



Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Tread lightly! Use public transportation, carpool, walk, or bike whenever possible to reduce air pollution and save on fuel costs. Leaving your car at home just two days a week will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by an average of 1,600 pounds per year. If you can work from home, you'll reduce air pollution and traffic congestion - and save money. [Reduce your carbon footprint.](#)

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops

Sponsor: Chemical Right to Know

Apr 11-13	National Conference: Toxics Release Inventory and Environmental Conditions in Communities	Washington, DC	http://www.chemicalright2know.org
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Sponsor: EPA (Please note new date)

May 1-3	Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Renewable Waste Intelligence

May 16-17	Anaerobic Digestion Conference and Expo	San Francisco, CA	Oliver Saunders, 1800 814 3459, 7185 osaunders@fcbusinessintelligence.com
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Sponsor: Navajo Nation EPA's Public Water System

Jun 26-29	Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference2.html
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Sponsor: The EPA and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

July 16-19	The 5th Biennial Tribal Drinking Water Conference	Sacramento, CA	www.rcac.org
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Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: The Environmental Protection Agency

Apr 30 – May 4 (applications due April 4)	Water Quality Standards Basic Course	Arlington/Crystal City, VA	Erin Cabral, 508-833-6600 http://www.horsleywitten.com/WQSA
*May 10	Waste Characterization Training (Free)	Coarsegold, CA	Nova Blazej 415-972-3846 blazej.nova@epa.gov

*Space is limited and available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Anyone who participates is **required** to provide and wear their own safety equipment: steel-toed boots, safety vest, hard hat, work gloves, and safety glasses for the training.



Sponsor: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

*Jul 8 to Aug 3	Water Resource Technician Training	Tucson, AZ	Mohammad.Baloch@bia.gov
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Applications are due April 20, 2012. *This training will be followed by a one year period during which the student receives a stipend while working as an entry level water resources technician.

Apr 24-27	ArcGIS Desktop Tools and Functionality	Lawton, OK
May 7-10	ArcGIS Desktop II: Tools and Functionality	Sacramento, CA
May 22-24	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Cass Lake, MN
June 4-5	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Billings, MT
June 6-8	Map Design w/ArcGIS (Advanced course)	Billings, MT
July 18-20	ArcGIS Desktop II: Tools and Functionality	Alpine, CA
Aug 22-23	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Sparks, NV
Sept 17-19	ArcGIS Desktop III: Workflows and Analysis*	Lakewood, CO
Sept 25-27	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Cherokee, NC

The Office of Trust Services Geospatial Support provides GIS training to employees of federally recognized tribal entities at no cost. For more information, contact Micah Broderick, (877) 293-9494 or go to the following website:

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



Sponsor: Nielson Environmental Field School

Apr 12-13	The Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling Course	San Diego, CA	info@envirofieldschool.com
Apr 16-20	The Complete Ground Water Monitoring Field Course	San Diego, CA	Same as above
Apr 18-20	The Ground Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development Field Course	San Diego, CA	Same as above
Apr 16-18	Certified Monitoring Well Installation Specialist	San Diego, CA	Same as above
May 15-18	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	Same as above



Sponsor: National Environmental Management Academy

Apr 19-20	Shoreline Cleanup and Assessment Techniques (SCAT) Training	Sacramento, CA	http://www.nemallc.com/
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Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

Apr 11-12	Solid Waste Management Safety and Recycling Strategies	Reno, NV	www.nijc.org . (free tuition)
Jun 5-6	Same as above	Palm Springs, CA	Same as above
Aug 14-15	Same as above	Chandler, AZ	Same as above

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Apr 16-20	40-hour Hazards Waste Operations and Emergency Response	Tempe, AZ	roberta.tohannie@nau.edu or 928-523-2082
*May 22-24	National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Tulsa, OK	www4.nau.edu/itep/air/aq_ntf.asp

Aug 20-23	Annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum	North Bend/Coos Bay, OR	http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/conf_r_tlf.asp or contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 or todd.barnell@nau.edu
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* ITEP will be paying for up to 20 tribal participants' lodging costs. All participants are responsible for their own per diem and travel (airfare, taxis, shuttle service, etc.) costs.

The EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of EPA's Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. The NETI TRAINING BULLETIN will list upcoming EPA environmental enforcement training opportunities (E-Learning, Classroom, and Webinar courses) for federal, state, tribal and local government environmental enforcement professionals. For a copy of the latest NETI Training Bulletin, please contact Art Horowitz at horowitz.art@epa.gov or (202) 564-2612.

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following website presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. For more information, email carey.kyle@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



The EPA Seeks Comment on K-12 School Environmental Health Program Guidelines

The EPA issued K-12 School Environmental Health Program Guidelines for states/tribes/territories for comment. The guidelines are primarily intended as a resource for developing school environmental health programs. Comments must be posted by April 13, 2012 at the following website: www.epa.gov/schools. The EPA also issued a Request for Applications (RFA) to provide funding for implementation of draft voluntary guidelines. Eligibility for funding under this competitive solicitation is limited to states/federally recognized tribes/territories. Total funding available is expected to be \$750,000 with applications up to \$150,000 accepted. The application closing date is April 10, 2012. For more information, go to www.epa.gov/schools. Please share this information with your tribal community members; other tribes nationwide, and state/local partners in protecting human health. The EPA Region IX contact is Jacquelyn Hayes, hayes.jacquelyn@epa.gov; phone (415) 972-3259.



Training and Technical Assistance for Tribally-Owned and Operated Public Water Systems

The EPA expects to make up to \$500,000 available for providing training and technical assistance to tribally-owned and operated public water systems that are geographically located within the Regions 6, 8 and 9 states where EPA has primacy responsibilities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Awards will be issued on a competitive basis for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to improve water quality and enable small public water systems to provide safe drinking water. Eligible recipients of the training and technical assistance are small public water systems, small publicly-owned wastewater systems, communities served by onsite/decentralized wastewater systems, and owners of private wells. The deadline for applying for the funds is April 9, 2012. For more information about the competitive announcements and the application process go to http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/sdwa/smallsystemsrfacfm



Measurements and Modeling for Quantifying Air Quality and Climatic Impacts of Residential Biomass or Coal Combustion for Cooking, Heating, and Lighting

The EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research on quantifying, via field measurements and modeling, the improvements in climate and ambient and indoor air quality, and the subsequent impacts on health and welfare, resulting from ongoing, planned, or potential interventions in cooking, heating, or lighting practices. This research should focus on communities in the developing world and on Indian tribes and Alaska

Native groups. Applications are due June 19, 2012. For more information go to:
http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2012/2012_star_cook_heat_light.html

Department of Agriculture (USDA)



Introducing the *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food Compass*

The *Know Your Farmer, Know Your Food (KYF) Compass* is a new online resource about USDA's support of local and regional food. The Compass is an online multi-media narrative with stories, pictures and video about USDA's support for local and regional food systems plus an interactive map of USDA-supported local and regional food activities in all 50 states.



Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge

On March 8 the Obama Administration announced a \$15 million multi-agency Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge to spur job creation and economic growth in distressed rural communities. This Challenge is expected to give out approximately 20 awards, depending on the number of eligible applications. To be eligible for an award, projects must benefit rural communities, but the applicant is not required to be located in a rural area. Nonprofits, higher education institutions, tribes, and state and local governments can collaborate to apply for funding. Although businesses are not eligible to apply directly, applicants can also partner with the private sector on implementation. The deadline for applications is May 9, 2012, and guidelines for submissions are accessible clicking [here](#).

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. Call Tedd Buelow, 202-690-1681, tedd.buelow@wdc.usda.gov or Sandi Boughton, 202-720-1681m sandi.boughton@wdc.usda.gov or go to:
<http://www.indiancountryworks.org/file/Rural%20Water%20and%20Waste%20Disposal%20Program%20202-27-09%20FINAL.pdf>

Other Available Grants

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. Information about CHIP can be found at www.insurekidsnow.gov.

Environmental Employment Opportunities



Fall 2012 White House Internship Program

The application for the Fall 2012 White House Internship program is now open. Young leaders are encouraged to apply as White House Interns and dedicate their time, talent, energy, and service to the White House, the community and the nation. Please visit www.whitehouse.gov/internships for detailed information about this program, the application process, a timeline with deadlines, and the departments that participate in the program. A complete application includes: short answers, two essay questions, a one-page resume, and two letters of recommendation. The deadline to apply for fall 2012 is April 1, 2012.



