



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

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# ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

## **Environmental Tip of the Month**

Caulk windows, doors and anywhere air leaks in or out; however, do not caulk around a water heater and furnace exhaust pipes.

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



### **Sponsor: Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network**

Oct. 5-6	Identification and Initial Assessment of Mobile Meth Labs	Spokane, WA	Kami Snowden, 509-235-6007 or <a href="mailto:ksnowden@tswan.org">ksnowden@tswan.org</a>
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### **Sponsor: Law Seminars International**

Oct 21-22	Tribal Water Law	Las Vegas, NV	Call (800) 854-8009 or go to: <a href="http://www.lawseminars.com">Law Seminars International</a>
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### **Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency**

Oct. 18-19	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, EPA, 415-9271-3797 or <a href="mailto:chin.willard@epa.gov">chin.willard@epa.gov</a>
Oct. 20-22	18 <sup>th</sup> Annual Region 9/Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, <a href="http://www.sobobansn.gov/epa_conference">www.sobobansn.gov/epa_conference</a> or 951-654-5544

**Sponsors:** UC Irvine, UC Riverside; the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians; News from Native California, and Kua'aina Associates, Inc., Pacific Coast Archaeological Society

Oct 15-16	California Indian Conference	Irvine, CA	<a href="https://eee.uci.edu/clients/tcthorne/cic2010.htm">https://eee.uci.edu/clients/tcthorne/cic2010.htm</a> .
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### **Sponsor: Nielsen Environmental Field School**

Oct 4-7	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	<a href="http://www.envirofieldschool.com">www.envirofieldschool.com</a> or call (575) 532-5535
Nov. 8-12	The Complete-Water Monitoring Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	<a href="http://www.envirofieldschool.com">www.envirofieldschool.com</a> or call (575) 532-5535
Nov 10-12	The Complete Ground-Water Sampling Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	<a href="http://www.envirofieldschool.com">www.envirofieldschool.com</a> or call (575) 532-5535
Nov. 8-9	The Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development Field Course	Las Cruces, NM	<a href="http://www.envirofieldschool.com">www.envirofieldschool.com</a> or call (575) 532-5535

**Sponsor: Northwest Environmental Training Center**

Oct. 26-27	Preparing, reviewing, challenging and defending documents prepared under the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act	Pasadena, CA	425-270-3274 <a href="http://www.nwetc.org">www.nwetc.org</a>
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**Institute for Tribal Professionals (ITEP's)**

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](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/air/training_aq.asp) or contact Lydia Scheer, at [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu)

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

Oct. 26	Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP)	Ignacio, CO	<a href="http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm">http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm</a> .
Oct. 27-29	Healthy Homes Assessment	Ignacio, CO	<a href="http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm">http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm</a> .
Dec. 3	Healthy Homes Assessment	San Diego, Ca	<a href="http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm">http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/trainin_g_schedule.htm</a> .

The Tribal Healthy Homes training is funded through a HUD grant, so it is free to tribes. Go to the following link to find more information on training from HUD:

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

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

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

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

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

**Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators**

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

**Certification and Training for Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides (RUPs) in Indian Country**

Because of the specific hazards associated with RUPs, the Federal Insecticide, Rodenticide and Fungicide Act (FIFRA) requires any person who applies RUPs to demonstrate competency and be certified for the types of intended pesticide applications. Competency is generally achieved by attending designated training or completing a specific self study program. Applicators then demonstrate competency by passing a certification exam. There are currently 3 options for ensuring that applicators in Indian country are trained and legally certified to apply RUPs (40 CFR Part 171). All certification and training plans must be approved by EPA. To inform tribes about these existing requirements and possible changes to EPA's certification regulations, the Region 9 Pesticides Office is making presentations at the 2010 RTOC meetings. For detailed information about the options above and questions on the Certification and Training Program, contact Katy Wilcoxon at 415-947-4205 or via e-mail at [wilcoxen.katy@epa.gov](mailto:wilcoxen.katy@epa.gov).

