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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Read the label! On a pesticide container, the label is the law. Pesticide product labels provide critical safety information for handling and use. Pesticides are powerful substances, but when used according to the label they are safe and effective. So use pesticides safely, at home or in the field and always read the label. [Play the podcast \(MP3, 664KB, runtime 0:42\)](#) | [Read the label first!](#)

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



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 and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

July 16-19	The 5th Biennial Tribal Drinking Water Conference	Sacramento, CA	www.rcac.org or contact yates.roger@epa.gov 415-972-3549
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Good Jobs, Green Jobs Regional Conferences

Regional conferences will take place in four regions across the country, each reflecting the character, challenges and opportunities unique to each region: The southern conference is in Atlanta on Feb. 23-24; the western conference in Los Angeles, March 15-16; the eastern conference in Philadelphia on April 3-4 and the mid-western conference in Detroit on May 10-11. The 2012 Good Jobs, Green Jobs offer workshops focused on growing the clean energy economy. For more information, visit <http://www.greenjobsconference.org>.

Sponsor: EPA, Region 9

Feb. 7-9	RTOC Meeting	Chandler, AZ	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
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Sponsor: Smart Growth Network, the California Endowment and the EPA

Feb. 2-4	11 th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference	San Diego, CA	http://www.newpartners.org/
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Trainings and Webinars

Sponsor: The EPA, Region 8, Webinar Series (continuing)

Date	Course Name	Instructor
Feb. 2	Integrated Pest Management & Green Cleaning	Mike Daniels and Marie

	in Tribal Schools	Zanowick
Feb 8	Waste Reduction, Recycling, Composting & Gardening in Tribal Schools	Marie Zanowick, EPA Diane Jourdan, Oneida and Stockbridge Tribe
Feb 15	Indoor Air in Tribal Schools	Mansel Nelson; Graylynn Jaysue Hudson, Northern Arizona University
Feb 22	Energy and Water Conservation in Tribal schools	Deenise Becenti, Navajo Tribal Utility Authority

There is no cost to attend and individuals may attend one or more of the presentations. Register at: www.epa.gov/region8/tribalschools. For additional information contact Matthew M. Langenfeld, 303-312-6284 Langenfeld.matthew@epa.gov or EPA Region IX Toxics Office, Schools Environmental Health Coordinator, Jorine Campopiano, < Campopiano.jorine@epa.gov > or 213-244-1808.

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP), the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) in partnership with the EPA

**May 22-24	National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Tulsa, OK	www4.nau.edu/itep/air/aq_ntf.asp
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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.

**Presentation proposal deadline February 2, 2012.

The EPA National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

NETI is a part of EPA's Office of Compliance, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance. If you have questions about NETI, please contact Zena Aldridge at aldridge.zena@epa.gov or (740) 773-4039. For a copy of the monthly update of all the upcoming environmental enforcement courses, go to www.netionline.com

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The following website presents a list of training opportunities that may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months. For more information, email carey.kyle@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Request for Proposals (RFP) for Wetland Program Development Grants

This competitive grant program funds projects that build wetland protection programs for states, tribes and territories. To view this proposal, go to the following website: http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/pdfs/wetland_rfp_2012.pdf . States and tribes that have an EPA-accepted Wetland Program Plan should demonstrate how their proposed work relates to their Wetland Program Plan. To view these plans please visit: <http://water.epa.gov/type/wetlands/wpp.cfm>. Hard copy applications (with a copy on a compact disk) must be received by 5:00 P.M. PDT Thursday, March 15, 2012. Proposals submitted electronically through Grants.gov must be received by 8:59 P.M. PDT Thursday, March 15, 2012. (If you submit your application through grants.gov do so well in advance of the due date to allow time for errors to be resolved.)



