



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

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops and Webinars



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

*May 20	Tribal Training Webcast: Introduction to the Tribal CWA 319 Handbook	Webcast—PDT 10:00 a.m. to noon	www.epa.gov/nps/tribal/ . Tiffany Eastman, eastman.tiffany@epa.gov .
Jul 27-29	Regional Tribal Operations Committee	Mooretown, CA	Willard Chin, chin.willard@epa.gov or 415- 972-3797

*There will also be a 30-minute period at the end of the Webcast where EPA staff and tribal speakers will answer questions from the audience. To listen to the Webcast you need a computer with the correct updates to the software that can play sound. After you register, On24's Web site will help you test their system and download any necessary updates. **Registration is now open:**

<http://event.on24.com/r.htm?e=200213&s=1&k=05AF15FCD9062B2458A22BED69747703>



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, eastman.tiffany@epa.gov .
Sep 17	Treatment in the Same Manner as a State for the Water Quality Standards Program	Two Hour Audio Web Broadcast	www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html
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) approximately one month after each webcast.

May 24-27	4 th Biennial Tribal Drinking Water Conference: Protecting Drinking Water in Indian Country	Tempe, AZ	Roger Yates, 415-972-3549 or http://www.rcac.org/events.aspx?359
Jun 6-10	2010 National Tribal Science Forum	Traverse City, MI	Monica L. Rodia, 202-564-8322 http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes.htm

**Sponsor: US EPA Region 2, Region 3, and Region 9**

May 11 1-3 PM EDT	EPA's role in Water Resources Management for a Changing Climate	National Webinar	http://epa.blhtech.com/resilientwaterworkshop Advanced registration required for the workshop portion in June. List of contacts provided on website.
May 25 1-3 PM EDT	Climate Science	National Webinar	
June 8-10	Resilient Water Management Strategies for a Changing Climate	75 Hawthorne St San Francisco, CA 94105	

Sponsor: Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency Public Water Systems

Jul 12-15	6 th Annual Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference2.html 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 http://www.nau.edu/itep/
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 http://www4.nau.edu/itep/

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

<http://www4.nau.edu/itep/trainings/aiaqtp.asp> or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu

**Co-sponsors: The National Pollution Prevention Roundtable; EPA's Office of Compliance Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics and Office of Small Business Programs**

May 25-27	Next Steps for Energy, Sustainability and a Green Economy	Orlando, FL	http://www.environmentalsummit.org/Matrix.cfm
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Sponsor: National Tribal Environmental Council

May 23-27	17 th Annual National Tribal Environmental Conference	Albuquerque, NM	Mary Velarde, 505-717-1581 mvelarde@ntec.org
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**Sponsor: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe**

Jun 8-9	Refrigerant Disposal Training and Certification	Nixon, NV	John Mosley jmosley@plpt.nsn.us 775-574-0101x13
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Sponsor: Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN)

May 11-13	Waste Management 101	Fife, WA	Kami Snowden, 509-235-6007 or ksnowden@tswan.org
Jul 13-14	Identification and Initial Assessment of Mobile Methamphetamine Labs	Yakima, Central WA	Kami Snowden, 509-235-6007 or ksnowden@tswan.org
Oct 5-6	Repeat of Jul 13-14 class	Spokane, WA	Same as above

Sponsor: Pala Band of Luiseno Indians and La Jolla Band Indians

May 12-14	Creeks and Community Proper Functioning Condition	La Jolla, CA	Heidi Brow, 760-891-3514, hbrow@palatribe.com John Flores, 760-533-0224, john@lajollaindians.com ; Robert Hall, 415-947-4123, hall.robertk@epa.gov
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It should be noted that this training will be held Wed - Fri following the training listed below. Due to stream conditions this training cannot be pushed into late May or June. To have a tribal specific PFC training, it needs to be done at this time

Sponsor: EPA, Region 9 and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

May 4-6	106 Monitoring Workshop	Reno, NV	Danielle Angeles, angeles.danielle@epa.gov , (415) 972-3441
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Sponsor: National Water Reach Institute (NWRI) and EPA

