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Region IX, San Francisco, California

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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

October is recognized as Children's Health Month; 31 tips to protect children's health:

[http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/CHM_Poster_2011_508.htm/\\$File/CHM_Poster_2011_508.pdf](http://yosemite.epa.gov/ochp/ochpweb.nsf/content/CHM_Poster_2011_508.htm/$File/CHM_Poster_2011_508.pdf)



California Financial Opportunities Roundtable (CalFOR) Guidebook

This document offers a one-stop-shop resource for anyone seeking capital, in a straightforward, easy-to-use format. To make it easier to navigate online, the table of contents has been lined to individual pages. View the complete document at the following website: <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/Reports/CA-CalFOR.pdf> or [Access to Capital](#).



Abandoned Mobile Home Toolkit

This tool kit at <http://www.epa.gov/abandonedmobilehomes> was developed by Region 2 in response to concerns expressed by representatives from several Indian nations about health, safety and environmental issues associated with abandoned units. The tool kit consists of several video sequences that demonstrate the steps required to deconstruct mobile home units including assessment of structural integrity, safety, tools and methods. The video sequence concludes with the repurposing of the recovered materials to construct a tool shed. The toolkit also includes a Best Management Practices document, a data base of recyclers in Region 2 and a bibliography of resources for further information. Contact: Lorraine Graves (212-637-4099, graves.lorraine@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: The Arizona American Indian Asthma Coalition

Oct. 25	First Arizona American Indian Air Quality and Asthma Triggers Conference	Flagstaff, AZ	Mansel Nelson, mansel.nelson@nau.edu
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Sponsor: Biocycle

Oct. 29-31	12 th Annual Biocycle Conference on Renewable Energy from Organics Recycling	St. Louis, MO	www.biocycleenergy.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	RTOC Meeting	San Francisco	Willard Chin, 415-927-3797, chin.willard@epa.gov
Nov. 27-29	20 th Annual Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco	http://www.region9tribal-epaconference.com/ chin.willard@epa.gov or swann.veronica@epa.gov

Trainings and Webinars



Sponsor: Green Strides Webinar Series: For All Schools Moving Toward the Pillars

Oct 3	Environmental Education for Everyone: EPA's 'K through Grey' Resources	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.
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Oct 10	http://www.scgcorp.com/epaniehs2012/	10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
Oct 10	The School Day Just Got Healthier	3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Oct. 11	http://www.epa.gov/region8/humanhealth/children/webinars.html	12:00 to 1:30 p.m. (PDT)
Oct. 17	Why Environmental Health in School Matters	2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Also see: <http://www.epa.gov/schools/webinars.html>

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: EPA

Oct. 22-23	GAP Workshop for new tribal environmental directors	San Francisco,	Tim Grant; grant.timothy@epa.gov or (415) 972-3783
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Sponsor: National Indian Justice Center

Oct. 24-26	Grant Writing and Administration	Las Vegas	Margaret Colglazier, tcoord@nijc.org
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Sponsor: National Enforcement Training Institute (NETI)

Oct 5	License to Kill—Pesticide Registration and Enforcement	11:30 am - 1:00 p.m. EST
Oct. 12	Water: Current Developments and Challenges	11:30 am – 1:00 pm EST
Oct 19	Hazardous Waste Management – an Overview of CERCLA	11:30 am – 1:00 pm EST
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.com> . 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. 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.



Infrastructure Development Opportunity

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) has been working with the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA)—a Washington, DC-based independent nonprofit to facilitate the development of a grant by the Turkish International Cooperation and Development Agency (TIKA). TIKA is seeking project proposals for supporting infrastructure development needs in Indian country. Deadline is October 12, 2012. For more information, please contact Ms. Zeynep Guven at the Turkish Coalition of America (TCA) by email atzguven@tc-america.org .

Funding Available for State, Local and Tribal Governments

Sustainable Design Assessment Teams, due Oct. 12 [AIA SDAT page](#)
Funders Network Local Sustainability Matching Fund, due Oct.1 [Funders' Network](#)
EPA Climate Leadership Awards, due Oct. 1 [website](#)

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 tribe 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. Contact: Don Hodge, 415-972-3240; hodge.don@epa.gov.

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>

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 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 Library Law	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.aapcc.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

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.

This monthly newsletter contains information on meetings, conferences, trainings, available grants, employment opportunities and other items of interest. Comments and feedback are appreciated. Contact Maria Castain 415-972-3264; email castain.maria@epa.gov or go to: <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/newslet.html>. Also, if you want to be removed from this mailing list, contact Maria.