers are found indoors and tribal communities may be disproportionately affected by health problems associated with poor indoor air quality and (3) many tribal communities are using innovative approaches to improving indoor air quality. EPA's website has a Tribal Indoor Air Quality web page with tribal-specific innovative and promising programs and practices, tools, and networking. – Check this website to find asthma radio-campaigns also in Navajo, Lakota, and Anishinaabe <http://www.epa.gov/iaqtribal/index.html>

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

### National Geospatial Resource Center

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and Federally Recognized Tribal Entities (FRTE) can obtain specific Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) products through the National Geospatial Resource Center (NGRC) at no cost. The current Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) between ESRI and the Department of the Interior (DOI), USGS BPA No. G09PA00003, is valid through September 30, 2013. BIA and FRTEs can submit an application to become BIA customers of this Agreement. For more information, go to the following Web site.

<http://www.bia.gov/WhatWeDo/ServiceOverview/Geospatial/index.htm#GISSoftware>

### 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 process, 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 \(PDF\)](#) (182 pp, 8.6MB)

**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 IHS. 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](mailto: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 being used, the use limitations will be enforceable. Approximately 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 website (see these links):

<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 or via e-mail at [demorest.allen@epa.gov](mailto: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](http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608_Guide_Community_RE_en.pdf).

### **Reducing Methane from Landfills**

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

### **Treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles**

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

**Expanding the Self Governance Model to Tribal Environmental Programs – the Swinomish “Indian Environmental Act”** – The Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is sponsoring a bill referred to as the Indian Environmental Act. The proposed bill supports applying the “Self Governance” model to environmental programs, as a proven model that recognizes the sovereignty of tribal nations and allows for continuous and flexible funding that meets the needs and priorities of Tribes. The Act supports a pilot project with a new funding source for 12 tribes and four to five consortia (north, south, east, west, Alaska), and supports Tribes working with EPA on a Nation-to-Nation basis to develop a self governed environmental program that would allow tribes, to combine funds from different agencies and programs to address tribal priorities in a sustainable manner. The anticipated outcome is to develop the new program within one year and begin implementation of the program nationally in year two. The effort is intended to be structured under EPA's competitive RFP process, and one grant is being sought for each region. To view the document to go:

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

### **Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)**

A TBA is an environmental investigation designed to document environmental conditions at a property under consideration for redevelopment. EPA can provide communities and nonprofit organizations with environmental assessment services at brownfield properties with redevelopment potential. TBAs are noncompetitive and are available all year. To see the brochure, click on the following link: [www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf). The on-line application is: [Online Application](#) (PDF fillable form)

### **Smart Growth Solutions Guide**

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

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

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

### **Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)**

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

### **The National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE)**

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

**National Congress for American Indians (NCAI) Opportunities**

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

**National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)**

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

**Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)**

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

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

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

**Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit Help Line**

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

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

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

**Tribal Pesticide Issues**

Contact Pam Cooper, Manager, Region 9 Pesticides Office at 415-947-4217 or e-mail [cooper.pam@epa.gov](mailto:cooper.pam@epa.gov).

**The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)**

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

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

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

**Web sites for tribal programs and federal programs****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](mailto:teeicwebmaster@anl.gov)

**EPA Headquarters has changed two of its URLs**

American Indian Tribal Portal <http://www.epa.gov/indian/>

AIEO Internet <http://www.epa.gov/aieo/>

To find case studies and information on Energy Efficiency, Green Site Cleanups, Renewable Energy, Smart Growth, Transportation, Sustainable Water Infrastructure and Waste Management go to:

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

**Web sites for EPA's compliance assistance newsletter:**

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

Automotive Recycling:

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

Strategic Approach--Best Practices:

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

Educational Facilities:

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

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

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

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

**More EPA Websites:**

<http://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/resources/data.html>

<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html> ; <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP>

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

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

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

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

<http://www.epa.gov/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/](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.energysavers.gov)

<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>

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



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