



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

June 2011

Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month:

Don't let pet waste run off! Help reduce polluted storm water runoff by just picking up your pet's poop and disposing of it properly. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks by allowing harmful bacteria or organic material to wash into the storm drain and eventually into local water sources. So remember - always scoop the poop!

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops, Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Jun 15-16	Advanced Automatic Tank Gauge (ATG) Training	Seattle, WA	Roland T. Chester, 602-258-4822 or roland.chester@itcaonline.com
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

 *Jun 21-23	Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Operation, Maintenance, and Management Training for Tribal Operators and Leaders	Seattle, WA	Sara Ziff, 415-972-3536, ziff.sara@epa.gov or Erskine Benjamin, 415-972-3561, benjamin.erskine@epa.gov
July 26-28	Same as above	Billings, MT	Same as above
Aug 9-11	Same as above	Minneapolis/MN	Same as above
Sep 13-15	Same as above	Phoenix, AZ	Same as above
Sep 27-29	Same as above	Kansas City, KS	Same as above
Oct 25-27	Same as above	Anchorage, AK	Same as above
 Jul 19-21	Integrating Quality Assurance into Tribal Environmental Monitoring Programs	Shingle Springs, CA	Eugenia McNaughton, 415-972-3411 or mcnaughton.eugenia@epa.gov
 **Aug 30	Tribal Storm Workshop Learn all about EPA's Construction General Permit	San Francisco, CA	http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal-CWA-workshop or call Ann Murphy, 415-972-3640; murphy.ann@epa.gov
July 26-28	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Oct 17-18	RTOC Meeting	Pala, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Oct 19-21	Annual EPA/Tribal Conference	Pala, CA	V. Swann, 415-972-3699, swann.veronica@epa.gov R. Watkins, 760-891-3515, or rwatkins@palatribe.com

*Travel, hotel, and per diem for attendees from tribal reservations may be covered by the local IHS area office. For more information, contact your local IHS office. To register, visit http://water.epa.gov/learn/training/tribaltraining/tcourse7_2011.cfm

**There is no fee for this workshop. Registration begins June 1.

Sponsors: Hualapai Tribe, the Museum of Northern Arizona, the Christensen Fund and the EPA

Jun 7-8	Southwest Seep and Spring Wetland Monitoring and Assessment Workshop	Flagstaff, AZ	Alex Cabillo, 928-769-2554 or acabillo@hotmail.com
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Sponsor: The Seminar Group

Jun 10	Land Use and Water Planning: The California Connection	Santa Monica, CA	1-800-574-4852
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Jun 14-16	2011 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Spokane, WA	http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/aq_ntf.asp .
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Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

Jun 14-17	Solid Waste Management Training for Tribes	Prior Lake, MIN	tcoord@nijc.org or 707-579-5507
Jul 12-15	Same as above	Niagara Falls, NY	Same as above
Aug 16-19	Same as above	Cherokee, NC	Same as above

Sponsor: Laws Seminars International

Jun 20	The Water/Energy Nexus in California	San Diego, CA	Register here or (800) 854-8009
Jul 11-12	Energy in the Southwest	Santa Fe, NM	Register here or (800) 854-8009
Jul 14-15	Tribal Energy at the Federal Level	Washington, DC	Register here or (800) 854-8009

Sponsor: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

Jun 21-23	Sample Collection Protocol	Big Valley Rancheria Lakeport, CA,	Robert Hall, (415) 947-4123, hall.robertk@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Walking Shield, Inc.

