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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

Compliance made easy! Compliance Assistance Centers help businesses and local governments save on materials and help understand and meet environmental requirements. Compliance Assistance helps through plain-language materials, Websites designed for specific industry types or operations, telephone “ask the expert” help lines, and more. More information is available at the following website: [Business compliance assistance](#).



New App for Health of Waterways

EPA has a new app and website to help people find information on the condition of thousands of lakes, rivers and streams across the United States from their smart phone, tablet or desktop computer. Available at <http://www.epa.gov/mywaterway>, the “How’s My Waterway” app and website uses GPS technology or a user-entered zip code or city name to provide information about the quality of local water bodies. This new app provides easy, user-friendly access to the health of a waterway, whether it is safe for swimming and fishing, and what is being done about any reported problems.



Rural Community Assistance Corporation (RCAC)

RCAC is working with a new partner to develop a tribal contact website, a training calendar, and introducing a new program called “TUG” Tribal Utility Governance as well as a tribal utility newsletter. This will be a useful resource to everyone in tribal country. For more information, contact David C. Willis, (559) 337-0360 or go to www.rcac.org



The Department of Interior (DOI) seeks nominations for the Advisory Committee on Climate Change and Natural Resource Science

DOI has published an announcement in the Federal Register to create a Federal Advisory Committee for the USGS National Climate Change and Wildlife Science Center and DOI Climate Science Centers and inviting nominations for membership. Written nominations must be received by November 19, 2012. The Federal Register notice can be viewed at: <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-10-04/pdf/2012-24478.pdf>. Additional inquiries should be directed to Robin O’Malley, romalley@usgs.gov



The Department of Agriculture (USDA) Community Food Projects

This grant program is accepting applications through November 28. Community food projects should increase food self-reliance in low-income communities by addressing local food production, infrastructure, or marketing issues. Up to \$25,000 is available for planning projects and up to \$125,000 per year and a total of \$300,000 over three years is available for implementation, with matching cash or in-kind contributions. Private, non-profit entities with experience in community food systems and demonstrated ability to manage the grant and share results are eligible to apply. More information is available at http://nifa.usda.gov/funding/rfas/community_food.html .



Western Sustainable Agriculture Research (SARE)

This program is accepting project proposals through December 5. Two types of Western SARE grants are noteworthy. [Producer grants](#) provide up to \$15,000 to a farm or ranch operator and Professional + Producer grants provide up to \$50,000 to an agricultural professional such as a farm advisor working with a group of at least five farm or ranch operators. Projects in both categories must involve producers in every stage of the project, address agricultural sustainability, and include distinctive approaches and creative methods of delivering the results to other producers. Detailed information is available at https://wsaregrants.usu.edu/grants/?ok=vw_Docs



Environmental Justice (EJ) Small Grants Program

This program is accepting project proposals through January 7, 2013. Federally recognized tribal governments, tribal organizations, and non-profits are eligible to apply for up to \$30,000 to fund collaborative projects to empower their communities to address local environmental and public health issues. The program has funded sustainable agriculture projects in recent years, but the competition for funding is stiff. Tribes that have applied unsuccessfully in the past are welcome to ask the Region 9 Environmental Justice office for a debrief on their application, to learn how to improve their chances in the 2013 proposal evaluation process. The EJ grants contact is La Donna Thomas at (415) 972-3375 or thomas.ladonna@epa.gov. The [Request for Proposals](#) is available at <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/resources/publications/grants/ej-smgrants-rfp-2013.pdf>.



Discharge of Pesticides to Water - NPDES Pesticide General Permit (PGP) Webcast on Annual Reporting Requirements

EPA Headquarters is planning to hold a webcast on November 29, 2012 addressing annual reporting requirements under the new federal NPDES Pesticides General Permit (PGP), which covers all tribal lands. If you have questions on how pesticide applications to, over, or near water on tribal lands must now be reported and tracked, you are encouraged to join this webcast. Whether you are a tribal applicator subject to the permit or a member of a tribe concerned about outside applicators on your land, EPA wants everyone to be aware of the legal requirements and information sources available. Participation will be online via Adobe Connect webconferencing, time and web-link TBA. Headquarters will be sending more information in the coming week. This is just a placeholder. If you need to speak to someone about the webcast, please contact Pascal Mues, WRT-5, Phone: (415)-972-3768 mues.pascal@epa.gov

Federal Excess

The Federal Surplus Personal Property Donation Program (aka GSAXcess or Federal Excess) allows certain organizations, including tribes, to obtain excess federal property the government no longer needs. Equipment available in the system ranges from vehicles, boats, and office furniture to consumable office, field and laboratory supplies and equipment. Tribal governments may find the Federal Excess is a source of low-cost equipment and supplies needed to support programmatic work. For more information or to register for system access, please visit <http://www.gsa.gov/portal/content/100733>.

Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, Inc. Fined for Violations on Navajo Nation

EPA Region 9 recently fined Pumpkin Patch Fundraisers, Inc. of Greensboro, North Carolina for two violations of the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, which occurred on land that the company leases from the Navajo Nation. Specifically, the company did not follow product labeling directions for Rozol Prairie Dog Bait when performing an application on Navajo Nation lands. The label requires that the bait be applied by hand and at least six inches down into the prairie dog burrows. The farm's applicator applied the bait through a hose in such a way that product remained on the surface of the ground. The company will pay the maximum penalty allowed by law for the violations. With questions, contact Julie Jordan of the Region 9 Pesticides Office at (415) 947-4207 or via e-mail at jordan.julie@epa.gov.

Meetings, Conferences and Workshops



Sponsor: Intertribal Council of Arizona (ITCA)

Nov 7 - 8	Train the Trainer Workshop	Las Vegas	Roland T. Chester, 602-258-4822
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Sponsor: Law Seminars International

Nov. 12-13	Energy in California	San Francisco	http://www.lawseminars.com/seminars.php
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Sponsor: Electric Utility Consultants, Inc (EUCI)

Jan 28-29	Energy Development on Tribal Lands Conference	Scottsdale, AZ	Greg Riddell, 720-988-1235 or griddell@euci.com
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Sponsor: U.S. Green Building Council

Nov. 14-16	Annual U.S. Green Building International Conference and Expose	San Francisco	http://www.greenbuildexpo.org
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Sponsor: EPA, Tribal Program Office

Nov. 26 - 29	RTOC Meeting and 20 th Annual Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco	Veronica Swann, 415-972-3699 or http://www.region9tribal-epaconference.com/ or Willard Chin, 415-972-3797; chin.willard@epa.gov or swann.veronica@epa.gov
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Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: EPA via Webinar (more information to follow)

Nov. 6 – 7	Next Generation Air Monitoring (NGAM) Workshop	http://intranet.epa.gov/nrmintra/appcd_airworkshop.html	
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Sponsor: Sherwood Valley Environmental Department

Nov. 13	Waste Characterization Training (free)	Sherwood Valley Willits, CA	Michelle Baker, (415) 972-3206 or email baker.michelle@epa.gov or Lil Hoaglen, 707-459-9690 or Sherwood Valley EPA Director at 707-459-3631
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Sponsor: EPA, Pesticides Office

June 25-27, 2013	Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in schools	Phoenix, AZ	Marcy Katzin, 415-947-4215, katzin.marcy@epa.gov
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Free continuing education courses from UC Davis/Cal DPH: Division of Environmental and Occupational Disease Control at CA Department of Public Health has developed free online continuing medical education (CME) courses on various occupational and environmental medicine topics, including [Lead: Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention](#). This webinar provides information about sources and risk factors for childhood lead exposures, implementation of California childhood lead screening regulations, and designing appropriate environmental interventions. **See:** www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/deodc/Pages/CMEcourses.aspx

Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Nov. 1	The Toxic Substances Control Act	11:30 am – 1:00 pm EST
Nov. 30	Environmental Justice: Challenges & Opportunities	11:30 am – 1:00 pm EST

Registration for these webinars will be available at <http://www.netionline>. Courses are open to all state, local, and tribal personnel. Contact Alice Mims at NETI@epa.gov for more information.

Grants and Loans

Cal/EPA Applications for Community Small Grants EnvJustice@calepa.ca.gov
Contact Malinda Dumisani, EJ Small Grants Program, P.O. Box 2815, Sacramento, CA 95812-2815; (916) 445-9480. Malinda.Dumisani@calepa.ca.gov. To obtain an application package, please visit the Cal/EPA Environmental Justice website at www.calepa.ca.gov/EnvJustice/funding/smallgrants/default.htm. Deadline: December 5

The Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (OBLR)
OBLR has posted the FY 19 Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund and Cleanup grants Request for Proposals (RFP). For more information please go to <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/applicat.htm>.
Deadline: November 19, 2012.

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development (USDA-RD) Offers Grants
For information on how to apply go to <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-08-15/pdf/2012-20082.pdf>

EPA Region 9 Agriculture Program and Tribal Programs Office Convene Tribal Foodways
An ad hoc group of tribal members, university Cooperative Extension advisors, and EPA staff has been discussing ways to improve health and environmental conditions in Indian Country through local agriculture and community food systems. The group plans to meet quarterly via conference call to share information on funding opportunities and other resources and opportunities, with the next call planned for October. For more information, contact Don Hodge, 415-972-3240; hodge.don@epa.gov.

