



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

May 2011

Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month:

If you turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth you can save as much as 8 gallons of water per day.
To read more about saving water to go: http://www.epa.gov/watersense/pubs/simple_steps.html

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops, Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency
Hosted by: Rincon Band and La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians

May 10-12	Integrating Quality Assurance into Environmental Monitoring Programs	Valley Center, CA	mcnaughton.eugenia@epa.gov or 415-972-3411
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Sponsor: Nielsen Environmental Field School, Inc.

May 17-20	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	info@envirofieldschool.com
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Host: Reno-Sparks Indian Colony

May 17 (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)	Waste Characterization Training	Reno, NV	Nancy Sockabasin, 415-972-3772 sockabain.nancy@epa.gov
May 18 (8:30 to 12:30 pm.)	Pay-As-You-Throw (PAYT) Training	Reno, NV	Same as above

For those looking for more information on waste characterization CALRECYCLE has a useful page:
<http://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/wastechar/>



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

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

Jun 28	Silver Anniversary Conference	Temecula, CA	Marvin Thurman, 949-639-0472
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Hosts: Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, EPA Office of Research and Development, Region 9

May 24-26	Tribal Ecosystem Services Research Program (ESRP)	Solvang, CA	Robert Hall, 415-947-4123 or hall.robertk@epa.gov or John Lin, 702-798-2171, lin.john@epa.gov
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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: Environmental Information Exchange Network

May 4-5	6 th Annual Environmental Information Exchange Network (En) Tribal Meeting	Palm Springs, CA	Robert Holden, 202-466-7767 ext. 221 robert_holden@ncai.org or Annarae Steele, asteeler@ncai.org 202.466.7767 ext. 597
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Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

May24-26	Addressing and Managing Illegal Dumps on Tribal Lands	Portland, OR	Roberta Tohannie, 928-523-1266 Roberta.tohannie@nau.edu
Jun 14-16	2011 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Spokane, WA	http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/aq_ntf.asp .

Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

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	Veronica Swann, 415-972-3699 or swann.veronica@epa.gov Rodney Watkins, 760-891-3515, or rwatkins@palatribe.com

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

May 10-12	Quality Assurance Project Plan/Data Validation	Carson City, NV	Robert Hall, (415) 947-4123, hall.robertk@epa.gov
Jun 21-23	Sample Collection	Lakeport, CA,	Robert Hall, (415) 947-4123, hall.robertk@epa.gov

Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

May 10-13	Solid Waste Management Training for Tribes	Scottsdale, AZ	tcoord@nijc.org or 707-579-5507
Jun 14-17	Same as above	Prior lake, MIN	Same as above
Jul 12-15	Same as above	Niagara Falls, NY	Same as above
Aug 16-19	Same as above	Cherokee, NC	Same as above

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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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: Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board

May 18	Draft Basin Plan amendment implementation program text	Placerville, CA	Patrick Morris, 916-464-4621 pmorris@waterboards.ca.gov
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The meetings will be from 10:00 to 12:00. Contact information is above.

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.

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

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

EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

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

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following Web site presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email carey.kyle@epa.gov

Certification & Training (C&T) for Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in Indian Country

Because of the specific hazards associated with RUPs, the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide and Fungicide Act (FIFRA) requires any person who applies RUPs to demonstrate competency and be certified for the types of intended pesticide applications. Competency is generally achieved by attending designated training or completing a specific self study program. Applicators then demonstrate competency by passing a certification exam. There are currently three options for ensuring that applicators in Indian country are trained and legally certified to apply RUPs (40 CFR Part 171). All types of certification and training plans described in the regulations must be approved by EPA. EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is currently developing a draft National Federal Plan to certify applicators in Indian country. Publication of this draft Plan should be in the Spring 2011 Federal Register. For more information about the existing C&T requirements contact Katie Wilcoxon at 415-947-4205 or via e-mail at wilcoxen.katy@epa.gov.

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Environmental Education Grants- Region 10

EPA, Region 10, requests proposals for Environmental Education Grants. This program supports environmental education projects that promote environmental stewardship and help develop knowledgeable and responsible students, teachers, and citizens. Projects must take place in AK, ID, OR or WA. \$194K is expected to be available and up to two awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 2. For more information, contact Sally Hanft at hanft.sally@epa.gov or go to:
<http://www.epa.gov/education/pdf/solNotice2011.htm>.



