



Tribal Program Newsletter



Tribal Program Manager

In April, Region 9's Communities and Ecosystems Division welcomed Laura Ebbert as the new manager of the Tribal Program Office. Laura brings her energy, clear thinking and tribal leadership experience to her new job. From January, 2011 to April 2012, she served as the Special Assistant in the Office of the Regional Administrator. Laura came to the EPA's Tribal Program Office in 2008, where she was the project officer for 17 tribes in Nevada and Northern Arizona, and the regional lead for the Indian Program Policy Council. Prior to joining EPA, Laura worked in northwestern California for 9 years, first as the Director of the Smith River Rancheria's Environmental Program, and then as Assistant Director for the Yurok Tribe's Environmental Program. She is looking forward to working with staff in the Region, and with tribes throughout the Region to improve the effectiveness of the Agency in Indian Country.

Environmental Tip of the Month

Compost it! Compost helps improve soil so it holds more water and plants grow better. Allow grass clippings to stay on the lawn, instead of bagging them. The cut grass will decompose and return to the soil naturally. Food scraps and kitchen waste also make good compost, and you save money on fertilizers or other additives. | [More backyard composting ideas.](#)

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Inc and the EPA

May 8-10	National Tribal Healthy Homes & Energy Efficiency Conference	Sault Ste. Marie, MI	www.itcmi.org/news-events/news/national-tribal-healthy-homes-energy-efficiency-conference
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Sponsor: Native Nations Events

May 21-22	Fifth Annual Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	www.nativenationevents.org/Events/NativeAmericanConferences.asp?eventID=79
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Sponsor: University of Oregon

May 23-24	Indigenous Peoples and Climate Change Conference	Eugene, OR	http://uoclimateconference.wordpress.com
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Sponsor: EPA

May 1-3	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: The 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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Trainings and Webinars**Sponsor: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation/U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

May 21-24	Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP), and Data Validation (Session 2)	Susanville Rancheria, CA	Robert K. Hall; 415-947-4123; hall.robertk@epa.gov
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**Sponsor: Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona**

June 12-14	Module II: UST Operations and Maintenance Training	Albuquerque, NM	Roland T. Chester, 602-258-4822 or roland.chester@itcaonline.com
Jun 12-14	Tribal Pesticide Inspector Training	Chandler, AZ	Africa Dorame-Avalos, (602) 307-1529 or Africa.Dorame-Avalos@itcaonline.com

Sponsor: The Environmental Protection Agency

May 10	Waste Characterization Training (Free)	Coarsegold, CA	Nova Blazej 415-972-3846 blazej.nova@epa.gov
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*Space is limited and available on a "first come, first serve" basis. Anyone who participates is **required** to provide and wear their own safety equipment: steel-toed boots, safety vest, hard hat, work gloves, and safety glasses for the training.

**Sponsor: (Webinar) Environmental Protection Agency**

May 10	Certification and Training for Restricted Use Pesticides for Tribes in Region 9:	10:00 – 11:00 a.m. DST Dial in: (866)299-3188 Conference Code: 6185158	http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm or Katy Wilcoxon, 415-947-4205 or wilcoxen.katy@epa.gov .
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Sponsor: Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

*Jul 8 to Aug 3	Water Resource Technician Training	Tucson, AZ	Mohammad.Baloch@bia.gov
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 GIS training to employees of federally recognized tribal entities at no cost. For more information, contact Micah Broderick, (877) 293-9494 or go to the following website:

<http://www.indianaffairs.gov/WhatWeDo/ServiceOverview/Geospatial/index.htm#GISSoftware>

Sponsor: Nielson Environmental Field School

May 15-18	The Environmental Sampling Field Course	Columbus, OH	info@envirofieldschool.com
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Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

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

Sponsor: Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)

*May 22-24	National Tribal Forum on Air Quality	Tulsa, OK	www4.nau.edu/itep/air/aq_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. The NETI TRAINING BULLETIN will list upcoming EPA environmental enforcement training opportunities (E-Learning, Classroom, and Webinar courses) for federal, state, tribal and local government environmental enforcement professionals. For a copy of the latest NETI Training Bulletin, please contact Art Horowitz at horowitz.art@epa.gov or (202) 564-2612.

