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# Tribal Program Newsletter

## Environmental Tip of the Month

Heading to the beach? Check out the beach water before you go! Americans make almost two billion trips to the beach every year, but people who swim at the beach sometimes get sick because the water is polluted. The good news is that there is website about water quality. To find out more, go to the following website: [http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/beaches/beaches\\_index.cfm](http://water.epa.gov/type/oceb/beaches/beaches_index.cfm)

## Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



### Sponsor: EPA, Tribal Program Office

Aug 28-30	RTOC Meeting	Reno, NV	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or <a href="mailto:chin.willard@epa.gov">chin.willard@epa.gov</a>
*Nov. 27-29	20 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	<a href="http://www.region9tribal-epaconference.com">www.region9tribal-epaconference.com</a>

\*Please submit topics to Teri Red Owl through the conference website mentioned above. The theme this year is "Living a Green Life...20 Years of Turning Vision into Action" and the deadline for submission is July 31.

### Sponsor: The EPA and the Rural Community Assistance Corporation

July 16-19	The 5th Biennial Tribal Drinking Water Conference	Sacramento, CA	<a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a>
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## Trainings and Webinars



### Sponsor: EPA Western Brownfield Regions (Webinars)

Jul 12	Brownfields 101-- Broad Overview of the Brownfield Grant Programs	1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time (PDT)	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields">www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields</a>
Aug 16	Assessment Proposals	1:00 p.m. PDT	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields">www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields</a>
Aug 23	Cleanup Proposals	1:00 p.m. PDT	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields">www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields</a>
Aug 30	Revolving Loan Fund Proposals	1:00 p.m. PDT	<a href="http://www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields">www.epa.gov/region9/brownfields</a>

### Sponsors: Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC) and the California Environmental Protection Agency (CAL/EPA)

Jul 17	Preventing Environmental Crimes on Tribal Lands	San Diego, CA	Christine Foster, 951-296-5595 or <a href="mailto:cfoster@naepc.com">cfoster@naepc.com</a>
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**Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona**

July 16-19	5 <sup>th</sup> Biennial Tribal Drinking Water Conference	Sacramento, CA	<a href="http://www.rcac.org">www.rcac.org</a> ; scholarships at <a href="http://www.itcaonline.com">www.itcaonline.com</a>
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**Sponsor: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

*July 8 to Aug 3	Water Resource Technician Training	Tucson, AZ	<a href="mailto:Mohammad.Baloch@bia.gov">Mohammad.Baloch@bia.gov</a>
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 free GIS training to employees of federally recognized tribal entities. Contact Micah Broderick, (877) 293-9494 or go <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhatWeDo/ServiceOverview/Geospatial/index.htm#GISSoftware>

**Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center**

Aug 14-15	Solid Waste Management Safety and Recycling Strategies	Chandler, AZ	<a href="http://www.nijc.org">www.nijc.org</a> . (free tuition)
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**Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)**

*Jul 19-21	Addressing and Managing Illegal Dumps in Indian Country	Denver, CO	Roberta Tohannie, 928-523-2082 or <a href="mailto:Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu">Roberta.Tohannie@nau.edu</a>
Aug 20-23	Annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum	North Bend/Coos Bay, OR	<a href="http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp">http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp</a> or contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 or <a href="mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu">todd.barnell@nau.edu</a>

\*ITEP will cover lodging costs (room and taxes only) for 20 participants. All participants are responsible for their own travel and per diem expenses. Applications are limited to no more than two per tribe in order to accommodate as many people from different tribes as possible. Application available at the following website. [http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/training\\_wastemgmt.asp](http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/training_wastemgmt.asp), Deadline: July 6.

**Sponsor: California Air Resources Board (CARB)**

Four Advanced Inspector Training courses are offered by CARB in June, July and August. For more information, go to the CARB training website (<http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/national.htm>).

## Grants and Loans

### Grants

**\$100 Million in Grants by 2020**

The Wells Fargo & Company and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) have launched a \$15 million new environmental grant program awarding \$100 million to nonprofit organizations and universities by 2020. Wells Fargo-NFWF grants will fund proposals focused in the following areas: sustainable agriculture and forestry; conservation of land and water resources; restoration of urban ecosystems; and clean energy infrastructure. For more information, go to:

<https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr/ea/environmental-giving>

**Tribal EcoAmbassadors Program:**

This program aims to both promote environmental education and find solutions to environmental problems pertinent to tribal communities. It reaches out to faculty at tribal colleges and universities awarding financial and technical assistance for a year. For more information, contact Marissa McInnis

([mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov](mailto:mcinnis.marissa@epa.gov)) or visit the website at <http://www.epa.gov/ecoambassadors/tribal/index.html>.