Clean Water Act (CWA) Grants

For tribes eligible to receive CWA Section 319: Nonpoint Pollution Control BASE Funding Grants please submit your proposed work plan and budget to your CWA Project Officer by March 1, 2012. If you have any questions regarding submission requirements contact your CWA Project Officer, visit the following website <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/tribal/tribal-cwa.html#nps> or contact Tribal NPS

Co-Lead, Audrey L Johnson at johnson.audreyL@epa.gov. For more information about the Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Program including eligibility requirements, funding information, and useful resources, please review the *Handbook for Developing and Managing Tribal Nonpoint Source Pollution Programs Under Section 319 of the Clean Water Act* available online at: http://www.epa.gov/owow/NPS/tribal/pdf/tribal_handbook2010.pdf

EPA Announces Solicitation of Applications for \$1 Million in Environmental Justice Grants

The Agency is seeking applicants for \$1 million in environmental justice small grants expected to be awarded in 2012. These grants enable non-profit organizations to conduct research, provide education, and develop solutions to local health and environmental issues in communities overburdened by harmful pollution. The 2012 grant solicitation is now open and closes on February 29, 2012. Applicants must be incorporated non-profits or tribal organizations working to educate, empower and enable their communities to understand and address local environmental and public health issues. Applicants are invited to participate in conference calls with the EPA to address questions about the EJSG Program and this solicitation. The following are the conference call dates and times Feb. 1--1:30 – 3:00 p.m. (Eastern) and February 15--3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (Eastern). Please call or send an e-mail to Sheritta M. Woodruff at woodruff.sheritta@epa.gov, (202)-564-1711 or your regional point of contact, and provide the following information: (1) your name; (2) the name of your organization; (3) the address of your organization; (4) your phone number; (5) and the preferred date for the call. Go to the following website for more information on the Environmental Justice Small Grants (EJSG) program and a list of grantees: <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/grants/ej-smgrants.html>.

Source Water Assessment and Protection Program (SWAP)

The 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. Region 9 has been accepting proposals according to the following proposal submission schedule: Proposals received by March 1, 2012 will be awarded by August 15, 2012. Please contact Jamelya Curtis at (415) 972-3529 or curtis.jamelya@epa.gov for hard copies or more information. Also, go to the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tribal/pdf/FY11Guidance.pdf>

Department of Agriculture (USDA)



USDA 2012 Hazardous Fuels Woody Biomass Utilization Grant – \$3 million

The U.S. Forest Service requests proposals for wood energy projects that require engineering services. These projects will use woody biomass, such as material removed from forest restoration activities, wildfire hazardous fuel treatments, insect and disease mitigation, and/or forest management due to catastrophic weather events. The woody biomass shall be used in a bioenergy facility that uses commercially proven technologies to produce thermal, electrical, or liquid/gaseous bioenergy. The funds from grant program must be used to further the planning of such facilities by funding the engineering services necessary for final design and cost analysis. For more information, visit Grants.gov. Applications are due March 31, 2012.

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%2002-27-09%20FINAL.pdf>

U. S. Department of Energy



DOE Smart Grid Data Access Funding Opportunity – \$8 million

The DOE National Energy Technology Laboratory is seeking applications aimed at empowering consumers to better manage their electricity use by enabling access to electricity consumption data by customers and their authorized third parties, and providing or supporting the use of third-party tools and software products that use the available data to deliver a value-added service to the customer. For more information, visit Grants.gov. Applications are due March 1, 2012 and eligible entities are state and local governments and federally recognized tribes.

Other Available Grants



Native American Library Services—Basic Grant

This grant is non-competitive from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). For more information, go to the following website: <http://www.ims.gov/applicants/detail.aspx?GrantId=15> or contact Susan Hanks, Library Programs Consultant, California State Library/Development Services, P. O. Box 942837, Sacramento, CA 94237-0001, (916) 653-0661



The Funders' Network (TFN) for Local Sustainability Matching Fund

In partnership with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network (USDN), TFN has announced the Local Sustainability Matching Fund. This fund will provide matching investments from national foundations on a competitive basis to build partnerships between local sustainability directors and local place-based foundations to advance discrete sustainability initiatives. Partnership investments will be between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local place-based foundations. The pool will support approximately nine to ten partnership projects in the first year for projects to be carried out over a 12-month period, in most cases. Go the following website [Learn more](#) for detailed information. Applications are due March 5, 2012

K-12 Environmental Projects

The Siemens Foundation and the Discovery Education Launch request applications for the *We Can Change the World Challenge* for K-12 students. Through this challenge, Siemens invites students to team up with classmates under teacher/mentors to solve environmental problems in their school, community, and world. \$250K is expected to be available and responses are due March 15, 2012. For more information, go to: <http://www.wecanchange.com/>.