Environmental Employment Opportunities



Water Quality Specialist

The Timbisha Shoshone Tribe of California and Nevada has an opening for a specialist that will help protect the Tribe's surface and groundwater resources through monitoring, habitat restoration, and educational outreach activities. He/she will be responsible for meeting approved goals and commitments under EPA Clean Water Act grants S-106 and S-319. Please contact the Tribe to request a job description and application form. Phone: (760) 872-3614, E-mail: reception@timbisha.com. Position is open until November 12.

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 or 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.

Websites

Air <http://www.epa.gov/region09/air/tribal/index.html>
Air Quality Designation Memos: <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy>
American Indian Environmental Program Office <http://www.epa.gov/indian>
American Indian Environmental Office Newsletter
..... <http://www.epa.gov/indian/pdf/newsletters/aieo-summer-issue-2012.pdf>
California Regional Water Quality Control Boards
..... http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions

Clean-Air Act: <http://www.epa.gov/nsr>
Climate Change <http://www.epa.gov/region9/climatechange/tribes/federal-land.html>
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/epa_grants_101.htm
Community Health Studies <http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>
Conserveatree <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>
Earth 911.com..... <http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>
Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>
Energy Savers www.energysavers.gov
Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov>
EPA School Siting Guidelines and Healthy School Environments www.epa.gov/schools
..... <http://www.epa.gov/region9/childhealth/pdf/school-siting-guidelines-fact-sheet-oct-2011.pdf>
..... 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>
..... <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/newsletters/civil/enfalert/aheraalert0721.pdf>
Grants and Funding: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>
Guide for Tribal Leaders on U.S. Climate Change Programs
..... <http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/>
Homeland Security Tribal Resource Guide
..... <http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm>
Household Hazardous Waste Program www.tn.gov/environment/swm/hhw/
Housing and Urban Development <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>
How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law <http://www.epa.gov/tips>
Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council <http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>
Leaky Ground Storage Tanks <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian>
..... <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>
Montana Weatherization Training Center <http://weatherization.org/rrp.html>
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>
National Indian Law Library <http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>

 **National Lead Poisoning Prevention** <http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/chancefactsheet.pdf>
..... <http://epa.gov/oppt/lead/pubs/lppw2012.htm>
National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): www.npic.orst.edu
Toll free number for NPIC 800-858-7378, Monday through Saturday from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm PST
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. call 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675
National Tribal Minor New Source Review (NSR) Rule .. <http://www.epa.gov/NSR/actions.html#jun11>
Contact Roberto Gutierrez, 415-947-4276.
Overfill Prevention: Best Management Practices for Underground Storage Tank
..... www.epa.gov/oust/pubs/ustbmps.html
Poison Control
Post the Poison Help number by home phones and program it into cell phones: (1-800-222-1222). Or go to [the American Association of Poison Control Centers](http://www.americanpoisoncontrol.org) or contact Fabiola Estrada, Pesticides Office, 415-972-3493 or email estrada.fabiola@epa.gov
Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) <http://www.epa.gov/pCBSincaulk/>
Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan
..... <http://www.epa.gov/oppfead1/safety/applicators/applicators.htm>
..... zinn.nicole@epa.gov or (703) 308-7076
Signs of Environmental Violations: www.epa.gov/enforcement/criminal/investigations/signs.html
Solar and Wind Energy Screening Tools..... <http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland/>

Stop the Waste <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>
Strategy for EPA/Tribal Partnership to Implement Section 1529 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005
..... www.epa.gov/oust/fedlaws/Tribal%20Strategy_080706r.pdf
Targeted Brownfields Assessments
..... www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf
The Wells Fargo & Company and the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) \$100 Million in Grants <https://www.wellsfargo.com/about/csr/ea/environmental-giving>
Toxics <http://www.epa.gov/region09/toxic/tri/>
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, lee.lily@epa.gov
Treatment and Removal of Abandoned Vehicles <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>
Contact Michelle Baker at baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206 for paper copies.
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,
202-564-2516, binder.jonathan@epa.gov, or Catherine Tunis, 202-564-0476, tunis.catherine@epa.gov or
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>
Tribal Energy and Environmental Information Clearinghouse (TEEIC)..... <http://teeic.anl.gov>
Tribal Office General Assistance Program:..... http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/
Tribal Training <http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/othertraining.htm>
Underground Storage Tanks Indian Country Program Directory
..... <http://www.epa.gov/swerust1/pubs/usinctrdir.htm>
Updated List of Federally-Recognized Tribes: at [2011 Tribal Leaders Directory \(.pdf\)](#) or [Indian Entities Recognized and Eligible to Receive Services from the United States Bureau of Indian Affairs \(.pdf\) - 62KB](#) or [Supplemental Federal Register listing Shinnecock Indian Nation as the 565th Federally Recognized Tribe \(.pdf\)](#)
Water Program..... <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>
..... <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>
WIH Resource Group, Environmental and Logistic Solutions <http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>

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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