Jun30- Jul 1	Asset Management Training Workshop	Oakland, CA	www.regonline.com/AssetMgt-Oakland .
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EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Online Overview Course for Permit

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

EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

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

Safety, Health and Environmental Management (SHEM)

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

Sustainable Infrastructure Workshops

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

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 in Indian Country:

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

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Pollution Prevention Information Network (PPIN)

EPA requests proposals for the PPIN Grants Program. PPIN provides support to grantees that form a national network of pollution prevention (P2) information tools and service providers. \$800K is expected to be available and up to 8 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 3. For more info, contact Beth Anderson at Anderson.Beth@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/ppin/ppin.htm>.



Environmental Workshop

EPA requests proposals for Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Program - Annual Training Workshop Support. This annual workshop supports CARE's community-based, community-driven, multimedia demonstration program designed to help communities understand and reduce risk due to toxic pollution and environmental concerns from all sources. \$150K is expected to be available and one award is anticipated. Responses are due May 4. For more info, contact Felicia-Palmer Greene at palmer-greene.felicia@epa.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=53498>.



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 or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/education/educate/solicitation.html>.



Brownfields Planning

EPA requests proposals for the Brownfields Area-Wide Planning Pilot Program, for projects that facilitate community involvement in area-wide planning approaches to brownfields assessment, cleanup, and subsequent reuse. \$3.5 million is expected to be available and up to 20 awards are anticipated. Responses are due June 1. For more information, contact Aimee Storm at storm.aimee@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm.



Indoor Air Environment - Region 2

EPA, Region 2, requests proposals for Indoor Environment Grants. Proposed projects must support demonstration, training, outreach and/or education activities that reduce exposure to indoor air pollutants and yield measurable environmental outcomes. Projects that address areas of greatest need, including environmental justice/underserved communities, where the most risk reduction can be achieved in children, are of greatest priority. Projects must take place in NJ, NY, PR or the Virgin Islands. \$500K is expected to be available and up to 3 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 10. For more information, contact Ameesha Mehta-Sampath at Mehta-Sampath.Ameesha@epa.gov or go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region02/grants>



Tribal Border Infrastructure (TBI) Program

EPA's Water Division's Tribal Office, Region 9, reminds all eligible tribes that the TBI Program will be accepting proposals until Friday, May 14, 2010. TBI is designed for tribes who are located 62 miles north of the U.S./Mexico border and have high-priority infrastructure needs related to drinking and/or wastewater access. Here are the headlines for this year's solicitation for TBI:

Region 9 estimates that \$1.5M will be available to make approximately 3 to 6 awards. Awards will be made either through a grant or an interagency agreement with the Indian Health Services (IHS).

Award ranges are \$250,000 to \$500,000.

For more information, contact Erskine Benjamin at Benjamin.Erskine@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/tribal-border-infrastructure-2010.html>.



Tribal Council for Chemical Concerns and Pollution Prevention

EPA is issuing a Request for Application (RFA) to support tribal participation in a new committee, the Tribal Council for Chemical Concerns and Pollution Prevention (TC3P1). This RFA is available at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/tribal/index.html>. Read about the request for the grant applications and apply by the May 28, 2010 deadline.



Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program

To apply for the Sustainable Communities Planning Grant Program, call the HUD NOFA Information Center as soon as possible at 1-800-HUD-8929 or for TTY call 1-800-877-8339. Give them your organization name and address, contact name, email, and telephone number, including area code. For more information go to: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/adm/grants/nofa10/sustaincomm.cfm>. The closing date is May 14, 2010.

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 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.

Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Water & Wastewater Loans

USDA requests proposals for the Revolving Fund Grant Program, to provide loans to finance pre-development costs of water or wastewater projects, or short-term small capital projects not part of the regular O&M of current water and wastewater systems. \$497K is expected to be available and two awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 25. For more information, contact Joyce Taylor at joycem.taylor@wdc.usda.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=53417>.