Environmental Engineering

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for the environmental engineering program. The goal of this program is to encourage transformative research which applies scientific principles to minimize solid, liquid, and gaseous discharges into land, inland and coastal waters, and air that result from human activity, and to evaluate adverse impacts of these discharges on human health and environmental quality. \$9.4 million is expected to be available and up to 44 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 17, 2012. For more information, contact Paul Bishop at pbishop@nsf.gov or go to: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501029.

Energy for Sustainability

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for Energy for Sustainability. This program supports fundamental research and education in energy production, conversion, and storage and is focused on energy sources that are environmentally friendly and renewable. Sources of sustainable energy include: Sunlight, Wind/Wave, Biomass, and Geothermal. \$9.2 million is expected to be available and up to 42 awards are anticipated. Responses are due February 17, 2012. For more information, contact Gregory Rorrer at grorrer@nsf.gov or copy on your browser or go to: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501026

Environmental Sustainability

The National Science Foundation requests proposals for Environmental Sustainability. This program supports engineering research with the goal of promoting sustainable engineered systems that support human well-being and that are also compatible with sustaining natural systems. \$5.4 million is expected to be available and up to 45 awards anticipated. Responses are due February 17, 2012. For more information, contact Bruce Hamilton at bhamilto@nsf.gov or go to: http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=501027.

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



Executive Director Wintun Environmental Protection Agency Office (WEPA)

This position is to ensure compliance with tribal laws and codes and the federal environmental laws/regulations. The job announcement is subject to Indian Preference. Please call the Tribal Office for details and/or for a copy of the job duties at (530) 473-3274. The applicant shall submit a letter of application, a resume including a least three environmental related references, to the Cortina Tribal Office P.O. Box 1630, Williams, CA 95987 attention Charlie Wright, Chair on or before March 1, 2012, by close of business, 5:00 p.m.



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



Environmental Specialist II

The Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California is looking for a highly motivated individual to work with their environmental team. A background in emergency response and underground storage tank programs is essential. The link to the announcement is: [Environmental Specialist II-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.

Internship at the Sandia National Laboratories, Albuquerque, NM

The Tribal Energy Program has a twelve-week internship program. Current college upper classmen and graduate students, who are familiar with Native American culture and tribal issues, are needed to assist a cross-disciplinary team to perform specific tasks. Interactions will be with Sandia's renewable energy staff, Native American tribes interested in renewable systems and Sandia's American Indian Outreach Committee. Travel will be required, including field visits to renewable energy projects. Applications must be postmarked by February 17, 2012. For more information,

please contact Sandra K. Begay-Campbell, Sandia National Laboratories, PO Box 5800, MS-0734 Albuquerque, New Mexico 87185-0734, (505) 844-5418; skbegay@sandia.gov

Tribal Outreach, Review and Comment



Circulation of Draft 401 Certification for the Army Corps Nationwide Permit Program Renewal

Region 9's Wetlands Office sent tribes a review draft of the Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for the Army Corps of Engineer's renewal of the 2012 Nationwide Permit (NWP) Program. These permits, updated every 5 years, are for projects with minimal impacts to aquatic resources, and require this certification for activities on tribal lands. The EPA has responsibility to evaluate and issue certifications for all but 10 of the tribes in Region 9 that currently have federally approved 401 certification authority. The EPA is proposing certification of 49 of the 50 proposed NWPs and have included several regional conditions to improve environmental protection. The required key conditions are notification to EPA for all NWP activities, EPA approval of waivers for established impact limits, and limiting how frequently permits are used for individual utility and transportation projects. Final certification will be issued on or before March 19, when the 2012 NWP Program goes into effect. For more information, please contact Paul F. Amato, 415-972-3847 or amato.paul@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 NAAQAS 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>.



Ozone Designations Process

The EPA is taking steps to implement the 2008 ozone standard of .075ppm. Fifty five tribes in Region 9 are located in areas that may be designated as nonattainment. The EPA has contacted these tribes and offered consultation. The public comment period on the designations has been extended until February 3, 2012; and tribes have until February 29, 2012 to provide additional information to EPA. Final designations are expected this spring. More information can be found at the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/ozonedesignations/2008standards/rec/tribalR.htm>.