Columbia River Basin Nine-Month Internship

The Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA) is offering Native American graduate students in the fields of environmental science, forestry, biology, and engineering an opportunity to work collaboratively with the Columbia River Basin tribes on project teams for nine months beginning in fall 2012. Research institutions involved in this alliance include University of Washington, Washington State University, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, University of Montana, and Montana State University. Because most schools have grad application deadlines during the winter months for fall admission, graduate students who are interested in this opportunity should apply immediately. Please visit the NARA website for more information, <http://www.nararenewables.org/ed>. Questions may be directed to Laurel James, laurelj@nararenewables.org, NARA Tribal Projects Team.

Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium Manager

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California has an opening for the above-mentioned position. The individual hired must be highly motivated with extensive background in alternative energy and development of energy related projects. For more information go to the following website [Nevada Inter-Tribal Energy Consortium Manager-Job Announcement](#) or call Marie Barry, (775) 265-8682, Marie.Barry@washoetribe.us

Program Coordinator, Tribal Air Quality Program

The Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA) has an opening for a coordinator to perform complex technical research analysis on Clean Air Act initiatives and policies and effectively communicate the information to tribal programs. If interested, please submit your resume to Bette Hartsfield, Human Resource Specialist, ITCA, 2214 North Central Avenue, Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85004, 602,258-4822 or bette.hartsfield@itcaonline.com. Position is open until filled.

Tribal Outreach, Review and Comment



Federal Requirements for Managing Asbestos-Containing Building Materials at K-12 Schools

Federal EPA regulations require that public and non-public not-for-profit elementary and secondary schools (grades K-12) be inspected to determine the presence of asbestos-containing building materials and that asbestos management plans be developed as a result of those inspections. Local education agencies (a school's owner or operator) need to designate a person to ensure that these federally enforceable requirements are met. Schools owned or operated by the U.S. government are also required to meet these federal EPA requirements (including schools owned or operated by US Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education). Two informative links on this federal requirement: <http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/aherarequirements.pdf> and <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf>. For more information, contact Ron Tsuchiya, Asbestos-in-Schools Coordinator, Toxics Office, 415-947-4168 or tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov



Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan

In a May 18, 2011 *Federal Register* notice, the EPA announced and solicited comments on a proposed federal program to certify applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country where no other EPA-approved or EPA-implemented certification plan applies. A link to the draft Plan can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-18/html/2011-12226.htm>. RUPs are potentially hazardous chemicals that require special training and techniques to be used safely. Federal law requires EPA-approved certification of RUP applicators nationally, including in Indian country. Most of Indian country is not covered by a certification mechanism. EPA's *Proposed Federal Plan for Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian country* will help fill this gap in the certification of applicators of these hazardous chemicals and by ensuring that RUP applicators are competent to apply RUPs in Indian country. The plan is expected to be finalized and published in the *Federal Register* in early spring, 2012. For more information regarding the proposed federal plan,

contact Nicole Zinn at the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs at zinn.nicole@epa.gov or (703) 308-7076. For more information on the EPA's restricted use pesticide certification program, please go to the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm> .



Keep Your Home and Children Safe from Poisons

Because more than 90 percent of poisonings happen in homes, poison center experts encourage everyone to take the following steps to make sure their homes are poison-safe:

- (1) Close caps on medicines, vitamins, herbal supplements and other products immediately after use, making sure caps are on tightly;
- (2) Keep all medicines (including vitamins and herbal supplements), household cleaning products, and garden chemicals where children can't see or reach them;
- (3) Never store home or garden chemicals in food containers like bottles or cups. Keep them in their original containers;
- (4) Never mix household cleaning products together. Mixing them can cause poisonous gasses;
- (5) Call your local poison center (1-800-222-1222) immediately if you can't find a small battery or magnet missing from a toy or other item. These can both be deadly if swallowed by a child;
- (6) Install a carbon monoxide detector and check the batteries twice a year;
- (7) When applying pesticides, follow the directions on pesticide labels and be sure to remove children, pets and toys from the area until they can return safely; and
- (8) Periodically go through your medicine cabinet and safely dispose of old or expired medicines.

Post the Poison Help number by your home phone and program it into cell phones: (1-800-222-1222)

For more information go to [the American Association of Poison Control Centers](http://www.aapcc.org) or contact Fabiola Estrada, Pesticides Office, 415-972-3493 or email estrada.fabiola@epa.gov

Comment Period extended on Federal Underground Storage Tank (UST) Regulations

The EPA has extended the public comment period for the proposal to revise the UST regulations until April 16, 2012. The EPA published a November 18, 2011 Federal Register notice, which contained the proposed regulations and established a 90 day comment period. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Liz McDermott mcdermott.elizabeth@epa.gov or 703-603-7175.

