



Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Be sensible! The Earth might seem like it has abundant water, but in fact only one percent of all water on the planet is available for humans. Buy fixtures and products that are water efficient – you can use less water to get the same job done just as well. When shopping, look for the WaterSense label to find water efficient products. [Play the podcast \(MP3, 636KB, runtime 0:39\)](#) | [More about WaterSense](#).

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



Sponsor: State Water Resource Control Board

Notice of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Public Scoping Meetings on Statewide Mercury Policy and Mercury Control Program Reservoirs

Mar 5, 1:00 p.m.	CEQA Meeting	Sacramento, CA	Rik Rasmussen, (916) 341-5549 or rrasmussen@waterboards.ca.gov
Mar 6, 1:00 p.m.	Same as above	Oakland, CA	Same as above
Mar 8, 2:00 p.m.	Same as above	Redding, CA	Same as above
Mar 12 1:00 p.m.	Same as above	Riverside, CA	Same as above

Supporting documents are available on the State Water Board website at http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/mercury/#stateagencies



Sponsor: Intertribal Council of Arizona

Mar 19-21	23 rd National Tanks Conference and Expo	St. Louis, MO	http://www.neiwpc.org/tanksconference/
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Sponsor: Chemical Right to Know

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

May 8-10	Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) Meeting	San Francisco, CA	Willard Chin, 415-972-3797 or chin.willard@epa.gov
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**Sponsor: Renewable Waste Intelligence**

May 16-17	Anaerobic Digestion Conference and Expo	San Francisco, CA	Oliver Saunders, 1800 814 3459, 7185 osaunders@fcbusinessintelligence.com
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**Sponsor: Navajo Nation EPA's Public Water System**

Jun 26-29	Navajo Nation Drinking Water Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	http://www.navajopublicwater.org/Conference2.html
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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
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Good Jobs, Green Jobs Regional Conferences

Regional conferences will take place in the regions across the country, each reflecting the character, challenges and opportunities unique to each region: 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>.

Trainings and Webinars**Sponsor: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

Apr 3-5	Establishing an Environmental Monitoring Effort	Susanville, CA	Patricia Rivera, privera@usbr.gov
May 22-24	Quality Assurance Project Plan and Data Validation and Assessment	Susanville, CA	Same as above
Jun18-22	Sample Collection Protocol	Susanville, CA	Same as above

Reservations will be limited to two attendees per tribe. These trainings are free and all applications must be submitted by March 23, 2012.

**Inter Tribal Council of Arizona**

Mar 8	Underground Storage Tank (UST) Compliance Training for Owners/Operators	Pala, CA	Christine Foster at (951) 296-5595 or cfoster@naepc.com
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**Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center**

Apr 11-12	Solid Waste Management Safety and Recycling Strategies	Reno, NV	www.nijc.org . (free tuition)
Jun 5-6	Same as above	Palm Springs, CA	Same as above
Aug 14-15	Same as above	Chandler, AZ	Same as above

**Sponsor: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)**

Mar. 27-29	ArcGIS Desktop III Workflow and Analysis	Minneapolis, MN
Apr 24-27	ArcGIS Desktop Tools and Functionality	Lawton, OK
May 7-10	ArcGIS Desktop II: Tools and Functionality	Sacramento, CA
May 22-24	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Cass Lake, MN

June 4-5	ArcGIS Desktop I: Getting Started w/ GIS	Billings, MT
**June 6-8	Map Design w/ArcGIS (Advanced course)	Billings, MT
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 Esri* products and GIS training to employees of Federally Recognized Tribal Entities at no cost. For more information, please see the DOI Indian Affairs website below or contact Micah Broderick, (877) 293-9494 [Micah.broderick@bia.gov](mailto:micah.broderick@bia.gov), or <http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhatWeDo/ServiceOverview/Geospatial/index.htm#GISSoftware>



Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

Apr 16-20	40-hour Hazards Waste Operations and Emergency Response	Tempe, AZ	roberta.tohannie@nau.edu or 928-523-2082
*May 22-24	National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Tulsa, OK	www4.nau.edu/itep/air/eq_ntf.asp
Aug 20-23	Annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum	North Bend/Coos Bay, OR	http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp or contact Todd Barnell, (928) 523-3840 or todd.barnell@nau.edu

* 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.