Pollution Prevention Information Network

EPA requests proposals for the Pollution Prevention (P2) Information Network. This program funds regional centers that serve both unique regional P2 information needs and national audience needs for quality information on source reduction and related P2 practices. \$800K is expected to be available and up to 8 awards are anticipated. Responses are due May 9. For more information, contact Beth Anderson at Anderson.Beth@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/opptintr/p2home/pubs/grants/index.htm>.

RE-Powering America's Land: Siting Renewable Energy on Potentially Contaminated Land and Mine Sites

EPA is soliciting applications from states, tribes, regional governments, and communities that want to evaluate the potential development of renewable energy on potentially or formerly contaminated properties. This evaluation will be in the form of a feasibility study conducted by the Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) that will determine the best renewable energy technology for the site, the optimal location for placement of the renewable energy technology, potential energy generating capacity, the return on the investment, and the economic feasibility of the renewable energy projects. The purpose of the technical assistance is to reuse sites, improve communities, create jobs, develop partnerships, decrease the use of greenspace for siting renewable energy, and increase the amount of renewable energy generated. Proposals are due to EPA Friday, May 20 and submitted to matthews.lura@epa.gov. More information on the RE-Powering initiative and the request for applications can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland>.

Guidelines - Clean Water Act Base Grants for Indian Tribes

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

Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP)

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

EPA Region 9 Water Infrastructure Loans Available to Tribes

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

Department of Agriculture (USDA)



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

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

Farm Service Agency (FSA)

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

Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational Programs

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

Other Available Grants



i6 Challenge Green Economies

The U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration (EDA), requests proposals for i6 Green. This multi-agency competition focuses on the nexus between economic development and environmental quality, spotlighting the best ideas that contribute to a vibrant, innovative clean economy. Applicants must address a persistent problem or an unaddressed opportunity with a sense of urgency and demonstrate how an i6 Green Proof of Concept Center will avoid duplication of existing efforts, remove road blocks, and spark sustainable economic opportunities in the applicant's region. \$6 million is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Letters of Intent are required and are due May 2 and final proposals are due May 26. For more information, including regional contacts go to: <http://www.eda.gov/i6>.



WaterSMART: Climate Analysis Tools - Western States

The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation, requests proposals for WaterSMART: Grants to Develop Climate Analysis Tools. This program is designed to enhance the management of water resources, including developing tools to assess the impacts of climate change on water resources. Projects must take place in AZ, CA, CO, ID, KS, MT, NE, NV, NM, ND, OK, OR, SD, TX, UT, WA, WY, AS, GU, CNMI or the VI. \$1 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$200K. Responses are due May 13. For more information, contact Michelle Maher at mmaher@usbr.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=77593>.

Department of Energy (DOE)

Up to \$10 million will be available this year through DOE's Tribal Energy Program to support the evaluation, development and deployment of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects on tribal

lands that will help save energy and money, expand the use of renewable energy resources, and promote economic development for tribal communities. Indian Tribes, Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations and Tribal Consortia on whose lands the projects will be located are eligible to apply for the available funding. The funds will support three project areas: first steps and capacity building, energy efficiency development and deployment, and renewable energy development and deployment. The full Funding Opportunity Announcements is available online at www.FedConnect.Net or accessible through DOE's Tribal Energy Program website at

www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/government_grants.cfm#Tribal.

This funding is subject to continuing congressional appropriations.

Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fund Program

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

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

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

Tribal Project Assistance

The Department of Energy (DOE) National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) is offering tribes financial and technical assistance to explore and implement renewable energy projects. NREL helps tribes develop and implement sustainable energy strategies with technical expertise and [capabilities](#) that support renewable energy technology deployment. For more information go to:

http://www.nrel.gov/applying_technologies/tribal.html or <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy07osti/40509.pdf>

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



Position for Environmental Protection Specialist, Region 9, Tribal Solid Waste Team

The team provides technical assistance to tribes and tribal consortia to improve solid waste management and disposal systems, increase recycling and composting capacity, increase green building program development, and improve regulatory compliance through compliance assistance and enforcement. The successful applicant will work with the team to conduct assessments of solid waste sites and review practices at municipal solid waste landfills and other solid waste facilities on tribal land, as well as conduct public outreach activities. This position is open to any qualified U.S. citizen. It opens on May 4 and closes on May 10, 2011. To apply, visit: www.usajobs.gov and enter the following code LV-R9-DE-2011-0014. For more information, call Nancy Sockabasin, 415-972-3772 or email sockabasin.nancy@epa.gov

Environmental Protection Agency Director, Tonto Apache Tribe

The ideal candidate will have a BA in business administration or 10 years experience managing government programs. He/she must have excellent computer skills and knowledge of the EPA. This is a fulltime position with benefits and salary depends on experience. Call Linda Beckham, Personnel Manager, at 928 474-5000 for a full job description or to schedule an interview.

