



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

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Recycle Plastic Packaging

Data from U.S. EPA shows that only 7.1 percent of US plastic waste was recycled in 2008. Of over 30 million tons of plastic waste generated, nearly 28 million tons -- the equivalent of 366,000 Boeing--737s, ended up in the trash heap. See http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/38173694/ns/business-oil_and_energy/

Meetings, Conferences, Workshops and Webinars



Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Sep 8	Toxic Releases on Tribal Lands	Webinar from 1:00 to 2:30 PM EDT	To register go to https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/518749217
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After registering, a phone number that can be used to listen to the webinar will be provided. For questions during the webinar, use the "Go To" Webinar Q&A feature and not the phone line. The phone line is for listening purposes only. All materials will be posted to the Chemical Right to Know Web site www.chemicalright2know.org/content/webinar/tribes2010



Sponsor: Law Seminars International

Oct 21-22	Tribal Water Law	Las Vegas, NV	Call (800) 854-8009 or go to: Law Seminars International
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Sponsor: Environmental Protection Agency

Oct. 18-19	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, EPA, 415-9271-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
Oct. 20-22	18 th Annual Region 9/Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, http://www.soboba-nsn.gov/epa_conference or 951-654-5544
 Sep 14-16	Western Brownfields Workshop	Missoula, MT	wbwregistration@sra.com



Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

Sep 8	Tribal Brownfields Grant Workshop	Woodland, CA	www.nijc.org
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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-	California Indian	Irvine, CA	https://eee.uci.edu/clients/tcthorne/cic2010.htm
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Sponsor: U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of Native American Indian Programs

Sep 8-10	Greener Homes National Summit	Reno, NV	Contact Laura Masterson at (202) 393-6400 or e-mail lmasterson@firstpic.org .
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Sponsor: Nielsen Environmental Field School

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

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.

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 or contact Lydia Scheer, at Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu

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

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 (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.

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Regional Pollution Prevention Centers

EPA requests proposals for Coordination of Regional Pollution Prevention Information Network Centers. Through this RFP, EPA expects to fund a coordinator for the national network of eight regional pollution prevention information centers. \$190K is expected to be available and one award is anticipated. Responses are due September 20. For more information, contact Beth Anderson at Anderson.Beth@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/p2/pubs/grants/index.htm>.



Market-Based Green House Gas (GHG) Reduction

EPA requests proposals for market-based approaches to reducing GHG emissions through energy efficiency in homes and buildings. Proposals must demonstrate the potential to create a sustainable change in the market for energy efficient products, services, and best practices. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: improving energy performance in the residential and commercial/government market through increased use of high-efficiency products; increasing supply/market share for high efficiency products through retail, internet sales (e- tail), and other sales outlets; and combined heat and power's contribution as an energy efficiency measure and its capacity to reduce GHG emissions. About \$5 million is expected to be available and up to 14 awards are anticipated. Responses are due September 2. For more information, contact Hewan Tomlinson at tomlinson.hewan@epa.gov or go to: http://www.epa.gov/air/grants_funding.html.



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) 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.



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.

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Small Business Innovation Research Program (SBIR)

The USDA SBIR program supports U.S. small business R&D projects that address important problems facing American agriculture and that have the potential to lead to significant public benefit if the research is successful. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to: biofuels and biobased products; forests and related resources; air, water, and soils; rural development; small and mid-size farms; and plant production and protection. Proposals are strongly encouraged to address areas including but not limited to climate change and sustainable bioenergy. \$21.88 million is expected to be available and individual awards NTE \$100K. Responses are due September 9. For more information, contact Scott Dockum at sbir@nifa.usda.gov or go to: http://www.nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/sbir_rfa.html.

Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Grant Application

RUS, an agency of USDA, announces the availability of \$15.5 million in FY 2010 for competitive grants to assist communities with extremely high energy costs. The grant funds may be used to acquire, construct, extend, upgrade, or otherwise improve energy generation, transmission, or distribution facilities serving communities in which the average residential expenditure for home energy exceeds 275 percent of the national average. Eligible applicants include persons, States, political subdivisions of States, and other entities organized under State law. Federally recognized Indian Tribes and Tribal entities are eligible applicants. Submit completed grant applications on paper or electronically no later than September 8. For more information, go to <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-19509.pdf>

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.