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



FY 2012 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals from federally-recognized tribes or intertribal consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs and for building capacity to address hazardous waste management in Indian Country. The total estimated funding available under this competitive opportunity is \$311,000, subject to the availability of funds and quality of proposals received. EPA anticipates awards of up to 4 cooperative agreements whose maximum estimated value each shall not exceed \$78,000 resulting from this competitive opportunity. For more information, contact Denise Roy, roy.denise@epa.gov, (703) 308-8458 or Charles Swanson, swanson.charles@epa.gov, 415-

947-4219 or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/oswer/docs/grants/epa-oswer-orcr-12-04.pdf>. The closing date and time for proposals is May 21, 2012, 5:00 p.m. ET

Measurements and Modeling for Quantifying Air Quality and Climatic Impacts of Residential Biomass or Coal Combustion for Cooking, Heating, and Lighting

The EPA, as part of its Science to Achieve Results (STAR) program, is seeking applications proposing research on quantifying, via field measurements and modeling, the improvements in climate and ambient and indoor air quality, and the subsequent impacts on health and welfare, resulting from ongoing, planned, or potential interventions in cooking, heating, or lighting practices. This research should focus on communities in the developing world and on Indian tribes and Alaska Native groups. Applications are due June 19, 2012. For more information go to: http://www.epa.gov/ncer/rfa/2012/2012_star_cook_heat_light.html

Department of Agriculture (USDA)

Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge

On March 8 the Obama Administration announced a \$15 million multi-agency Rural Jobs and Innovation Accelerator Challenge to spur job creation and economic growth in distressed rural communities. This Challenge is expected to give out approximately 20 awards, depending on the number of eligible applications. To be eligible for an award, projects must benefit rural communities, but the applicant is not required to be located in a rural area. Nonprofits, higher education institutions, tribes, and state and local governments can collaborate to apply for funding. Although businesses are not eligible to apply directly, applicants can also partner with the private sector on implementation. The deadline for applications is May 9, 2012, and guidelines for submissions are accessible clicking [here](#).

Other Available Grants

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

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

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



Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is soliciting applications for the national Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee. The Steering Committee supports and guides the efforts of the Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program, which is the result of a five year cooperative agreement between ITEP and the EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER). Steering committee members serve two-year terms and meet four times a year (two in-person meetings and two via conference call). Additional information is available at the following website: <http://www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/twrap.asp>. The deadline for applications is June 22, 2012. If you are interested in being considered for a position on the Steering Committee, please contact Todd Barnell at 928-523-3854 or todd.barnell@nau.edu.



National Tribal Minor New Source Review (NSR) Rule

This Federal Implementation Plan took effect on August 30, 2011 and 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 had not been a 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 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 the EPA's requirements. Existing minor sources are required to register by March 1, 2013. Large sources are now required to submit a permit application prior to construction or modification (the same is true everywhere else). Sources that want to establish synthetic minor status have until September 4, 2012 to submit an application for a site-specific permit. 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, send an email request to R9TribalAirpermits@epa.gov or contact Roberto Gutierrez, 415-947-4276.



Climate Change Adaptation Initiative

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) has developed a template for a Tribal Resolution: Climate Change Adaptation Initiative. This template is not a "one-size-fits-all" solution, and users are encouraged to modify the template to better represent the needs and priorities of their tribe. The template is available by request at Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu



Public Comment requested for National Water Program 2012 Strategy: Response to Climate Change and Website on Climate Change and Water Launched

The EPA has released the draft "National Water Program 2012 Strategy: Response to Climate Change," which describes how the EPA's water-related programs plan to address the impacts of climate change and provide long-term visions, goals and strategic actions for the management of sustainable water resources for future generations. The 2012 Strategy, which builds upon the EPA's first climate change and water strategy released in 2008, focuses on five key areas: infrastructure, watersheds and wetlands, coastal and ocean waters, water quality, and working with tribes. The EPA will accept public comments on the draft strategy until May 17, 2012. To read or submit a comment and to learn more about the climate change impacts on our water resources, visit [EPA's new website on climate change and water](#).



Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) Reporting

Facilities located in Indian country are required to submit TRI reports to the EPA and the appropriate tribe, rather than to the state in which the facility is geographically located. The final rule explicitly clarifies the provision that a tribal chairperson or equivalent elected official has the

same opportunities as a state governor to petition the EPA to request: (1) that individual facilities located within their Indian country be added to TRI, and (2) that a particular chemical(s) be added to or deleted from the TRI chemical list. Through this final rule, the EPA provides tribal governments with the right to directly receive information from facilities located in Indian country, and explicitly clarifies the rights of tribal leaders to take an active role in TRI through petitions to modify the toxic chemical list or requests to add a facility within their Indian country to TRI. For more information, contact: Lily Lee, 415-947-4187 or email lee.lily@epa.gov or go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-19/pdf/2012-9442.pdf>.

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

Federal EPA regulations require that public and non-public not-for-profit elementary and secondary schools (grades K-12) be inspected to determine the presence of asbestos-containing building materials and that asbestos management plans be developed as a result of those inspections. Local education agencies (a school's owner or operator) need to designate a person to ensure that these federally enforceable requirements are met. Schools owned or operated by the U.S. government are also required to meet these federal EPA requirements (including schools owned or operated by US Interior Department's Bureau of Indian Affairs/Bureau of Indian Education). Two informative links on this federal requirement:

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

<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf> . For more information, contact Ron Tsuchiya, Asbestos-in-Schools Coordinator, Toxics Office, 415-947-4168 or tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov

Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan

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 (703) 308-7076. For more information on the EPA's restricted use pesticide certification program, please to go the following website: <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm> .

Keep Your Home and Children Safe from Poisons

Because more than 90 percent of poisonings happen in homes, poison center experts encourage everyone to take the following steps to make sure their homes are poison-safe:

- (1) Close caps on medicines, vitamins, herbal supplements and other products immediately after use, making sure caps are on tightly;
- (2) Keep medicines (including vitamins and herbal supplements), household cleaning products, and garden chemicals where children can't see or reach them;
- (3) Never store home or garden chemicals in food containers like bottles or cups. Keep them in their original containers;
- (4) Never mix household cleaning products together. Mixing them can cause poisonous gasses;
- (5) Call your local poison center (1-800-222-1222) immediately if you can't find a small battery or magnet missing from a toy or other item. These can both be deadly if swallowed by a child;
- (6) Install a carbon monoxide detector and check the batteries twice a year;

- (7) When applying pesticides, follow the directions on pesticide labels and be sure to remove children, pets and toys from the area until they can return safely; and
- (8) Periodically go through the medicine cabinet and safely dispose of old or expired medicines.

Post the Poison Help number by your home phone 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

National Air Toxics Assessment (NATA) Informational Videos

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

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 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>

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 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.

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

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



The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Tribal Resource Guide is a comprehensive catalog of resources within DHS available to Indian Country. This guide provides tribes with information on the Department's offices and components, available training programs, initiatives that impact tribal nations, key contact information, and more. <http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm>



Webpage for Community Grant Resources

The EPA is making it easier for communities to access our community-based grant resources. The Agency now presents a calendar of upcoming 2012 grant opportunities to help communities address environmental challenges. This page will be updated periodically to reflect upcoming EPA grant programs. In addition, EPA is offering a [Grants 101 Tutorial](#) to assist communities in understanding the grants process. We welcome your comments about how we can make this resource more helpful to you. Contact us at

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

View the calendar:

http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/community_grants_table.htm

Grants 101 Tutorial:

http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/epa_grants_101.htm

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>

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/>
<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>

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