New Partnership for Sustainable Communities Report: *Supporting Sustainable Rural Communities*

The HUD-DOT-EPA Partnership for Sustainable Communities and the USDA has 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. To read the report, please visit <http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/publications.htm#huddotepa>. For more information on the Partnership for Sustainable Communities, please visit <http://www.sustainablecommunities.gov> or contact Roberta Lane White, White.Roberta@epamail.epa.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>.

Summer 2011 Report by EPA HQ's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention

The Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention at the EPA Headquarters recently published its summer 2011 edition of "Tribal News: Training & Innovation" as part of its long standing Tribal Environmental News Exchange: http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/EPA_TribalNews_2011_W.pdf
The Tribal News bulletin contains a highly informative article by the Chemical Control Division on helping to ensure a lead-free environment for tribal children (see pp. 42-43). The achievements of Region IX's tribal partners in working to prevent childhood lead poisoning in Indian Country are highlighted on pp. 44-45 while childhood blood lead screening efforts by the Blackfeet Nation of Montana is described on pp. 45-46. Please share this Tribal News with other tribes and partners in protecting health and environmental quality in Indian Country. Contact: David Tomsovic, Region IX Toxics Office; 415-972-3858; Tomsovic.david@epa.gov

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

Resources within U.S. Federal Agencies for Tribes:

The following White House link presents information available to tribal governments and American Indian/Alaska Native community residents on health, environment and natural resource issues involving more than 30 federal agency program areas. <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nativeamericans/resources> - We encourage tribes to share this information widely with community members, tribal organizations, and non-tribal partners in protecting health, environmental quality and natural resources.

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 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 now 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>

Preventing Lead Hazards during Renovation:

Beginning in 2010, the Renovation, Repair and Painting (RRP) rule required contractors performing renovation, repair and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and schools built before 1978 to be certified and follow specific work practices to prevent lead contamination. For information about the rule requirements and how to become certified, go to:

www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/renovation.htm. An EPA video describes the importance of using lead-safe work practices in conducting such renovations: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XqUssA-PsD0>. The EPA encourages tribal governments and community members to report unsafe work practices through an online tip and complaint form: www.epa.gov/region9/lead/tips-complaints.html. For more information: contact Jean Prijatel, Lead-Based Paint Program, 415-947-4167 or prijatel.jean@epa.gov.

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. Children eat, drink and breathe more in proportion to their body size than adults; and the behavior of children potentially exposes them to more pollutants and contaminants in their daily environment. 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](#) 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/>

The EPA Encourages States to Use Portal for Reporting Ecological Incidents:

The EPA announces the availability of the Ecological Pesticide Incident Reporting Portal at

www.npic.orst.edu/eco. Launched in October 2009, this online application was developed to facilitate

the reporting of ecological incidents from states, federal government organizations, tribes, academia,

wildlife rehabilitation centers, conservation societies, beekeepers and other organizations involved with the investigation and documentation of ecological incidents. Information related to ecological incidents

submitted via the portal will be imported into a database for use by risk assessors and risk managers in the EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs and considered the next time risks are assessed for the pesticide(s) involved in the incident report. More data on ecological incidents will allow the Agency to make informed regulatory decisions, write label statements, and impose risk mitigation measures. Additionally, incident data serve as early warning information and can assist the Agency in discovering trends, which if left unnoticed, could create problems.

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.

National Congress for American Indians (NCAI) Opportunities

NCAI has posted a list of opportunities for Tribes resulting from the Recovery Act. There are also links to related news updates and webinars. See: <http://www.indiancountryworks.org/>.

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

Resource on Scholarships for Native American Students

http://www.indian-affairs.org/scholarships/financial_aid_links.htm
<http://www.finaid.org>
<http://www.frschinfo.com/>
<http://studentaid.ed.gov/PORTALSWebApp/students/english/native.jsp#05>
<http://www.ed.gov/finaid>

Presentations given at the 2011 Tribal Lands and Environment can be found at the following website: http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/twrap_tlf11_prestns.asp or contact Todd Barnell, 928-523-3840.

The following website has a section with information and resources on tribal air issues: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>. If you wish to provide feedback, contact Sara Bartholomew in the Air Division, 415-947-4100 or by email at bartholomew.sara@epa.gov

Lead renovation, repair and painting rules and training opportunities: <http://weatherization.org/rrp.html>

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/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://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>

<http://www.conservatree.com/index.shtml> ; <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

<http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>

www.energysavers.gov

<http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>

<http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>

<http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

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