Jun 28	Silver Anniversary Conference	Temecula, CA	Marvin Thurman, 949-639-0472
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Sponsors: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) , National Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP) Steering Committee and USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER)

Aug. 23-25	2011 Tribal Lands Forum	Green Bay, WI	Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840 or Email: Todd.Barnell@nau.edu
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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: The Continuing Challenge

Sept 6-9	22 nd Annual Continuing Challenge HazMat Emergency Response Workshop	Sacramento, CA	www.hazmat.org
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Sponsor: California Indian Conference

Oct 28-29	26th Annual California Indian Conference	CSU, Chico, CA	Amy Huberland, 530-898-5438, ahuberland@csuchico.edu
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The EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Online Overview Course for Permit Writers:

The EPA has created NPDES Permit Writer's Course, a web-based training series which allows state and the EPA regional permitting staff, as well as stakeholders and the public, to access NPDES permit program training content online. This course is a five-day training session covering the key elements of NPDES permit development. The NPDES Web-based training series can be accessed at: <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/training> under "Self-Paced Web Training." For more information please contact: David Hair (hair.david@epa.gov; or 202-564-2287)

Water Education for Teachers (WET)

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

EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

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

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following website 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

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)

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 website at <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Conservation Innovation - Multiple States and Territories

USDA requests proposals for the Conservation Innovation Grant (CIG) Program in multiple states and territories. CIG seeks to stimulate innovative conservation approaches and technologies, in conjunction with agricultural production. Areas of interest vary by state/territorial priorities but may include areas such as transitioning to organic production, farm energy conservation, and carbon sequestration in soil. For more information, go to <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=82213>

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.

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.

<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

Other Available Grants



Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Grants on Healthy Homes and Controlling and Reducing Environmental Hazards in Housing

Below is information on four grant programs from the HUD on healthy homes and controlling and reducing hazards from lead-based paint and other environmental risk factors in housing. Federally recognized tribes are eligible under all four grant programs. The application periods close on either June 9 or June 10, 2011 (view each link to identify the specific closing date).

Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Grant Program:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V6nQNfxY2gpgBc5wyCX22qTTBgvpHKdbHIMIV5LIJ3Qr2hVTlsgv%21-1807531831?oppld=86547&mode=VIEW>

Lead Hazard Reduction Demonstration Grant Program:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V6nQNfxY2gpgBc5wyCX22qTTBgvpHKdbHIMIV5LIJ3Qr2hVTlsgv%21-1807531831?oppld=86553&mode=VIEW>

Healthy Homes Production Program:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V6nQNfxY2gpgBc5wyCX22qTTBgvpHKdbHIMIV5LIJ3Qr2hVTlsgv%21-1807531831?oppld=86573&mode=VIEW>

Asthma Interventions in Public and Assisted Multifamily Housing:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do;jsessionid=V6nQNfxY2gpgBc5wyCX22qTTBgvpHKdbHIMIV5LIJ3Qr2hVTlsgv%21-1807531831?oppld=86634&mode=VIEW>



Healthy Homes Technical Studies

HUD requests proposals for Healthy Homes Technical Studies. Through this proposal, HUD will support studies to improve knowledge, assessment and control of lead-based paint and other housing-related health and safety hazards. Areas of interest include: take-home hazards from work/hobbies and work at home; mold and moisture; allergens and asthma; asbestos; combustion products of heating and cooking appliances; semi-volatile organic compounds; unintentional injuries/fire; secondhand smoke; insect and rodent pests; lead-based paint; pesticide residues; and radon progeny. \$2 million is expected to be available and up to four awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 30. For more information, contact Peter Ashley at Peter.J.Ashley@hud.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=91194>.



Lead Technical Studies

HUD requests proposals for Lead Technical Studies. This program will support research to improve the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of methods for evaluation and control of residential lead-based paint

hazards. \$500K is expected to be available and up to two awards anticipated. Responses are due June 30. For more information, contact Peter Ashley at Peter.J.Ashley@hud.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=91193>.



Environmental Health Policies

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention request proposals to strengthen and improve the Nation's environmental public health capacity through national, non-profit, professional public health organizations to incorporate health in all policies. The purpose of this program is to strengthen the nation's capacity to promote healthy and safe environments and prevent harmful exposures through education and training of decision-makers and key stakeholders. \$2 million is expected to be available and up to four awards are anticipated. Letters of Intent are requested, but not required; final proposals are due June 16. For more information, contact Radha Pennotti at IZQ7@cdc.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=91213>.