National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) Informational Videos

The EPA has developed informational videos at <http://www.epa.gov/apti/video/NATAVideo1011.html>. The eight videos include an overview, demonstration of how to navigate results, and examples of how the assessment is used. For more information, contact Kim Hoang, 415-972-3147 or Hoang.Kim@epa.gov

Air Quality Designation Memos

The EPA recently finalized two tribal air quality designation memos. They are "Guidance to Regions for Working with Tribes during the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) Designations Process", which outlines how the EPA should work with tribes during the NAAQS designation process for Indian country and "Policy for Establishing Separate Air Quality Designations for Areas of Indian Country" which is a resource for tribes that would like to request a separate designation from a surrounding attainment or nonattainment area. To read both memos go to <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy>.

New Partnership for Sustainable Communities Report

The HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities and the USDA have just released *Supporting Sustainable Rural Communities*--a report that discusses how the four agencies are collaborating to support rural communities. This publication highlights how small towns and rural places across the country are using federal resources to strengthen their economies, provide better quality of life to residents, and build on local assets such as traditional main streets, agricultural lands, and natural resources. For more information, contact Roberta White at white.roberta@epamail.epa.gov or go to <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/publications.htm#huddotepa> or <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov>.

Remediating Environmental Hazards at Former Federal Facility Sites in Indian Country

The Hoopa Valley Tribe in northern California recently completed a project to assess, excavate and safely dispose of lead-contaminated soil at a tribal housing area. This lead-in-soil contamination was due to lead-based paint used on the buildings. The housing complex was formerly owned by Bureau of Indian Affairs and later transferred to the tribe. The tribe undertook a successful process to remediate the lead-in-soil hazards. The process successfully used by Hoopa Valley Tribe can be a model for other tribes seeking to remediate environmental contaminants at former federal facility sites in Indian Country including sites previously owned by the Agriculture, Defense or Interior Departments. For more information, contact Ken Norton, Hoopa Valley Tribe, kenpnorton@gmail.com or 530-625-5515 or go <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/rtoc/fall11/FY2011HoopaLeadProjAnnEpaReg9Conf.pdf>.

Asthma Prevention Campaign

The Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board has a highly informative webpage on their asthma prevention campaign:

http://sacredbreath.org/asthma/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=39&Itemid=47 -

Contact: Barbara Spark, Region IX Indoor Air Quality Team; 415-947-4189; spark.barbara@epa.gov

A Guide for Tribal Leaders on U.S. Climate Change Programs

This guide summarizes key U.S. government programs addressing climate change, opportunities for tribal engagement and contacts for each agency. In addition to its immediate value to tribes and their partners, this information will provide important groundwork for research on understanding and improving the tribal consultation processes in the context of climate change. This guide also includes tribal, academic and non-governmental agencies and programs to assist tribes in addressing climate change. To download the Guide, click here: <http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/>.

National Tribal Minor (NSR) Rule

This Federal Implementation Plan includes two NSR regulations for the protection of air resources in Indian country. These new regulations include requirements for preconstruction permits for new and modified facilities sources of emissions. Prior to this action, there has been no federal NSR permitting mechanism for minor sources in Indian country and for major sources in areas of Indian country in non attainment areas. These regulations will fill this regulatory gap. The new rule lays out requirements for the EPA to issue air permits to sources in Indian country or allows tribes to take responsibility for issuing air permits according to the EPA's requirements. Existing minor sources are required to register within 18 months from the effective date of this rule. Large sources will need permits prior to construction or modification (the same is true everywhere else). Sources that want to establish synthetic minor status may submit permit application beginning on the effective date of the rule. A copy of the final rule and a fact sheet are posted on the EPA's web page at <http://www.epa.gov/NSR/actions.html#jun11>. For more information, contact Cheryl Nelson, 415-972-3291.

