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## ***Tribal Program Newsletter***

Dear Folks,

The time has come for me to leave EPA and devote myself to being a full time abuelita (grandmother in Spanish). This has been a great job. Thank you. Take care and remember to reduce, reuse and recycle.

*Maria Castain*

### **Environmental Tip of the Month**

**Reduce your carbon footprint! Leaving your car at home twice a week can cut greenhouse gas emissions by 1,600 pounds per year. Save up errands and shopping trips so you need to drive fewer times. If you commute to work, ask if you can work from home at least some days, and you'll reduce air pollution and traffic congestion - and save money. [Reduce greenhouse gases on the road.](#)**



### **Tribal Leader Forum on Leveraging Energy Resources and Military Partnerships**

The DOE Office of Indian Energy will host a day-long Tribal Leader Forum on November 30 at the EPA Region 9 Office in San Francisco. The forum will be held in conjunction with the 20th Anniversary Annual Tribal/EPA Conference, which will take place at the InterContinental San Francisco hotel on November 27-29, 2012. The seventh in a series of planned DOE Office of Indian Energy-sponsored strategic energy development and investment forums, this Tribal Leader Forum is designed to provide information for tribal leaders on the various aspects and opportunities to promote energy development on tribal lands near military installations. Please contact Brandt Petrasek, Special Advisor, at (202) 586-4818 or [albert.petrasek@hq.doe.gov](mailto:albert.petrasek@hq.doe.gov) with any questions about the forum. Any other logistical questions can be directed to Jacquelyn Pless at (303) 856-1509, or [jacquelyn.pless@ncsl.org](mailto:jacquelyn.pless@ncsl.org).

### **New App for Health of Waterways**

EPA has a new app and website to help people find information on the condition of thousands of lakes, rivers and streams across the United States from their smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. Available at <http://www.epa.gov/mywaterway>, the "How's My Waterway" app and website uses GPS technology or a user-entered zip code or city name to provide information about the quality of local water bodies. This new app provides easy, user-friendly access to the health of a waterway, whether it is safe for swimming and fishing, and what is being done about any reported problems.

### **Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)**

RCAC is working with a new partner to develop a tribal contact website, a training calendar, and introducing a new program called "TUG" Tribal Utility Governance as well as a tribal utility newsletter. This will be a useful resource to everyone in tribal country. For more information, contact David C. Willis, (559) 337-0360 or go to [www.rcac.org](http://www.rcac.org)

### **Western Sustainable Agriculture Research (SARE)**

This program is accepting project proposals through December 5. Two types of Western SARE grants are noteworthy. [Producer grants](#) provide up to \$15,000 to a farm or ranch operator and Professional + Producer grants provide up to \$50,000 to an agricultural professional such as a farm advisor working with a group of at least five farm or ranch operators. Projects in both categories must involve producers in every stage of the project, address agricultural sustainability, and include distinctive approaches and creative methods of

delivering the results to other producers. Detailed information is available at [https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/?ok=vw\\_Docs](https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/?ok=vw_Docs)

### Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Program

This program is accepting project proposals through January 7, 2013. Federally recognized tribal governments, tribal organizations, and non-profits are eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 to fund collaborative projects to empower their communities to address local environmental and public health issues. The program has funded sustainable agriculture projects in recent years, but the competition for funding is stiff. Tribes that have applied unsuccessfully in the past are welcome to ask the Region 9 Environmental Justice office for a debrief on their application, to learn how to improve their chances in the 2013 proposal evaluation process. The EJ grants contact is La Donna Thomas at (415) 972-3375 or [thomas.ladonna@epa.gov](mailto:thomas.ladonna@epa.gov). The [Request for Proposals](#) is available at <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/publications/grants/ej-smgrants-rfp-2013.pdf>.

### Federal Excess

The Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program (aka GSAXcess or Federal Excess) allows certain organizations, including tribes, to obtain excess federal property the government no longer needs. Equipment available in the system 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 <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/100733>.

## Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



### Sponsor: EPA

Feb 12-14	RTOC Meeting	Tohono O'odham Nation, AZ	Mariela Lopez, 415-972-3771 or <a href="mailto:lopez.mariela@epa.gov">lopez.mariela@epa.gov</a>
May 7-9	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco	Same as above
Jul 23-25	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco	Same as above

### Sponsor: Electric Utility Consultants, Inc (EUCI)

Jan 28-29	Energy Development on Tribal Lands Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	Greg Riddell, 720-988-1235 or <a href="mailto:griddell@euci.com">griddell@euci.com</a>
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### Sponsor: Laws Seminars International

Mar. 4-5, 2013	Tribal Water Rights in California: Live Seminar	Cabazon, CA	Register <a href="#">here</a> or call (206) 567-4490.
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## Trainings and Webinars

### Sponsor: EPA, Pesticides Office

June 25-27, 2013	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools	Phoenix, AZ	Marcy Katzin, 415-947-4215, <a href="mailto:katzin.marcy@epa.gov">katzin.marcy@epa.gov</a>
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**Free continuing education courses from UC Davis/Cal DPH:** Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control at CA Department of Public Health has developed free online continuing medical education (CME) courses on various occupational and environmental medicine topics, including [Lead: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention](#). This webinar provides information about sources and risk factors for childhood lead exposures, implementation of California childhood lead screening regulations, and designing appropriate environmental interventions. **See:** [www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/deodc/Pages/CMEcourses.aspx](http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/deodc/Pages/CMEcourses.aspx)

## **Grants and Loans**



### **FY 2013 Grant Funding Announcement for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP)**

The EPA invites GAP grant proposals from federally recognized tribal governments and eligible intertribal consortia for FY 2014 work plan program development activities. The goal of the GAP is to assist tribes in developing the capacity to plan and establish environmental protection programs and to develop and implement solid and hazardous waste programs in accordance with their individual needs. GAP grant proposals must be submitted in GAP Online by December 12. For more information click on the following link: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/funding/tribal-gap.html>



### **Competitive Funding Announcement under Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 319**

The FY2013 CWA Section 319 Tribal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Pollution Control Program Request for Proposals (RFP) for competitive funding is posted on grants.gov and on the following website: <http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/nps/tribal/funding13.cfm> . The purpose of the NPS Control Program is to assist eligible federally-recognized Indian tribes develop and implement polluted runoff control programs and watershed-based plans that address critical water quality concerns and achieve positive environmental results. For submission instructions and required information for your proposal, please refer to the FY2013 CWA Section 319 RFP. The due date for submission materials for competitive funding only is Friday, December 14, 2012. For more information, contact Tiffany Eastman, 415-795-2435 or [eastman.tiffany@epa.gov](mailto:eastman.tiffany@epa.gov), or Audrey L. Johnson at 415-972-3431 or [johnson.audrey@epa.gov](mailto:johnson.audrey@epa.gov), or your CWA grants project officer.



### **Funding Available: Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)**

EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$290,000 through Direct Implementation Tribal Cooperative Agreements (DITCAs) ranging in size from approximately \$25,000 to \$85,000 for SWAP activities. The purpose of the funding will enable federally recognized tribes and eligible tribal consortia within EPA Region 9, who operate at least one public water system (PWS), to identify and assess any possible threats (potential sources of contamination) to their public drinking water supply sources and to develop measures to protect these sources against those threats. Proposals received by March 27, 2013 will be awarded by August 30, 2013. For paper copies, please contact: Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 or [curtis.jamelya@epa.gov](mailto:curtis.jamelya@epa.gov) or for more information go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-sdwa.html#swp>

**Cal/EPA Applications for Community Small Grants** ..... [EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov)  
Contact Malinda Dumisani, EJ Small Grants Program, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812-2815; (916) 445-9480. [Malinda.Dumisani@calepa.ca.gov](mailto:Malinda.Dumisani@calepa.ca.gov). To obtain an application package, go to: [www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/funding/smallgrants/default.htm](http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/funding/smallgrants/default.htm). Deadline: December 5