## **Grants and Loans**

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



#### **Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) Program**

EPA Region 9 has issued the 2011 guidance and procedures for applying for assistance from the DWTSA program. Funds are awarded through direct grants to tribes or interagency agreements with the Indian Health Service and funds will be used to address the most significant public health threats for public water systems. The deadline for proposals is November 5. For more information, Contact: Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445; [reeves.linda@epa.gov](mailto:reeves.linda@epa.gov) or go to <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/dwtsa.html>  
Full text announcement (PDF)



#### **Bed Bug Education/Outreach and Environmental Justice Grants**

Bed Bug Education/Outreach is soliciting applications for states and tribes to strengthen their ability to address bed bug infestations in communities disproportionately exposed to environmental harms and risks. Approximately \$550,000 will be available under this announcement and federal portion for each assistant agreement is anticipated to range between \$50,000 and \$200,000. The project period of performance is limited to two years. Applications must be submitted via Grants.gov on or before 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time on Monday, October 18, 2010. If you do not have internet access, please contact Susan Jennings 706-355-8574; fax 706-355-8744 or e-mail: [Jennings.susan@epa.gov](mailto:Jennings.susan@epa.gov)

#### **Disadvantage Business Enterprise (DBE) Training for Tribal Grantees!**

The National Partnership for Environmental Technology Education (PETE) has been contracted by EPA's Office of Small Business Programs to provide training to tribes, U.S. territories and insular areas in the new DBE rule. Contact Sarah Gross at 207-771-9020 x304 or email ([sgrosse@maine.rr.com](mailto:sgrosse@maine.rr.com)) regarding any conferences, meetings, or other venues appropriate for a DBE training session. National PETE provides the trainers and materials; they just need the venue. Alternatively, National PETE also offers the entire 2 to 2.5 day training at no cost, as long as it is guaranteed that at least 10 grantees will attend this training. For more information, go to [www.petetribal.org](http://www.petetribal.org).

#### **FY2011 Brownfields Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup Grant Guidelines - Request for Proposals**

These grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Opportunities for funding are as follows: Brownfields Assessment Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years; coalitions are funded up to \$1,000,000 over three years), Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) Grants (each funded up to \$1,000,000 over five years) and Brownfields Cleanup Grants (each funded up to \$200,000 over three years). The proposal deadline is October 15, 2010. For more information, go to the following site: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/applicat.htm>

#### **Exchange Network Grants for FY 2011**

On August 12, 2010, the Office of Environmental Information published the solicitation notice announcing the availability of funding for Exchange Network Grants for FY 2011. The Solicitation Notice is available on line at: <http://www.epa.gov/exchangenetwork/> or <http://exchangenetwork.net> or by contacting Pat Eklund, at 415-972-3738. Applications are due to EPA HQ on November 5, 2010.

#### **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](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/areawide_grants.htm).

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



### **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](http://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](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/afri_rfa.html).

### **USDA Rural Development:**

This grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

## **Other Available Grants**



### **Office of Native American Programs**

HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs will host a forum in Phoenix, AZ on October 7. The free one-day forum is about tribal infrastructure and community development programs and resources from more than 16 different agencies. Attendees will also have an opportunity to meet individually with agency representatives to discuss specific infrastructure and/or community development projects. On-line registration is available at <http://www.hud.gov/emarc/index.cfm?fuseaction=emar.registerEvent&eventId=637&update=N>

### **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](http://www.nrel.gov/applying_technologies/tribal.html) or <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy07osti/40509.pdf>

### **K-12 Environmental Literacy**

The U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests proposals for Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education. This RFP will support K-12 education projects that advance inquiry-based Earth System Science learning and stewardship directly tied to the school curriculum, with a particular interest in increasing climate literacy. \$8 million is expected to be available and up to 10 awards are anticipated. Responses are due January 12. For more

information, contact Carrie McDougall at [oed.grants@noaa.gov](mailto:oed.grants@noaa.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=56016>.

### **Regional Climate Science Centers**

The U.S. Department of the Interior requests proposals for Regional Climate Science Centers. This RFP will support land, water, fish and wildlife, ocean, coastal, and cultural heritage resource managers with the tools and information to develop and execute strategies for successfully adapting to and mitigating the impacts of climate change. Individual awards will not exceed \$7.5 million. For more information, contact Robin O'Malley at [romalley@usgs.gov](mailto:romalley@usgs.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=54299>.

### **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 information, contact Lindsey Pangretic at [grants@eda.doc.gov](mailto:grants@eda.doc.gov) or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=45786>.

### **Economic Development Assistance**

EDA requests proposals for the following programs: Public Works; Planning; Local Technical Assistance; and Economic Adjustment Assistance. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to, the Global Climate Change Mitigation Incentive Fund, which supports projects that foster economic competitiveness while enhancing environmental quality. Proposals accepted on an ongoing basis. For more information, go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=48106>.