Tracking Public Health

CDC and Prevention request proposals for National Environmental Public Health Tracking Program-Network Implementation. Through this proposal, CDC seeks to establish and maintain a nationwide tracking network to obtain integrated health and environmental data and use it to provide information in support of actions that improve the health of communities. \$45 million is expected to be available and up to 17 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 3. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=90794>.

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>

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/docs/fy07osti/40509.pdf>

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.

Environmental Employment Opportunities

Water Quality and Fisheries Coordinator, Quartz Valley, CA

Reports to and is under the direct supervision of the Environmental Director and under the general supervision of the Business Council. Responsible for carrying out assigned portions of the EPA Clean Water Act grant duties and other water quality and fisheries investigations for Quartz Valley Indian Reservation Environmental Protection Department. For more information go to: Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, 13601 Quartz Valley Road, Fort Jones, California 96032, or by e-mail: humanresources@qvir.com, or call Charlene Henry, Director of Human Resources at 530-468-5907, or at the ANAV Tribal Health Clinic, 530-468-4470.

Environmental Position

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has an opening for a Senior Environmental Specialist. 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



National Indian Justice Center

The American Indian College Fund and its representative Alison Lockhart (americanindiancollegefund@gmail.com) are soliciting tribal student applicants for scholarships. The following list of websites have different scholarship programs available: Deadline is June 30.

- (1) [Tribal College Scholarship Program](#), (2) [Tribal College Special Scholarship Program](#), (3) [Mainstream Special Scholarship Program](#) and (4) [Graduate Special Scholarship Program](#).



Native American Fish and Wildlife Society, Southwest Region

The Society is starting another exciting natural resources youth practicum. This is a great opportunity for students to get hands-on experience and work with professional natural resources personnel. The only expense for students is the travel to and from Albuquerque. Students will then be transported to and from the camp site, with the main Albuquerque meeting spot being the BIA Regional Office parking lot. The deadline to apply is June 3. For more information, contact Jeanne Lubbering, 59 Santa Maria Drive, Edgewood, NM 87015 or call 505-281-7694. This opportunity is for high school students in New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado and Utah.

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



Reducing Asbestos-in-School Hazards:

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) requires public and private non-profit primary and secondary schools (grades K-12) to inspect their buildings for asbestos-containing building materials and prepare management plans to prevent or reduce asbestos hazards. Federal facilities (including schools owned and/or operated by US Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs and Bureau of Indian Education) are also required to comply with AHERA's requirements. Nationally, the EPA places strong emphasis on ensuring compliance with applicable AHERA requirements by BIA/BIE schools; conducting compliance inspections at BIA/BIE facilities and providing compliance assistance to school facility managers are two means used by the EPA to ensure compliance with AHERA's requirements. For information on protecting students and school staff from asbestos hazards, go to <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf>.

For more information about AHERA requirements go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region02/ahera/>.



Preventing Lead Hazards during Renovation:

Beginning in 2010, the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule required contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. For information about the rule requirements and how to become certified, go to:

www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm. An EPA video describes the importance of using lead-safe work practices in conducting such renovations: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqUssA-PsD0>. The EPA encourages tribal governments and community members to report unsafe work practices through an online tip and complaint form: www.epa.gov/region9/lead/tips-complaints.html. For more information: contact: Jean Prijatel, Lead-Based Paint Program, prijatel.jean@epa.gov or (415) 947-4167.



Minimizing Exposure of American Indian Children to Sources of Lead Poisoning

In 2010, EPA Region IX awarded a tribal lead grant to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), to enable them to conduct outreach activities for reducing childhood lead poisoning among tribal communities and tribal residents in Arizona. For additional information efforts go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-reducing-exposure-lead.pdf>. This information should be shared widely to protect health and environmental quality. Contact: Dr. Patrick McMullen, ITCA Community Development Director, phone (602) 258-4822 or email Patrick.McMullen@itcaonline.com



Protecting Children's Environmental Health

Children may be more vulnerable to environmental exposures than adults because their bodily systems are still developing. Children eat, drink and breathe more in proportion to their body size than adults; and the behavior of children potentially exposes them to more pollutants and contaminants in their daily environment. For information on children's environmental health protection go to:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/homepage.htm> and [Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Risks](http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf) and <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf>. If your tribe is interested in exploring opportunities to further protect children's environmental health, contact EPA Region IX Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, Kathleen Stewart (415) 947-4119 or stewart.kathleen@epa.gov or your EPA grant project officer. You may also contact Kathleen Stewart to receive emails on children's environmental health, including information on upcoming children's environmental health-related grant opportunities.



Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan in Federal Register - Official Comment Period of 45 Days

In a May 18, 2011 *Federal Register* notice, the EPA solicited comments on a proposed federal program to certify applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country where no other EPA-approved or EPA-implemented certification plan applies. A link to the draft Plan is at

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-18/html/2011-12226.htm>. RUPs are potentially hazardous chemicals that require special training and techniques to be used safely. Federal law requires EPA-approved certification of RUP applicators nationally, including in Indian country. Most of Indian country is not covered by a certification mechanism. EPA's *Proposed Federal Plan for Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian country* will help fill this gap in the certification of applicators of these hazardous chemicals and by ensuring that RUP applicators are competent to apply RUPs in Indian country. For more information regarding the proposed federal plan, contact Nicole Zinn at zinn.nicole@epa.gov or (703) 308-7076. For more information on the EPA's restricted use pesticide certification program, please see the EPA Web pages explaining the [certification and training of pesticide applicators](http://www.epa.gov/oppead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm) at <http://www.epa.gov/oppead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm>.



Office of Pesticide Programs Seeks to Make Permanent in Indian Country a Pilot Issued Under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA)

On November 28, 2008, the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) initiated a three year pilot program for use of certain pesticides in Indian country. This current nationwide pilot provides for the lawful use of Section 18 pesticide registrations issued by the EPA (for 4 different types of emergencies) and 24(c) pesticide registrations issued by states (for special local needs) to be used in areas of Indian country that are within the geographic boundaries of state(s) or county(ies) to which the emergency exemption or special local needs registration pertains. OPP is considering adopting the pilot as a final policy and seeks input from tribes on how the current pilot is working and other comments. For more information and a copy of the determination for the pilot project, check the EPA website at:

<http://www.epa.gov/oppead1/tribes/pilot-project.htm> and <http://www.epa.gov/oppead1/tribes/fifra-section2ee.pdf>. Additional information on FIFRA Section 18 registrations can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppr001/section18/> and a description of FIFRA Section 24(c) registrations is available at: <http://www.epa.gov/oppr001/24c/>. OPP is planning to schedule two consultation calls sometime in June and, if possible, hopes to have a permanent program in place by November 28, 2011 when the current pilot expires. To obtain additional information or provide feedback, contact Mary Powell

as soon as possible at the Office of Pesticide Programs via e-mail at powell.mary@epa.org or phone at (703) 305-7384.

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 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 the 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

The 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

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

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

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

Tribal Air Section of the Region 9 Web Site

The following website has a section with information and resources on tribal air issues: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>. If you wish to provide feedback, contact Sara Bartholomew in the Air Division, 415-947-4100 or by email at bartholomew.sara@epa.gov

The EPA Encourages States to Use Portal for Reporting Ecological Incidents:

The 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 the 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 informed regulatory decisions, write label statements, and impose 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.

Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rules and Training Opportunities

The following website has information on the lead renovation, repair, and painting rules and training opportunities: <http://weatherization.org/rp.html>

How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law

To report 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.

Community Renewable Energy (CEC) Project Guide Available

The 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 website at: http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608_Guide_Community_RE_en.pdf.

Treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles

The 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. The 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)

The 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 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, (415) 972-3809 or go to <http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazardous 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

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

<http://www.epa.gov>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Indian Justice Center

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

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

Other Web Sites of Interest

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

<http://teeic.anl.gov>

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>

<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>; <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml> ; <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>

www.energysavers.gov

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

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

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

This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria.

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