### **U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) Offers Grants**

For information on how to apply go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-15/pdf/2012-20082.pdf>

### **EPA Region 9 Agriculture Program and Tribal Programs Office Convene Tribal Foodways**

An ad hoc group of tribal members, university Cooperative Extension advisors, and EPA staff has been discussing ways to improve health and environmental conditions in Indian Country through local agriculture and community food systems. The group plans to meet quarterly via conference call to share information on funding opportunities and other resources and opportunities, with the next call planned for October. For more information, contact Don Hodge, 415-972-3240; [hodge.don@epa.gov](mailto:hodge.don@epa.gov) .

## **Environmental Employment Opportunities**

### **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-](#)

## Websites

<b>Air</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html</a>
<b>Air Quality Designation Memos:</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy">http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy</a>
<b>American Indian Environmental Program Office</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/indian">http://www.epa.gov/indian</a>
<b>American Indian Environmental Office Newsletter</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/indian/pdf/newsletters/aieo-summer-issue-2012.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/indian/pdf/newsletters/aieo-summer-issue-2012.pdf</a>
<b>California Regional Water Quality Control Boards</b> .....	<a href="http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions">http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions</a>
<b>Clean-Air Act:</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/nsr">http://www.epa.gov/nsr</a>
<b>Climate Change</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/climatechange/tribes/federal-land.html">http://www.epa.gov/region9/climatechange/tribes/federal-land.html</a>
<b>Community Grant Resources</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/contact/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/contact/index.html</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/community_grants_table.htm">http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/community_grants_table.htm</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/epa_grants_101.htm">http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/epa_grants_101.htm</a>
<b>Community Health Studies</b> .....	<a href="http://www.communityhealthstudies.com">http://www.communityhealthstudies.com</a>
<b>Conserveatree</b> .....	<a href="http://soils.usda.gov/survey">http://soils.usda.gov/survey</a>
<b>Earth 911.com</b> .....	<a href="http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/">http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/</a>
<b>Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy</b> .....	<a href="http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm">http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm</a>
<b>Energy Savers</b> .....	<a href="http://www.energysavers.gov">www.energysavers.gov</a>
<b>Environmental Protection Agency</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov">http://www.epa.gov</a>
<b>EPA School Siting Guidelines and Healthy School Environments</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/schools">www.epa.gov/schools</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/childhealth/pdf/school-siting-guidelines-fact-sheet-oct-2011.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/region9/childhealth/pdf/school-siting-guidelines-fact-sheet-oct-2011.pdf</a>
.....	<a href="mailto:campopiano.jorine@epa.gov">campopiano.jorine@epa.gov</a> or 213-244-1808
<b>Federal Requirements for Managing Asbestos-Containing Building Materials at K-12 Schools</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/aherarequirements.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/aherarequirements.pdf</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf</a>
<b>Grants and Funding:</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html">http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html</a>
<b>Guide for Tribal Leaders on U.S. Climate Change Programs</b> .....	<a href="http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/">http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/</a>
<b>Homeland Security Tribal Resource Guide</b> .....	<a href="http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm">http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm</a>
<b>Household Hazardous Waste Program</b> .....	<a href="http://www.tn.gov/environment/swm/hhw/">www.tn.gov/environment/swm/hhw/</a>
<b>Housing and Urban Development</b> .....	<a href="http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/">http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/</a>
<b>How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/tips">http://www.epa.gov/tips</a>
<b>Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council</b> .....	<a href="http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp">http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp</a>
<b>Leaky Ground Storage Tanks</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian">http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html">http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html</a>
<b>Montana Weatherization Training Center</b> .....	<a href="http://weatherization.org/rrp.html">http://weatherization.org/rrp.html</a>
<b>National Indian Justice Center</b> .....	<a href="http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF">http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF">http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF">http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF</a>
.....	<a href="http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF">http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF</a>
<b>National Indian Law Library</b> .....	<a href="http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm">http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm</a>
<b>National Lead Poisoning Prevention</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/chancefactsheet.pdf">http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/chancefactsheet.pdf</a>
.....	<a href="http://epa.gov/oppt/lead/pubs/lppw2012.htm">http://epa.gov/oppt/lead/pubs/lppw2012.htm</a>
<b>National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC):</b> .....	<a href="http://www.npic.orst.edu">www.npic.orst.edu</a>
Toll free number for NPIC 800-858-7378, Monday through Saturday from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm PST	
<b>National Response Center (NRC) for Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine Labs</b> .....	<a href="http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html">http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html</a>
The NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. call 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675	
<b>National Tribal Minor New Source Review (NSR) Rule</b> ..	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/NSR/actions.html#jun11">http://www.epa.gov/NSR/actions.html#jun11</a>
Contact Roberto Gutierrez, 415-947-4276.	
<b>Overfill Prevention: Best Management Practices for Underground Storage Tank</b> .....	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/oust/pubs/ustbmps.html">www.epa.gov/oust/pubs/ustbmps.html</a>