Conservation Innovation Grants

USDA requests proposals for Conservation Innovation Grants (CIG). The purpose of CIG is to stimulate the innovative conservation approaches and technologies, while leveraging the Federal investment in environmental enhancement and protection in conjunction with agricultural production. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: Conservation and Renewable Energy; Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation; Air Quality and Atmospheric Resource; and Sustainable and Organic Agriculture. Separate categories are provided for the Chesapeake Bay Watershed, and the Mississippi River Basin. \$25 million expected to be available, up to 60 awards anticipated. Final proposals are due June 4. For more information, contact Gregorio Cruz at Gregorio.Cruz@wdc.usda.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=53533>.

**Agriculture and Food Research - Climate Change**

USDA requests proposals for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (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.

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

USDA requests proposals for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – 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.

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

USDA requests proposals for the Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (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.

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

USDA requests proposals for Agriculture and Food Research Initiative – 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.

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>

USDA Food Service Equipment Grants -- \$25 million

In January 2010, USDA announced the availability of \$25M in equipment grants to help schools operating a National School Lunch Program (NSLP) replace outdated equipment with new energy-efficient appliances such as refrigerators, ovens, and other food service related equipment. Eligible school food authorities are those that participate in the NSLP and did not receive an ARRA grant for NSLP equipment assistance. State educational authorities received allocations from USDA and are to award grants on a competitive basis no later than 180 days after receiving their grant allocation. Procurement and expenditures must be completed no later than one year after grant receipt. State grant allocations can be found in the press release at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/cga/PressReleases/2010/0015.htm>. More details can be found in the USDA memo at: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/governance/Policy-Memos/2010/SP_14-2010_os.pdf. For more information on ENERGY STAR qualified commercial food service equipment, please visit www.energystar.gov/cfs or contact Una Song (song.una@epa.gov) or Jeffrey Clark (jclark@icfi.com).

Other Available Grants



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&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>.



Water and Energy Efficiency

The U.S. Department of the Interior requests proposals for WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants. This program supports projects that conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy in the management or delivery of water, protect endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, or carry out other activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict. \$14 million is expected to be available and up to 40 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 4. For more information, contact Stephanie Bartlett at sbartlett@usbr.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=52826>.



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.

Administration for Children and Families (ACF) and Administration for Native Americans (ANA)

ACF and ANA announce the availability of \$42 million in competitive grant funding for FY 2010 for community-based projects that promote economic and social self-sufficiency and cultural preservation for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American Pacific Islanders from American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. ANA grant funding supports social, economic, and governance development; preservation of Native American languages; and environmental regulatory activities. Applicants are encouraged to contact ANA's technical assistance regional providers below who offer project development training and pre-application training free of charge.

Eastern Region: <http://www.anaeastern.org>

Western Region: <http://www.anawestern.org>

Alaska Region: <http://www.anaalaska.org>

Pacific Region: <http://www.anapacificbasin.org>

The Funding Opportunity Announcements can be downloaded and submitted at: <http://www.grants.gov>.

For more information on the Administration for Native Americans please visit:

<http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ana/>.

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

The Department of Justice (DOJ) developed CTAS for FY 2010, combining DOJ's existing Tribal government-specific competitive solicitations into one, and thus requiring only one application from each tribe or tribal consortium. This approach provides federally-recognized tribes and tribal consortia the opportunity to develop a comprehensive approach to public safety and victimization issues. DOJ's tribal government-specific competitive grant programs outlined in this Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation are referred to as "Purpose Areas." Each tribe should select the Purpose Areas that best address its public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization issues. For more information go to: <http://www07.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&oppld=52395>. Deadline: May 13, 2010

Fruit Tree Planting Foundation (FTPF)

The Fruit Tree Planting Foundation, an award-winning international nonprofit charity, is currently accepting applications, on a rolling basis, for its tribal fruit tree orchard donation program. FTPF donates all plant materials, related equipment, and its team helps install the orchard on-site. Learn more about at www.ftpf.org or download the application form at www.ftpf.org/application.doc

WaterSMART: Water and Energy Efficiency Grants for FY2010

The objective of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to invite states, 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 conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy in the management or delivery of water, protect endangered and threatened species, facilitate water markets, or carry out other activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict. The deadline for applications is May 4. For more information, contact Stephanie Bartlett, 303-445-2025, or sbartlett@usbr.gov

