



Regional Administrator Jared Blumenfeld visited Lake County tribes February. In addition to meeting with tribal leadership, he visited the Sulphur Bank Mercury Mine, pictured here.

## Engagement with the EPA

The EPA values our relationship with tribes, and is committed to Government-to-Government communication, in addition to sharing of information and collaboration on issues.

The Agency's consultation opportunities, where we are currently seeking input from tribes on a variety of regional and national issues, are maintained at the [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#) site.

## Federal Sequestration

Information about the potential impacts of sequestration were mailed to tribal leaders in early March of 2013. With additional or specific questions about the impacts of sequestration on the EPA's tribal programs, please contact Laura Ebbert, Tribal Program Office Manager, at [ebbert.laura@epa.gov](mailto:ebbert.laura@epa.gov).

## ECHO

**EPA's Enforcement and Compliance History Online [website](#)** offers a wealth of geo-located environmental and regulatory data available for custom search, as well as a number of comparative maps, state dashboards, and other analysis at the ECHO website. Users are encouraged to provide comments on the Performance and Trends pages of ECHO to improve future versions.

## Toxics Release Inventory (TRI)

EPA has posted an analysis of 2011 TRI Data specific to Indian Country. That analysis, more information, and key contacts can be found at [this webpage](#).

## Vacancy Announcements

**Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS):** Offering students enrolled in Federally Recognized Tribes internships in Washington, DC. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, for summer term, applications are due the first Friday in February. For more information, visit the [WINS website](#).

**DOE Tribal Energy Program Summer Internship Opportunity:** An opportunity for undergraduate or graduate-level students interested in practical experience through a 12-week internship at Sandia National Laboratories in Albuquerque, NM. Apply by March 15, 2013. For more information, visit [the website](#).

# Funding Opportunities for Tribal Governments

## Grants From the EPA

All current EPA grant opportunities are listed at the [Open Announcement Webpage](#).

Highlights from that webpage currently include:

***Pollution Prevention Grants Program*** – Due March 14. Announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals for projects that will support technical assistance programs to help businesses identify better environmental strategies and solutions for reducing or eliminating waste at the source. For more information, visit the [grant opportunity webpage](#).

***STAR Tribal Research*** – Due June 25. EPA's Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program welcomes applications proposing research to better understand how tribal health may be impacted by climate change and indoor air pollution. For more information, visit [the webpage](#).

***National Tribal Air Association Request for Applications*** – Due April 1, 2013. Solicits applications to provide comprehensive air quality policy and regulatory analysis, including support and national coordination activities, to assist tribes in understanding, participating in, and responding to EPA's Office of Air and Radiation's policy and regulatory activities. For more information, see [the webpage](#).

## Funding From Other Entities

***EDA Economic Development Assistance Programs*** Next due: March 13, 2013. Grants will support the implementation of regional economic development strategies designed to create jobs, leverage private capital, encourage economic development, and strengthen America's ability to compete in the global marketplace. EDA solicits applications from communities to develop initiatives that advance new ideas and creative approaches to address rapidly evolving economic conditions. EDA's investment priorities include sustainable development and economically distressed and underserved communities. See the [grant opportunity synopsis](#).

***USDA Farm to School Grant Program*** Due April 24, 2013. Funding to implement programs increasing access to local foods in eligible schools. Funding available for planning grants, implementation grants, or support service grants. For more information, see the [synopsis](#).

Funds are available from the [Department of Commerce](#) on a rolling basis to support planning and technical assistance to create regional economic development plans to stimulate and guide economic development of a community.

Those interested in additional information about developing and implementing cost-effective climate and energy strategies that help further environmental goals and achieve public health and economic benefits may visit EPA's [State and Local Climate and Energy Program](#) site.

# Training and Other Resources

## Upcoming Training

**April 16-18** – NETI will host basic inspector training for state, local, and tribal inspectors in Washington, DC. Space is limited; for more information, see the [NETI webpage](#).

**April 24-25** – The California Tribal Water Summit Planning Team is convening for a statewide Summit in Sacramento. The summit will be an opportunity to dialogue at a high level among tribal, state, and federal agencies on water issues. For more information, see the [summit webpage](#).

**May 20-23** – EPA, Region 9 Tribal NonPoint Source Workshop at the Blue Lake Rancheria in Blue Lake, CA. Learn how to implement an effective NPS program using water quality data to guide the implementation of Best Management Practices and using a watershed approach. For more information, see the [registration page](#).

**June 25-27** – EPA sponsors an Integrated Pest Management in Schools training in Phoenix, Arizona. For more information, please contact Marcy Katzin, [katzin.marcy@epa.gov](mailto:katzin.marcy@epa.gov).

CalEPA is hosting a [series of Basic Inspector Trainings](#) around the state; these trainings are open to tribal enforcement personnel.

Other upcoming trainings are catalogued at the EPA [Tribal Portal](#), the [ITCA webpage](#), and the [DOE webpage](#).

### Training on Demand

The American College of Medical Toxicology has webinar rebroadcasts on topics including Particulate Matter & Public Health and Toxicology in Emergency Response. Webinars and other content is available at the [ACMT website](#).

## Call for Topics

The EPA Tribal Science Council has issued a call for topics for their upcoming Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Workshop, abstracts are due March 15. For more information, see the [TSC Website](#).

## Other Sources of Information

The EPA Schools Environmental Health Program offers a regular newsletter specific to the interests of educational programs – to join that newsletter’s mailing list, please contact Jorine Campopiano at [campopiano.jorine@epa.gov](mailto:campopiano.jorine@epa.gov).

The EPA State and Local Climate Energy Program has a newsletter that provides funding opportunities and other information to the interested public. To subscribe, [visit their website](#).

The Department of Energy publishes a digest of funding opportunities, training information, and other useful resources. To join that newsletter’s mailing list, please [visit their website](#).

The Department of Housing and Urban Development publishes a regular email digest for tribes. To join that newsletter’s mailing list, please [visit their website](#).

## Federal Excess

The **Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program** catalogues excess federal property the government no longer needs. Equipment available ranges from vehicles, boats, and office furniture to consumable office, field and laboratory supplies and equipment. Tribal governments may find the Federal Excess is a source of low-cost equipment and supplies needed to support programmatic work. For more information or to register for system access, please visit the [GSA website](#).