### **Children's Health**

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

### **Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program**

The Water and Environmental Program (WEP) provides a combination of loans, grants, and loan guarantees for drinking water, sanitary sewer, solid waste, and storm drainage facilities in rural areas and cities and towns of 10,000 or less. For more information, go to: <http://www.indiancountryworks.org/file/Rural%20Water%20and%20Waste%20Disposal%20Program%202-27-09%20FINAL.pdf> or call Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681, [tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov) or Sandi Boughton, 202, 720-1681m [sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov)

### **The California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle)**

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

### **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.pplic.org/content/pubs/report/R\\_1108LBR.pdf](http://www.pplic.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf)

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

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

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

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

### **Toxics Release Inventory**

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

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

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

### **Improving Public Health and the Environment for Local Communities**

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

### **Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine labs**

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

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Center – Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assistance**

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

### **Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook**

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

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

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

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

## **Employment Opportunities**



### **Quartz Valley Environmental Director**

The Tribal EPA Director is responsible for overseeing the overall protection of the environment located on and around Quartz Valley Indian Reservation. The primary purpose of the program is to protect and



improve the environment of Quartz Valley Indian Reservation, which includes but is not limited to the air quality, water quality, environmental education, recycling and hazardous waste activities. The Director supervises employees to ensure that grant tasks are being accomplished on schedule and within budget. Baccalaureate Degree from an accredited college in Environmental Science, Natural Resource is required. For more information, contact the Human Resource Office, 13601 Quartz Valley Road, Fort Jones, CA 96032 or email [humanresources@qvir.com](mailto:humanresources@qvir.com)

### **Environmental Positions**

The Air Quality Program (AQP) with the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency has openings for 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](mailto:charlenenelson@navajo.org).

## **Tribal outreach, review and comment**



### **Native American Construction Training Management, Inc (NACTM)**

NACTM has teamed up with the United Association of Plumbers, Pipe Fitters and HVAC Techs and UA Local 669 Sprinkler Fitters, so that Native Americans can enter the construction arena. Local Union 669's has addressed historical barriers to career opportunities for Native Americans and will allow residential requirements for entry level apprenticeship opportunities for Native American candidates who wish to participate. For more information, go to: <http://www.nactm.com/>



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

The Women's Self-Worth Foundation has pledged \$250,000 to the American Indian College Fund over the period of four years for 14 scholarships to benefit American Indian women attending college. The grant will be used to fund seven scholarships at the amount of \$4,000 per year for a period of two years for Native women pursuing an associate's degree at a tribal college; four scholarships for \$6,000 per year for four years for Native women students pursuing a bachelor's degree at a tribal college; and three scholarships for \$8,000 per year for four years for Native women pursuing a bachelor's degree at a mainstream college or university. For more information about American Indian College Fund, please visit [www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)



### **EPA Region 9 Pesticide Office**

The Region 9 Pesticide Office is developing a solicitation notice for pesticide special project proposals from eligible tribes and intertribal consortia for Fiscal Year 2011 funding. Under this program, financial assistance will be provided to eligible tribal governments, or intertribal consortia to carry out projects that assess or reduce risk to human health and the environment from pesticide exposure. Examples of projects to be considered include the collection and disposal of unwanted/obsolete pesticides, the development of a plan to reduce pesticide use by promoting alternatives to pesticides, and reducing the risk of exposure to pesticides through education and outreach. The total amount of funding for award in Fiscal Year 2011 is expected to be approximately \$300,000. The solicitation for proposals will be issued this fall.



### **October is Children's Health Month!**

Download a calendar of tips, as well as additional information, on protecting children's health at [www.epa.gov/children](http://www.epa.gov/children) . Consider hosting an event in honor of children's health month based on one or more of these tips. Also, if you will be attending the annual EPA Region IX Tribal Environmental Conference in San Francisco, California this month, don't miss the session: "Protecting the Health of

Tribal Children and Community Members from Lead and Other Environmental Risk Factors." Finally, check out the trainings in this newsletter or go to: (<http://tribalhealthyhomes.org/Website/FilesForWebsite/Ignacio%20training%20postcard.pdf>) to learn more about how to protect children from environmental health threats encountered in the home.

#### **New Native American Job Site**

This site will provide an online job data bank available to Native American job seekers, Native American tribes, tribal organizations and tribally-owned or controlled casinos. For more information go to: <http://nnlm.gov/mcr/bhic/>

#### **Children's Environmental Health**

Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Health Threats:  
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/oehp/oehpweb.nsf/content/tips.htm>

#### **Tribal Air Section of the Region 9 Web site**

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

#### **EPA Encourages States to Use Portal for Reporting Ecological Incidents:**

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

#### **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 \(PDF\)](#)

#### **Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and training opportunities.**

The following Web site has information on the Lead Renovation, Repair, and Painting Rule and training opportunities: <http://weatherization.org/rrp.html>

#### **How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law**

If you have seen what appears to be a violation of environmental laws and regulations, visit <http://www.epa.gov/tips>. This Web page provides a tool to report possible environmental violations. Because different activities fall under different jurisdictions, the page gives examples of situations and who to call. The Web page also helps you tell the difference between environmental violations and emergencies.