Residential Weatherization Grants

The U.S. Department of Energy requests proposals for Weatherization Formula Grants. Prime applicant restricted to agencies responsible for administering the annual Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) formula allocation. WAP funds are used to increase the energy efficiency of dwellings owned or occupied by low-income persons, reduce their total residential expenditures, and improve their health and safety. WAP assists persons who are particularly vulnerable such as the elderly, persons with disabilities, families with children, high residential energy users, and households with high-energy burden. \$210 million is expected to be available and 59 awards are anticipated. Response due date is dependent on fiscal year end of prime applicant, with 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>.

Sponsor: Praxis Project

The Praxis Project has a Call for Proposals for [Communities Creating Healthy Environments](http://www.ccheonline.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.ccheonline.org where you can download the Call for Proposals, sign up for information sessions and learn about the current CCHE communities!

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

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

Children's Health

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

Tribal Energy Program

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

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

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

Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program

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

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

California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB)

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

California Bay-Delta Authority Science Grants

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

California's Changing Climate

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

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

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

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

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

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

Toxics Release Inventory

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

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

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

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

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

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

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

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

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

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

EPA's Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook provides quick access to many programs and resources available to help Tribal school districts and Tribal schools prevent and resolve environmental issues in schools. The Notebook is available at

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>. The Tribal Schools Compliance Assistance Notebook is part of EPA's National Tribal Compliance Assurance Priority (<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>).

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

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

Employment Opportunities

Environmental Positions

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has openings for an Environmental Technician, an Associate Environmental Engineer, 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.

Tribal outreach, review and comment



Tribal Air Section of the Region 9 website

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.

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>

The Native Nations Institute (NNI)

The NNI for Leadership, Management, and Policy at the University of Arizona is rolling out a Governance Analysis for Native Nations (GANN), an analytical tool designed to help Native nations assess their own governing structures and capacities. Largely self-administered with modest facilitation, the GANN takes participants--individually or in groups--through a series of questions about a nation's governing institutions, helping the nation identify areas that need attention as it strengthens its system of governance. Supported by the Archibald Bush Foundation and the Udall Foundation, the GANN has been in the works over the last year, building on more than two decades of research on Indigenous governance carried out by NNI and the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. The NNI piloted the new tool this past autumn with the Mescalero Apache Tribe in New Mexico and with several nations in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Minnesota--the three-state region served by the Archibald Bush Foundation. Over the winter, NNI revised the tool based on feedback from these nations. Several tribes in the Bush Foundation region will be using the final version of the GANN this month as part of an ongoing effort to enhance the governmental foundations of tribal self-determination. For more information about GANN, go to the NNI website at www.nni.arizona.edu.

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.

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.

Community Renewable Energy Project Guide Available

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

Reducing Methane from Landfills

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

Treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles

EPA Region 9 has published a 15-page booklet on the treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles, with emphasis on the problem faced by tribal nations. Here is the URL

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>. In addition to the internet, paper copies are available by request to Michelle Baker at baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206.

Expanding the Self Governance Model to Tribal Environmental Programs – the Swinomish “Indian Environmental Act”

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

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

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

A TBA is an environmental investigation designed to document environmental conditions at a property under consideration for redevelopment. EPA can provide communities and nonprofit organizations with environmental assessment services at brownfield properties with redevelopment potential. TBAs are noncompetitive and are available all year. To see the brochure, click on the following link:

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; or call SAMHSA's Health Information Network at 877-726-4727 and ask for DHHS publication # (SMA) 08-4354.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

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

The National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE)

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

National Congress for American Indians (NCAI) Opportunities

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

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)

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

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

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

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

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

Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit Help Line

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

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

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

Tribal Pesticide Issues

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

The Sierra Nevada Adaptive Management Project (SNAMP)

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

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

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

Web sites for tribal programs and federal programs



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

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/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/water/tribaltraining/2009/tevent0919.html>.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

National Indian Justice Center

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

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

Other Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/> ; <http://www.doi.gov/bia>

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

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

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

www.energysavers.gov

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

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

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