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 US 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 an Associate Environmental Engineer. This position will be opened until filled. For more information, contact Charlene Nelson at 928-729-4247 or by email at charlenenelson@navajo.org.

Tribal outreach, review and comment



California Basin Plan

Tribes have an opportunity to comment on the proposed approval of an amendment to the California Basin Plan that would establish: (1) site-specific methylmercury fish tissue objectives for the Delta; (2) a total maximum daily load (TMDL), including load and waste load allocations; and (3) an implementation plan to reduce mercury levels through a phased, adaptive management approach. Comment deadline is May 23, 2011 by 12 noon. The amendment's resolution and attachment are available on the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board's Web site at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralvalley/board_decisions/adopted_orders/resolutions/r5-2010-0043_res.pdf Comment letters can be submitted by email to commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (if less than 15 megabytes in total size) or by fax at 916-341-5620 with the subject "Comment Letter - Delta Methylmercury TMDL." Written comments may also be delivered by via-mail or hand-delivered to the following address: Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100, Sacramento, CA 95812-2000 (by mail) or 1001 I Street, 24th Floor, Sacramento, CA 95814 (by hand delivery)

2011 Carol Jorgensen Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship

This scholarship provides \$1,000 to a full time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline, including environmental studies, natural resource management, the natural sciences, public administration, public policy, and related disciplines. Eligible applicants must be affiliated with a federally recognized tribe and be a full time student pursuing an undergraduate degree in an environmental stewardship discipline. A complete application package (transcript, letter of support, and personal statement) must be received by end of business on June 3, 2011. All material should be sent via e-mail jones.luke@epa.gov, fax: 202.564.0298, or regular mail to: SAIGE Carol Jorgensen Memorial Scholarship for Environmental Stewardship c/o Luke Jones, AIEO Office (2690-M) US Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460

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

EPA is establishing a National Tribal Toxics Committee (NTTC) that will give tribes a forum for providing advice on the development of EPA's chemical management and pollution prevention programs that affect tribes. Given the uniqueness of tribal cultures, communities and environmental problems, the forum will help EPA tailor and more efficiently address a variety of issues, including preventing poisoning from lead

paint, expanding pollution prevention and safer chemical initiatives in Indian country, and better evaluating unique chemical exposures on tribal lands. A charter for the new NTTC is being developed and the membership of the council will be formed over the next several months. The first meeting of the NTTC will be held in the spring of 2011. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/tribal/> or <http://www.epa.gov/indian/>

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>

For information on asbestos-in-schools, contact Ron Tsuchiya at 415-947-4168 or tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov

For information on managing asthma, contact Barbara Spark at 415-947-4189 or spark.barbara@epa.gov

For information on preventing childhood lead poisoning, contact David Tomsovic at 415-972-3858 or tomsovic.david@epa.gov

. For information on protecting children's environmental health, contact Kathleen (Katie) Stewart at 415-947-4119 or stewart.kathleen@epa.gov. We encourage tribes to share this information with community members, other tribes across the nation with whom you work, tribal organizations, tribal community groups, and non-tribal partners in protecting health and environmental quality.

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

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

Toxics Release Inventory

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

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

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

Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities

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

Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs

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

Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance

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

Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook

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

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

Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff

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

Tribal Air Section of the Region 9 Web site

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

EPA Encourages States to Use Portal for Reporting Ecological Incidents:

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

Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs

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

Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rules and Training Opportunities

The following Web site 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

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.

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 Web site at: http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608_Guide_Community_RE_en.pdf.

Treatment and removal of abandoned vehicles

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

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

Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA)

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

www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf.

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)

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

National Congress for American Indians (NCAI) Opportunities

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

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)

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

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

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

Rapid Deployment Energy Efficiency (RDEE) Toolkit Help Line

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

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

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

Web sites for tribal programs and federal programs

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

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

your tribe. Use the following link to subscribe:
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions/

Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearing House (TEEIC)

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

More EPA Websites:

http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/
<http://www.epa.gov>
<http://www.epa.gov/aieo/> (Headquarters)
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/> (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/tribalportal/>
<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.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/> ; <http://www.doi.gov/bia>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>; <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml> ; <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
www.energysavers.gov
<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>
<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>
<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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