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## 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.

## 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](#).

## Other Announcements

**Region 9 Good Neighbor Environmental Board members announced;** Region 9 new members include Jill Sherman-Warne from the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition. Jill joins Evaristo Cruz from Ysleta del Sur Pueblo in Region 8 in representing tribal concerns on the Board. More information on the GNEB can be found at [their website](#).

**Cal/EPA is seeking nominations for the Tribal Advisory Committee;** deadline is July 1. To find out more about the committee, or to make a nomination, contact Malinda Dumisani: [malinda.dumisani@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:malinda.dumisani@calepa.ca.gov) or visit the Cal/EPA [website](#).

EPA's Office of Radiation and Indoor Air has updated the Protective Action Guideline Manual, a tool for decision-makers in the event of a radiological emergency to protect the public from exposure to unhealthy amounts of radiation. The PAG was updated and is available for public comment. A copy of the document can be found [here](#).

The new [www.NativeFoodSystems.org](http://www.NativeFoodSystems.org) website features a diverse variety of resources and information, ranging from tribal gardens, farms, and markets, to youth programs and farm-to-school efforts, to seed saving, to traditional plants and medicine, to food marketing and handling, to home gardening, canning, and healthy family eating. Created by First Nations Development Institute, with funding provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation. – Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF.org).

## Grants From the EPA

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

Highlights from that webpage currently include:

***Diesel Emissions Reduction Act Grants*** – Grants to eligible states and tribes are available under the DERA; proposals are due June 25. Examples of past tribal projects can be found [here](#). The RFP can be found [here](#).

***Wetland Program Development Grants***- Due June 11. Competitive funds for wetland protection programs in States, Tribes, and Territories. Eligible applicants will have an EPA-accepted Wetland Program Plan and be able to demonstrate how the proposed work relates to that Plan. For more information, see the RFP at this [site](#).

**EPA Science for Sustainable and Healthy Tribes** –Due June 25. EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research to develop sustainable solutions to environmental problems that affect tribes. The objectives of the awards to be made under this solicitation are to improve understanding of: 1) the health impacts of climate change on tribal populations; and 2) the health impacts of indoor air pollution exposures that derive from or are directly affecting traditional tribal life-ways and cultural practices. In both cases, projects should focus on impacts to vulnerable sub-populations of the Tribal communities. Proposals should also consider sustainable, culturally appropriate and acceptable pollution prevention, and adaptation/mitigation strategies. For more information, visit the [funding announcement](#).

## Funding from Other Entities

Department of Energy, Tribal Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Deployment Assistance applications are due June 20. For more information, see the funding [website](#).

USFWS Tribal Wildlife Grants are available, and proposals are due September 3, 2013. More information at the [FWS website](#).

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.

## 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](#).

## Upcoming Training

**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](#).

**May 23** – EPA will host a rescheduled webinar on the Toxics Release Inventory Program at 1pm Eastern. For more information and to register, contact Zach Scott: [scott.zachary@epa.gov](mailto:scott.zachary@epa.gov).

**June 3-6** – The Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians will host a training with FEMA and the Emergency Management Institute titled “Emergency Management Framework for Tribal Governments;” registration ends May 24 and space is limited. For more information contact Margaret Muhr: [mmuhr@aguacaliente.net](mailto:mmuhr@aguacaliente.net).

**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).

EPA and North Carolina State University are hosting a number of Climate Change Adaptation webinars during May and June. For more information see the [website](#).

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](#).

To view a recording of the recently hosted Webinar titled “Reproductive Health Effects: Tribal Perspectives and Federal Research Activities,” sponsored by the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, please visit the [webinar hosting site](#).

## 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](#).