#### **EPA Seeks Information on Lead-Based Paint activities in Region IX Indian Country 1999-2010**

In coordination with RTOC, EPA Region IX is gathering information on all lead-based paint activities conducted at Region IX tribes for the past 10+ years. EPA also seeks information from BIA, HUD and



HIS. Information which EPA is seeking includes activities already completed, underway, or approved but not started. EPA specifically seeks the following information to prepare a "baseline inventory" of all lead-based paint activities conducted in Region IX Indian Country from 1999 to 2010: (1) outreach efforts on lead-based paint and lead's hazards; (2) childhood blood lead screening efforts; (3) evaluating lead-based paint conditions at tribal housing, child-occupied facilities or tribal buildings including dust sampling and soil sampling; and (4) remediating lead-based paint hazards at tribal housing, child-occupied facilities or tribal buildings including lead in soil remediation. EPA seeks information on all efforts (completed; underway; or approved) in Region IX Indian Country whether financed by grants/funding agreements with EPA, BIA, HUD, IHS or other federal departments; funded by tribal governments or tribally-owned entities; or funded by sources such as foundations or nonprofit groups. Please note that EPA is not seeking information related to any specific person's blood lead testing or lead hazard testing involving any specific person's individual housing. If you have information, regarding this baseline inventory for 1999-2010, please contact David Tomsovic, EPA Region IX Toxics Office, 415-972-3858 or email [tomsovic.david@epa.gov](mailto:tomsovic.david@epa.gov).

### **EPA Releases First-Ever Baseline Study of U.S. Lakes**

This draft study, which rated the condition of 56 percent of the lakes in the United States as good and the remainder as fair or poor, marked the first time EPA and its partners used a nationally consistent approach to survey the ecological and water quality of lakes. A total of 1,028 lakes were randomly sampled during 2007 by states, tribes and EPA. The survey included a comparison to a subset of lakes with wastewater impacts that were sampled in the 1970s. It finds that 75 percent show either improvements or no change in phosphorus levels. This suggests that the nation's investments in wastewater treatment and other pollution control activities are working despite population increases across the country. To view this study, go to: <http://www.epa.gov/lakessurvey>

### **Pesticide Endangered Species Bulletins for California:**

In January 2010, the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs (OPP) completed **DRAFT** Endangered Species Bulletins for 40 California counties. The bulletins were developed for the protection of Salmon and Steelhead in the states of California, Oregon, Idaho, and Washington and describe Court-ordered use limitations for pesticide products containing chlorpyrifos, diazinon or malathion. Once pesticide products with generic-endangered species label statements are used, the use limitations will be enforceable. About 55 tribes in California may be affected if any one of these three active ingredients is used on their lands. Information is available on EPA's websites <http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/wtc/maps.htm> and <http://www.epa.gov/espp/litstatus/wtc/qs-as.htm>. The Region 9 Pesticides Office will provide updates as available and will assist tribes in effected counties as needed. For more information, contact Allen Demorest at 415-947-4214 e-mail at [demorest.allen@epa.gov](mailto:demorest.allen@epa.gov).

### **Community Renewable Energy Project Guide Available**

The Commission for Environmental Cooperation (CEC) has completed the Guide to Developing a Community Renewable Energy Project in North America. This guide is meant to assist community and indigenous communities groups in the development of their own small-scale renewable energy projects. The Guide covers Canada, Mexico and the United States. The Guide is available on the CEC Web site at: [http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608\\_Guide\\_Community\\_RE\\_en.pdf](http://www.cec.org/files/pdf/ECONOMY/QA0608_Guide_Community_RE_en.pdf).

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

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

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

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

**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/pbcsincaulk/> 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](http://www.npic.orst.edu).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Tribal Pesticide Issues**

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

**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. 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/](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](mailto:teeicwebmaster@anl.gov)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### More EPA Websites:

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

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

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

<http://www.epa.gov>

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

[http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP\\_Online/](http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/)

### National Indian Justice Center

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

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

### Other Web Sites of Interest

<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

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

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

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

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

[www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)  
<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>  
<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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