## Poison Control

Post the Poison Help number by home phones and program it into cell phones: (1-800-222-1222). Or go to the [American Association of Poison Control Centers](#) or contact Fabiola Estrada, Pesticides Office, 415-972-3493 or email [estrada.fabiola@epa.gov](mailto:estrada.fabiola@epa.gov)

**Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)** ..... <http://www.epa.gov/pcbsincaulk/>

## Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan

..... <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm>  
..... [zinn.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:zinn.nicole@epa.gov) or (703) 308-7076

**Signs of Environmental Violations:** ..... [www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal/investigations/signs.html](http://www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal/investigations/signs.html)

**Solar and Wind Energy Screening Tools**..... <http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland/>

**Stop the Waste** ..... <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

**Strategy for EPA/Tribal Partnership to Implement Section 1529 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005**  
..... [www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/Tribal%20Strategy\\_080706r.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/Tribal%20Strategy_080706r.pdf)

## Targeted Brownfields Assessments

..... [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)

**The Wells Fargo & Company and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) \$100 Million in Grants** ..... <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr/ea/environmental-giving>

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

## Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting

..... <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-19/pdf/2012-9442.pdf>

..... <http://news.duke.edu/2008/06/TRIMiranda.html> or, [lee.lily@epa.gov](mailto:lee.lily@epa.gov)

**Treatment and Removal of Abandoned Vehicles**<http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>

Contact Michelle Baker at [baker.michelle@epa.gov](mailto:baker.michelle@epa.gov) or 415-972-3206 for paper copies.

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

..... <http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance> or <http://www.assistancecenters.net>

For questions about the Tribal Center or the *Profile of Tribal Government Operations*, contact Jonathan Binder,

202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis, 202-564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or mail EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Mail Code 2224A, Washington, DC 20460.

## Tribal Compliance Assistance Notebook (TCAN) for Schools

..... <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf/programs/tribal+schools>

..... <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/tribal.html>

**Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse (TEEIC)**..... <http://teeic.anl.gov>

**Tribal Office General Assistance Program:**..... [http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP\\_Online/](http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/)

**Tribal Training** ..... <http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/othertraining.htm>

## Underground Storage Tanks Indian Country Program Directory

..... <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/pubs/usinctrdir.htm>

**Updated List of Federally-Recognized Tribes:** at 2011 Tribal Leaders Directory (.pdf) or Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs (.pdf) - 62KB or Supplemental Federal Register listing Shinnecock Indian Nation as the 565th Federally Recognized Tribe (.pdf)

**Water Program**..... <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

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

**WIH Resource Group, Environmental and Logistic Solutions** ..... <http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>

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