### U.S. EPA Report RTOC Meeting July 29, 2010 Mooretown, Rancheria

### Water Division Highlights

# SAVE THE DATE! Joint EPA/NRCS Workshop

- Annual EPA Region 9 Clean Water Act Section 319 –
   Nonpoint Source workshop for Tribes
- Purposes: Learn from experts about Best
  Management Practices techniques in the field and
  tools in addressing polluted runoff at the watershed
  level.
- September 14 16, 2010
- Location: Washoe Tribe, Gardnerville, NV

# CWA Section 319 – Nonpoint Source Program for Tribes WEBINAR

- August 19, 2010 (Thursday)
- ▶ 10:00am 12:00pm (PST)
- Topic: Leveraging Funds for NPS Projects and Revising your NPS Management Plan & work plan due to Emergencies
- Registration information to be posted by 7/23/2010
- For more information contact: Tiffany Eastman at eastman.tiffany@epa.gov

# WQX/STORET Tribal User Workshop Announcement



- Purpose: To offer support and training to participants regarding WQX/STORET data management procedures, familiarize users with on-line tools and introduce the benefits of documenting tribal water quality environmental results.
- **Date:** August 24-26, 2010
- Location: EPA, Region 9 Office, San Francisco, CA
- Contact Information:
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### Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey

- Summer/fall2010: Approximately 25% of Tribal water systems in R9 will be randomly selected to be surveyed in 2011.
- Bigger systems will receive mailed questionnaires, and smaller systems will receive site visits.
- Mailed questionnaires: Sent to water systems around February 2011, due to EPA around December 2011.

### Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey Continued

- Site visit surveys: February 2011 December 2011.
  - The EPA contractor Cadmus (or Navajo EPA, for Navajo water systems) will arrange site visits for tribes that have been randomly selected.
  - Site visit surveys will take roughly 1 day.
  - EPA project officers may accompany contractors on some site visits.
- EPA Headquarters will analyze survey results throughout 2012, and will submit a report to Congress in February 2013.
- Point of Contact: Sara Ziff, (415) 972-3536 or ziff.sara@epa.gov

# Drinking Water Tribal Set-Aside Solicitation

- Now is the time to prepare feasibility studies for construction proposals
- Solicitation will be issued in early September
- Proposals will be due early November
- Contact: Linda Reeves, 415-972-3445 reeves.linda@epa.gov

# Water Quality Standards Webcasts Clean Water Act Section 303

- TAS for the Water Quality Standards (WQS) Program
- Objective: Discuss EPA's improved treatment in the same manner as a state (TAS) process for the water quality standards program (WQS). The webcast will focus on the TAS application.
- Date: Friday, September 17, 2010
- Introduction to Water Quality Standards (WQS)
- Objective: Provide an introduction to Water Quality Standards (WQS).
- Date: Friday, September 24, 2010

# Water Quality Standards Webcasts Clean Water Act Section 303

#### Registration

Details about registration will be made available on EPA's CWA Tribal Training Web site approximately one month prior to the webcasts. <a href="https://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.h">www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.h</a> tml

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# Waste Division Highlights

### **Congrats Liz!**

**What:** Congratulations to Liz Bogdanski, Environmental Program Manager for the Morongo Band of Cahuilla Mission Indians.

**Why:** Liz is the first representative from a tribe to be certified by the California Resource Recovery Association (CRRA) as a Resource Management Professional.

Where: A special ceremony will be held to honor the CRRA certified professionals at the CRRA conference (August 8-11) in Sacramento.

More Information: http://www.crra.com/

#### **Web Features Wanted**

- What: We are looking for success stories to feature on our website. If you have any solid or hazardous waste project that you would like EPA to highlight, please contact us. Topic ideas for stories include: Greening your event, casino, or housing; managing a dumpsite after cleanup; or any other recycling, composting, or cleanup programs.
- Why: Get the word out about your great project!
- <u>Where:</u>
  <a href="http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/succes">http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/succes</a>
- Contact: Charles Swanson (415) 947-4219 or swanson.charles@epa.gov

### Renewable Energy Training for Tribal Community Development National Renewable Energy Laboratory

#### Nevada

August 17-19

Location, TBD

Contact Tansey Smith @ 775-687-948

#### Northern California

August 31-September 2

Location, Blue Lake Rancheria (casino)

Contact Michelle Fuller @ (707) 668-5101 x1036

## Updated US EPA Tribal Solid Waste Team Contact Information

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  - Northern CA and Eastern Sierra tribes
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  - NV and non border Southern CA tribes
- Charles Swanson: (415) 947-4219, swanson.charles@epa.gov
  - AZ, Colorado River area tribes, and Southern CA Border Tribes
- Nick McIntyre: Summer Intern, (415) 972-3784

# Communities & Ecosystems Division Highlights

### Multi-Media Grant Update

- AIEO is in the process of developing draft guidance for the proposed \$30M Multi-Media Tribal Implementation Grant Program for FY11.
- Draft guidance will be circulated for review and comment prior to finalization.
- Contact: Luke Jones, jones.luke@epa.gov.

# Lead Program - EPA's New Regulation Requiring Use of Lead-Safe Work Practices

- Beginning 4/22/2010, new EPA regulation applies to any contractor compensated for renovation, repair or painting activities at pre-1978 housing or pre-1978 child-occupied facility; must be trained/certified in lead-safe work practices.
- Rule applies to builders/painters/plumbers/ electricians or any business receiving compensation for such work (such as hardware stores that sub-contract with contractors).
- applies where > 6 sq. feet of lead-based paint disturbed in room or > 20 sq. feet disturbed on exterior.
- Contact: David Tomsovic, (415) 972-3858, Tomsovic.david@epa.gov



### RTOC Tribal Consultation Workgroup

- July 8 and 19, 2010: EPA's American Indian Environmental Office hosted two national consultation conference calls with Tribal Leaders to seek their input on the Proposed EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Tribes.
- Tribes can submit written comments on the Policy at: <a href="www.epa.gov/indian/consultation/index.htm">www.epa.gov/indian/consultation/index.htm</a>
- The deadline to submit comments is September 16,2010

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#### Certified Contractors must:

- post warning signs & restrict occupants from work areas;
- contain work areas to prevent dust/debris from spreading, and not use certain prohibited work practices that create a large amount of lead-contaminated dust;
- provide on-site training in lead-safe work practices to uncertified workers (only one worker per site needs to be certified);
- conduct thorough cleanup & verify that cleanup was effective;
- keep required records see EPA's "Renovate Right" brochure http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovaterightbrochure.pdf
- Suspect possible violations? Contact EPA with tip or complaint: tomsovic.david@epa.gov or 415-972-3858.
- Can program implementation be delegated to Tribes? Yes.

### Air Division Highlights

### **Lead Designations**

- In 2008 EPA substantially strengthened the National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS).
- In 2009 EPA began the designation process for the new standard.
- As of June 2010, EPA is moving forward to designate Hayden, AZ and southern Los Angeles County as
- non-attainment.
- EPA is delaying designation in HI, NV, and tribal lands until October 2011.
- Contact: Ginger Vagenas, vagenas.ginger@epa.gov