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**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>

**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 or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=56016>.

Community Environmental Demonstration Projects - Alaska

The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and RurAL CAP request proposals for Community Environmental Demonstration Projects. This initiative will support innovative projects that address approaches for enhancing human health and the environment of Tribal communities in rural Alaska. Areas of interest for demonstration projects include, but are not limited to: climate change, indoor air quality, solid waste management, recycling, outreach materials, energy use, and pollution. \$200K is expected to be available and up to 12 awards are anticipated. Responses are due September 9. For more information, contact Desirae Roehl at droehl@anthc.org or go to:

<http://www.anthc.org/chs/ces/hve/fy11solicitation.cfm>.

Environmental Scientist Award

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, National Institutes of Health, requests proposals for the Outstanding New Environmental Scientist Award. This RFP will support early stage investigators committed to research in problems related to environmental exposures. Examples of relevant toxicants include, but are not limited to: industrial chemicals or manufacturing byproducts, pesticides, air pollutants and other inhaled particulates. \$3.6 million is expected to be available and up to 6 awards are anticipated. Letters of Intent are required and are due September 30 and final proposals are due October 29. For more info, contact Carol Shreffler at shreffl1@niehs.nih.gov or go to:

<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-ES-10-004.html>

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 NTE \$7.5 million. For more information, contact Robin O'Malley at romalley@usgs.gov or go to:

<http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=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 info, contact Lindsey Pangretic at grants@eda.doc.gov or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&opId=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&opId=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. 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.

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

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.ppica.org/content/pubs/report/R_1108LBR.pdf

Native Non-Profit to Focus on Green Collar Careers

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

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/>

Employment Opportunities



Environmental Positions

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



Interdisciplinary Position at USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service

This position can be filled under any of the following disciplines: Rangeland Management, GS-454; Soil Cons, GS-457; Forestry, GS-460; or Agronomy, GS-471. Announcement closes on Sept. 10, 2010. For more information, call Patricia Morgan, 602-280-8817 or click below to see announcement: [http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90023784&JobTitle=Ecological+Site+Inventory+Specialist+\(Interdisciplinary\)-MP&q=375340&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&x=53&y=15&AVSDM=2010-08-12+16%3a21%3a00](http://jobview.usajobs.gov/GetJob.aspx?JobID=90023784&JobTitle=Ecological+Site+Inventory+Specialist+(Interdisciplinary)-MP&q=375340&where=&brd=3876&vw=b&FedEmp=Y&FedPub=Y&x=53&y=15&AVSDM=2010-08-12+16%3a21%3a00)

Tribal outreach, review and comment

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 casino's. 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/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/tips.htm>

The Department of the Treasury seeks comments from Indian Tribal Governments regarding the Tribal Economic Development Bond provision in Section 7871(f) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The purpose of this solicitation of comments is to assist Treasury in developing recommendations regarding this bond provision for a Congressionally-directed study under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This solicitation of comments is in furtherance of the objectives of Executive Order 13175 under which Treasury consults with tribal officials in the development of Federal policies that have tribal implications, to reinforce the United States government-to-government relationships with Indian tribes, and to reduce the imposition of unfunded mandates upon Indian tribes. Additional comments from the general public related to this matter are also welcome. Comments on or before September 10, 2010. Click [here](#) for full background.

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.

Free GIS Products -- National Geospatial Resource Center

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

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

Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs

This updated handbook provides guidance and practical templates for tribes interested in obtaining federal funds to manage nonpoint source pollution under section 319(h) of the Clean Water Act. Specifically, it describes the 319 (h) grant process, as well as how to develop a nonpoint source assessment report and management program. This version includes new tribal examples, and also a section focused on the watershed-based planning approach. The final section includes additional

resources for tribes related to the nonpoint source pollution program goals. For more information, click below: [Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs \(PDF\)](#)

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 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.

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.

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>

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. 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.

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

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:

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.htmlv/region09/funding/pdfs/tribal-gap/GAP>

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/>
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/0/F7C43BF20985D562852576B100764FB1>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/new.htm>; <http://www.epa.gov/smokefree>
<http://www.epa.gov/radon/index.html>;
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian/>
<http://www.epa.gov/tribalportal/>
<http://www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal> .
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/res.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/assistance/index.html>
http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

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/spatialite20/>
<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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