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 tribal operators: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html>. For more information, email carey.kyle@epa.gov

Grants and Loans

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency



Training and Technical Assistance for Tribally-Owned and Operated Public Water Systems

The EPA expects to make up to \$500,000 available for providing training and technical assistance to tribally-owned and operated public water systems that are geographically located within EPA Region 6, 8 and 9 states where the EPA has primacy responsibilities under the Safe Drinking Water Act. Awards will be issued on a competitive basis for the purpose of providing training and technical assistance to improve water quality and enable small public water systems to provide safe drinking water. Eligible recipients of the training and technical assistance are small public water systems, small publicly-owned wastewater systems, communities served by onsite/decentralized wastewater systems, and owners of private wells. The deadline for applying for the funds is April 9, 2012. For more information about the competitive announcements and the application process, go to http://water.epa.gov/grants_funding/sdwa/smallsystemsrfp.cfm

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

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. Region 9 has been accepting proposals according to the following proposal submission schedule: Proposals received by March 30, 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 go to <http://www.epa.gov/region9/water/tribal/pdf/FY12DitcaGuidance.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/>.

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.

Tribal Outreach, Review and Comment



The American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) are asking tribes to provide feedback and comments to EPA on EPA's draft FY 2013 National Program Managers (NPM) guidance documents during the comment period (February 17 - March 19). OCFO along with National Program Manager staff will host (2) two national teleconference calls on March 2 and March 9 (see call-in information below) to exchange information and gather comments from tribal leaders and/or their designees on EPA's draft FY 2013 NPM guidance documents. These calls will focus on the "Summary of Key Changes for Tribes" templates, which are posted on the tribal portal at: <http://www.epa.gov/tribal/>. A notification letter was sent to all tribal leaders about this opportunity.

Call in Information

Friday, March 2, from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM EST - Call in number 1 866 299 3188, code 202 564 3020#
Friday, March 9, from 1:30 PM - 3:00 PM EST - Call in number 1 866 299 3188, code 202 564 3020#

OCFO will also solicit comments via the tribal portal as part of its 30-day public comment process. Links to the draft FY 2013 NPM guidance documents and the "Summary of Key Changes for Tribes" templates are posted on the tribal portal (<http://www.epa.gov/tribal/>). EPA's HQ media offices have been communicating with their respective tribal media partnership councils about the draft FY 2013 NPM guidance documents. OCFO is using this process to extend that outreach to tribal governments. If you have questions, please contact Dona Harris (202-564-6633) in AIEO, and in OCFO, Daniel Hopkins (202-564-8626) or Mary Jo Blumenfeld (202-564-6119).



Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan in Federal Register Soon to be Final

In a May 18, 2011 *Federal Register* notice, the EPA announced and solicited comments on a proposed federal program to certify applicators of restricted use pesticides (RUPs) in Indian country where no other EPA-approved or EPA-implemented certification plan applies. A link to the draft Plan can be found at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-18/html/2011-12226.htm>. RUPs are potentially hazardous chemicals that require special training and techniques to be used safely. Federal law requires EPA-approved certification of RUP applicators nationally, including in Indian country. Most of Indian country is not covered by a certification mechanism. EPA's *Proposed Federal Plan for Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian country* will help fill this gap in the certification of applicators of these hazardous chemicals and by ensuring that RUP applicators are competent to apply RUPs in Indian country. The plan is expected to be finalized and published in the Federal Register in early spring, 2012. For more information regarding the proposed federal plan, contact Nicole Zinn at the EPA Office of Pesticide Programs at zinn.nicole@epa.gov or call (703) 308-7076. For more information on EPA's RUP certification program, please see the EPA Web pages explaining the [certification and training of pesticide applicators](#) at <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm> .



Tribal Advisor to Governor Brown

Cynthia Gomez has been appointed the Governor's Tribal Advisor and executive secretary for the Native American Heritage Commission. Ms Gomez has been the chief justice for the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Court since 2010. Governor Brown established this position by Executive

Order to bolster communication and collaboration between California state government and Native American Tribes. The Tribal Advisor will serve as a direct link between the Governor's Office and tribal governments on matters including legislation, policy and regulation. For more information, click [here](#).



Comment Period extended on Federal Underground Storage Tank (UST) Regulations

The EPA has extended the public comment period for the proposal to revise the federal underground storage tank (UST) regulations until April 16, 2012. The EPA published a November 18, 2011 Federal Register notice, which contained the proposed regulations and established a 90 day comment period. The comment period has been extended for an additional 60 days. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Liz McDermott (mcdermott.elizabeth@epa.gov or 703-603-7175).

National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) Informational Video

EPA has developed an informational video at <http://www.epa.gov/apti/video/NATAVideo1011.html>. The eight videos include an overview, demonstration of how to navigate results, and examples of how the assessment is used. For more information, contact Kim Hoang, 415-972-3147 or Hoang.Kim@epa.gov

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>.

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>.

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

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 <http://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>

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/oachp/oachpweb.nsf/content/homepage.htm> and [Tips to Protect Children from Environmental Risks](http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/news-features/news10/tribal-childhealth-oct2010.pdf) 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/>

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.

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

EPA Websites:

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/air/tribal/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>

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>

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://weatherization.org/rrp.html>
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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