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC)

NPIC offers a toll-free number staffed by knowledgeable specialists Monday through Saturday 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

EPA Improves Clean-Air Permitting in Indian Country

The EPA has finalized rules to ensure that Clean Air Act permitting requirements are applied consistently to facilities in Indian country to better protect the health of people living near them. This action will provide tribes with the tools they need to ensure that newly built or expanding facilities meet these requirements, while giving industries the flexibility to choose the most practical and cost effective way to do so. These sensible steps were developed after considering public input from key stakeholders including tribes, industry, and states. The new rules fill an important gap in the nation's air program that will foster economic development in Indian country in a way that protects the health of

tribes, a group that shares the same environmental justice concerns as other low-income and minority communities. For more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/nsr>

National Tribal Toxics Committee to Address Risks from Toxic Chemicals

The EPA has established a National Tribal Toxics Committee (NTTC) to give Indian tribes greater input on issues related to chemical safety, toxic chemicals and pollution prevention. This effort will further empower tribal communities to protect their health and environment from the risks of toxic chemicals. Creation of the NTTC is part of the EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's emphasis on improving chemical safety, building strong tribal partnerships and expanding the conversation on environmental justice. The NTTC will help the EPA better tailor and efficiently address a variety of issues, including preventing poisoning from lead-based paint, expanding pollution prevention and safer chemical initiatives in Indian country, and better evaluating chemical exposures that may be unique to tribes and their members. For more information on the NTTC and for a list of tribes go to:

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

EPA School Siting Guidelines and Healthy School Environments

The EPA recently released final voluntary school siting guidelines. The guidelines provide recommendations on steps to evaluate potential environmental challenges and benefits at candidate sites for new schools. The guidelines are available at www.epa.gov/schools. The following website has more information: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/childhealth/pdf/school-siting-guidelines-fact-sheet-oct-2011.pdf> or contact Jorine Campopiano, Toxics Office, campopiano.jorine@epa.gov or 213-244-1808.

Environmental Health Protection for Children, Elderly and Community Members from Environmental Hazards and Pollutants

These four links provide information on environmental health protection for children, the elderly and tribal community members from lead-based paint, asbestos in schools, indoor air quality hazards and other environmental pollutants and contaminants.

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/protect-children-community-from-asbestos.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/indoor-air-quality-tribal.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/prevent-lead-exposure-children-community.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/pala-tribe-childrens-health-2011.pdf>

Minimizing Exposure of American Indian Children to Sources of Lead Poisoning

In 2010, the EPA Region IX awarded a tribal lead grant to the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. (ITCA), to enable them to conduct outreach activities for reducing childhood lead poisoning among tribal communities and tribal residents in Arizona. For additional information efforts go to:

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-reducing-exposure-lead.pdf>. This information should be shared widely to protect health and environmental quality. Contact: Dr. Patrick McMullen, ITCA Community Development Director, 602-258-4822 or Patrick.McMullen@itcaonline.com

Protecting Children's Environmental Health

Children may be more vulnerable to environmental exposures than adults because their bodily systems are still developing. For information on children's environmental health protection go to:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/homepage.htm> and [Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Risks](http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf) and <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf>. If your tribe is interested in exploring opportunities to further protect children's

environmental health, contact EPA Region IX Children's Environmental Health Coordinator, Kathleen Stewart 415-947-4119 or stewart.kathleen@epa.gov or your EPA grant project officer. You may also contact Kathleen Stewart to receive emails on children's environmental health, including information on upcoming children's environmental health-related grant opportunities.

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 are available online at <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html>. For more information, contact Martha H. Keating, at 919-613-8736 or martha.keating@duke.edu.

Supporting materials for the analysis, including an interactive web application which provides access to

results by the EPA region and state can be found at:
<http://www.env.duke.edu/cehi/about/news/envjustice.htm>.

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

The 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 (TCAN)

The EPA's TCAN 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 TCAN 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/>

How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law

To report 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.

Treatment and Removal of Abandoned Vehicles

The 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. The 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)

The 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.

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council (ITRC)

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

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

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.

Websites



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Tribal Resource Guide is a comprehensive catalog of resources within DHS available to Indian Country. This guide provides tribes with information on the Department's offices and components, available training programs, initiatives that impact tribal nations, key contact information, and more. <http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm>

EPA Websites:

http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/
<http://www.epa.gov>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/> (Headquarters)
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/othertraining.htm>

National Indian Justice Center

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

Other Websites of Interest

<http://weatherization.org/rrp.html>
http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions
<http://teeic.anl.gov>
<http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
<http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>
<http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>; <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
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