

The EPA Report

Announcements from Region 9 Programs



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HERE! TOMORROW!

- USDA Application Fair
Including ARRA funds for Water Infrastructure and Energy Projects.
- 10/21, Conference Rooms 1 and 2
- Contact: Linda Reeves, EPA Drinking Water Office,
(415) 972-3445

Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Solicitation

- EPA Region 9 (EPA) is pleased to issue the 2010 guidance and procedures for applying for assistance from the Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside (DWTSA) program:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/dwtsa.html>. This program provides funding for tribes within Region 9 (California, Nevada, and Arizona) for projects which address the most significant public health threats for public water systems. Up to \$5 million of FY 10 funds may be available. EPA must receive proposals by 11/2/09.
- Contact: Linda Reeves at reeves.linda@epa.gov or 415-972-3445 .

Wetlands Workshops for Tribes

- EPA Region 9 will host a Wetlands Workshop for Tribes and Sustainable Funding for Wetlands Programs on December 9th and 10th, 2009 at the EPA Region 9 San Francisco Office.
- The two courses will introduce tribes to what are wetlands, monitoring techniques in wetlands, and funding resources for wetlands.
- Registration and agenda are coming soon!
- Contact: Suzanne Marr at 415-972-3468 or Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov.

SWAP Funding Guidance

- Funding guidance is available for the Tribal Public Water System Supervision Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP). EPA Region 9 intends to award over \$400,000 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 is to 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 protection measures to protect these sources against those threats. The first deadline for proposal submission is **December 31, 2009**.
- Contact: Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 or curtis.jamelya@epa.gov.

California Tribal Water Summit

- There will be a Tribal Water Summit on November 4-5 and being held in coordination with the Department of Water Resources' Water Plan.
- The Water Plan home page is at <http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/index.cfm> and the Tribal Summit is referenced on the following web page:
http://www.waterplan.water.ca.gov/docs/cwpu2009/cwp_meeting_schedule-091509_jk.pdf
- Contact: Barbara Cross, Government & Community Liaison, California Department of Water Resources at 916-653-5150 or bcross@water.ca.gov

Tribal Air Funding

- 31 FY 10 tribal Clean Air Act grants will begin October 1, 2010.
- FY 10 grants include a small additional amount of funds from EPA HQ for clean energy and climate change activities; 2011 grants may include this funding as well.
- Funding announcement for 2011 grants expected November 2009.
- Contact: Sara Bartholomew; bartholomew.sara@epa.gov

Pinal Coarse Particulate Matter (PM10)

- Region 9 is working to redesignate Pinal County for PM 10.
- Pinal County has violated the PM10 standard since 2002.
- Five of the eight highest PM10 monitoring sites nationally are in Pinal County.
- If Pinal is designated nonattainment, Pinal and ADEQ will need to develop a state implementation plan (SIP).
- Tribes are encouraged to participate in this process.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

Fine Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5})

- Designation process for fine PM_{2.5} has not been finalized.
- New administration has reviewed the designations and more current air quality data.
- Additional areas within Region 9 will be designated as nonattainment.
- Tribes in counties violating the standard, and counties that may contribute to violations, will be notified and encouraged to participate in the process.
- Tribes in counties attaining the standard will not need to take further action.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

Ozone (O₃) Designations

- Standard was strengthened in 2008.
- R9 received recommendations on attainment and nonattainment areas from States and Tribes.
- On September 16, 2009 EPA announced it would reconsider the new standard.
- EPA will review the 2008 decision and propose any needed revisions by December 2009; final decision issued August 2010.
- Attainment and nonattainment recommendations from Tribes and States on any new standard will be due December 2010.
- Designations process will be completed by August 2011.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

Lead (Pb) Designations

- Standard was strengthened in October 2008.
- Increased Pb monitoring begins January 2010; EPA is considering whether to increase monitoring requirements.
- Designation recommendations from states and tribes due October 15, 2009.
- Initial designations made October 15, 2010, remaining areas with insufficient data designated October 15, 2011.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan,
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Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) Standard

- June 2009 EPA proposed:
 - a one-hour NO₂ standard at a level between 80 – 100 parts per billion (ppb),
 - retain the current annual average NO₂ standard of 53 ppb,
 - add NO₂ monitoring within 50 meters of major roads in cities with ≥350,000 residents, and
 - continue monitoring “area-wide” NO₂ concentrations in cities ≥1 million residents. Public comments will be accepted until mid September.
- Two public hearings held in August 2009; comment period closed September 15, 2009.
- Final Rule expected January 2010.
- Contact: Colleen McKaughan, mckaughan.colleen@epa.gov

Tribal New Source Review

- Final Tribal New Source Review (NSR) rule expected March 2010.
- Region 9 is working to estimate minor sources of air pollution in anticipation of the final rule.
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Greenbuild Conference

- Where: Phoenix, AZ
- When: Nov 11-13, 2009
- This is the first year they will have a panel on tribal green building, and a Native "master" speaker. .
- For more information:
<http://www.greenbuildexpo.org/expo>
- Contact: Michelle Baker, 415-972-3206 or baker.michelle@epa.gov

Developing an Abandoned Vehicle Cleanup Program

- The document was completed by Region 9 in partnership with tribes from Regions 8, 9 and 10.
- It outlines different options for tribes to develop and implement abandoned vehicle cleanup programs.
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Bio-cycle Participation

Bio-cycle International Conference

- What: **Tribal/Rural Communities Track** for the next international conference
- When: **April 2010**
- Where: **San Diego, CA**
- Information on previous conferences:
http://www.jgpress.com/archives/_free/001784.html
- **Goal:** To provide small-scale case studies of organics recycling projects and provide information on how to implement programs in communities with limited resources. This track would address the challenges of small communities as well as the benefits of local cradle-to-cradle solutions such as co-location, minimal transport costs, and market opportunities for companies wanting to expand business.
- Contact: Charles Swanson 415-947-4219 or swanson.charles@epa.gov and Laura Moreno, 415-947-4240 or moreno.laura@epa.gov

New Tool to Estimate Recycling Benefits: iWARM

- EPA has a new tool to help consumers calculate the benefits of recycling rather than landfilling
- Shows energy savings and climate benefits of recycling something as small as one can or 25 pounds of paper for example
- Great way to show your community or your councils that recycling makes sense

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/conserve/tools/iwarm/index.htm>

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OSWER National Tribal Council on Waste and Response

- EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) recently announced the formation of a new Tribal Steering Committee on waste management and response with the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP).
- OSWER is initiating new "community" engagement activities, and has upgraded our web site at www.epa.gov/oswer/tribal.
- We are happy to work with both the Waste and Emergency Response RTOC workgroups for further discussion and input on tribal issues and priorities.
- Contact: Felicia Wright, National Tribal Program Coordinator at (202) 566-1886, wright.felicia@epa.gov

GAP Online Update

- Beginning this fiscal year, workplans that have been negotiated in GAP Online can be reported on using GO's report function.
- For assistance with reporting in GO, contact your project officer.
- Contact: Laura Mayo, (415) 972-3561 or mayo.laura@epa.gov

For more information...

Visit the R9 EPA, RTOC website at:
<http://www.epa.gov/region09/indian/rtoc.html>

Visit the Tribal Program Monthly Newsletter at:
http://www.epa.gov/region09/cross_pr/indian/newslet.html

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