## 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-Tribal Energy Consortium Manager-Job Announcement](#) or call Marie Barry, (775) 265-8682, [Marie.Barry@washoetribe.us](mailto: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](mailto:bette.hartsfield@itcaonline.com). Position is open until filled.

## Websites

### Environmental Protection Agency

<http://www.epa.gov>

#### Air

<http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>

#### Clean-Air Act:

<http://www.epa.gov/nsr>

#### Air Quality Designation Memos:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy>.

#### Toxics

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

[http://www.epa.gov/region9/lead/pdf/schooldistrict\\_jp.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/region9/lead/pdf/schooldistrict_jp.pdf)

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/conferences/11/indoor-air-quality-tribal.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/conferences/11/prevent-lead-exposure-children-community.pdf>

#### 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 contact Lily Lee, 415-947-4187, [lee.lily@epa.gov](mailto:lee.lily@epa.gov)

or

#### EPA School Siting Guidelines and Healthy School Environments

[www.epa.gov/schools](http://www.epa.gov/schools)

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/childhealth/pdf/school-siting-guidelines-fact-sheet-oct-2011.pdf> or [campopiano.jorine@epa.gov](mailto:campopiano.jorine@epa.gov) or 213-244-1808.

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

<http://www.epa.gov/asbestos/pubs/aherarequirements.pdf>

and

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf>

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/conferences/11/protect-children-community-from-asbestos.pdf>

or contact Ron Tsuchiya, Asbestos-in-Schools Coordinator, 415-947-4168 or [tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov](mailto:tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov)

#### National Response Center (NRC) for Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine Labs

<http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>. The NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information go to or to report a spill, call 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675.

## **Pesticides**

### **Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan**

<http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm> .

For more information contact Nicole Zinn \ [zinn.nicole@epa.gov](mailto:zinn.nicole@epa.gov) or (703) 308-7076

### **National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): [www.npic.orst.edu](http://www.npic.orst.edu)**

NPIC offers a toll-free number 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 and 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

### **Poison Control**

Post the Poison Help number by home phones and program it into cell phones: (1-800-222-1222). For more information, 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)

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

<http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/>.

### **Climate Change**

<http://www.epa.gov/region9/climatechange/tribes/federal-land.html> .

### **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 at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov), or Catherine Tunis at 202-564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by 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>

### **Professional Resources for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program Staff**

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hhwie/>

### **How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law**

<http://www.epa.gov/tips>.

### **Treatment and Removal of Abandoned Vehicles**

<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](mailto:baker.michelle@epa.gov) or 415-972-3206.

### **Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA):**

[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).

### **Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs)**

<http://www.epa.gov/pcbsincaulk/>

### **Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council**

<http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>

### **The Department of Homeland Security Tribal Resource Guide**

<http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm>

## Community Grant Resources

<http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/contact/index.html>.  
[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)  
[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)

**Tribal Office General Assistance Program:** ..... [http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP\\_Online/](http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/)  
**Grants and Funding:** ..... <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>  
**American Indian Environmental Program Office:** ..... <http://www.epa.gov/indian>

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

**Leaky Ground Storage Tanks** ..... <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian>  
<http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>

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

**National Tribal Minor New Source Review (NSR) Rule:**  
<http://www.epa.gov/NSR/actions.html#jun11>  
or contact Roberto Gutierrez, 415-947-4276.

**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>

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

**Montana Weatherization Training Center** ..... <http://weatherization.org/rrp.html>

**California Regional Water Quality Control Boards:**  
[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email\\_subscriptions](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions)

**Community Health Studies:** ..... <http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>  
**WIH Resource Group, Environmental and Logistic Solutions:**... <http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>  
**National Indian Library Law:** ..... <http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>  
**Stop the Waste:** ..... <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>  
**Conserveatree:** ..... <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>  
**Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy:** ..... <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>  
**Energy Savers:**..... [www.energysavers.gov](http://www.energysavers.gov)  
**The Gaia-SINS Federated Projects Home-Page (computers)** ..... <http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>  
**Housing and Urban Development:** ..... <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>  
**Earth 911.com:** ..... <http://earth911.com/recycling/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries>

## 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.

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