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Tribal Program Newsletter

Environmental Tip of the Month

September 2012. Don't trash it - reuse it! Be creative as you look for new ways to reduce the amount or kinds of household waste. Give cardboard tubes to pet hamsters or gerbils. Plant seeds in an egg carton. Make a flower pot out of a plastic ice cream tub. By thinking creatively, you will often find new uses for common items and new ways to recycle and reduce waste. Please check the following website for more information: [Other creative tips to reduce waste](#)



Updated List of Federally-Recognized Tribes

The U.S. Department of Interior published the nation's list of Federally-recognized Indian tribes in the August 10, 2012 Federal Register at <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2012/08/10/2012-19588/indian-entities-recognized-and-eligible-to-receive-services-from-the-bureau-of-indian-affairs>. The 566 tribes listed are eligible for funding and services from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other agencies. This list supersedes the previous notice published on October 1, 2010.



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. The violations were identified during a routine inspection conducted by the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Pesticide Program in May of 2010. 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: Bios Forte Environmental Services

Sept. 18-19	Clean and Healthy Tribal Casinos Workshop	Grand Portage, MN	Tonya Connor, 218-757-3261 or tconnor@biosforte-nsn.gov
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Sponsor: EPA, Tribal Program Office

Nov. 27-29	RTOC Meeting and 20 th Tribal/EPA Conference	San Francisco, CA	www.region9tribal-epaconference.com
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Trainings and Webinars



When Every Drop Counts: The Public Health Implications of Drought

This year, the U.S. is dealing with the most extensive and prolonged drought conditions in more than 50 years. The occurrence of drought-related health impacts is challenging many communities for the first time. This webinar will provide information about the preconditions leading up to the current drought situation, discuss the significant overarching public health issues related to drought, and highlight some of these impacts, focusing on several American Indian and Alaska Native communities. This is the first in a four-part series "[Drought: When Every Drop Counts](#)" co-sponsored by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Environmental Health, Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the American Public Health Association [Register today!](#)

Environmental Protection Agency-Wide Plan to Provide Solid Waste Management Capacity Assistance to Tribes-- Consultation and Coordination on the Draft Plan -

Formal consultation on the document began July 23 and will run for 60 days. A webinar to facilitate input during that period will be held. For more information, please go to

<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wyl/tribal/capacityassist.htm>
<http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wyl/tribal/pdf/txt/awptribalswmanagement.pdf>

Grants and Loans



Funding Available for State, Local and Tribal Governments

IBM Smarter Cities Challenge – Technical Assistance; due Sept. 7 [Challenge page](#)
Economic Development Assistance Programs due Sept. 14..... [EDA grant opportunity synopsis](#)
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

The USDA-RD is accepting applications for grants to help agricultural producers add value to their products, to expand their markets and customer base and improve their economic prospects, according to an August 16 [press release](#). USDA-RD will prioritize awards to operators of small and mid-size family farms, beginning ranchers and farmers, and socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. Maximum awards are \$100,000 for planning and \$300,000 for working capital and the program requires an equal cash or in-kind match. The application deadline is October 15, 2012. A [Federal Register notice](#) and the [Value Added Producer Grants](#) web page provide eligibility and other detailed information.

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.

Department of Agriculture (USDA) Launches Know Your Farmer Know Your Food Compass 2.0

The [KYF Compass](#) is a USDA online resource to support local and regional food systems. The multi-media site provides narratives with stories, images, and video showcasing inspiring local food success stories from around the country. The [Grants, Loans, & Support](#) page lists all USDA programs that provide funding opportunities for local food systems in one convenient location and links to program descriptions so that you can look for the program that best fits your project.

\$100 Million in Grants by 2020

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

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.

Websites

Environmental Protection Agency <http://www.epa.gov>

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

Air Quality Designation Memos: <http://www.epa.gov/air/tribal/airprogs.html#policy>

Clean-Air Act: <http://www.epa.gov/nsr>

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

A Guide for Tribal Leaders on U.S. Climate Change Programs
..... <http://tribalclimate.uoregon.edu/publications/>

Pesticides

Proposed National Federal Tribal Certification Plan

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

..... zinn.nicole@epa.gov or (703) 308-7076

National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC): www.npic.orst.edu

NPIC offers a toll-free number Monday through Saturday from 6:30 am to 4:30 pm PST. For any question regarding pesticides, please call toll free 800-858-7378 or

Poison Control

Post the Poison Help number by home phones and program it into cell phones: (1-800-222-1222). For more information, go to the [American Association of Poison Control Centers](#) or contact Fabiola Estrada, Pesticides Office, 415-972-3493 or email estrada.fabiola@epa.gov

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

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>
..... <http://www.epa.gov/region9/tribal/pdf/protect-children-community-from-asbestos.pdf>
..... or tsuchiya.ron@epa.gov

National Response Center (NRC) for Chemical Spills and Methamphetamine Labs
..... <http://www.nrc.uscg.mil/index.html>
The NRC is open a 24-hour, 7 days a week, and 365 days a year. For more information or to report a spill, call 1-800-424-8802 or 1-202-267-2675.

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>

Household Hazardous Waste Program www.tn.gov/environment/swm/hhw/

Signs of Environmental Violations:
..... <http://www.epa.gov/oecaerth/criminal/investigations/signsofviolations2.html#violations>

How to Report a Possible Violation of Environmental Law <http://www.epa.gov/tips>

Treatment and Removal of Abandoned Vehicles
..... <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/tribal/resources.html>
Contact Michelle Baker at baker.michelle@epa.gov or 415-972-3206 for paper copies.

Targeted Brownfields Assessments
..... www.epa.gov/region09/brownfields/pdf/Brochure-idea-final-05-07-07.pdf

Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) <http://www.epa.gov/pcbsincaulk/>

Interstate Technology and Regulatory Council <http://www.itrcweb.org/membership.asp>

The Department of Homeland Security Tribal Resource Guide
..... <http://www.dhs.gov/files/publications/tribal-resource-guide.shtm>

Community Grant Resources
..... <http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/contact/index.html>
..... http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/community_grants_table.htm
..... http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/resources_for_communities/epa_grants_101.htm

Tribal Office General Assistance Program: http://iaspub.epa.gov/GAP_Online/

Grants and Funding: <http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html>

American Indian Environmental Program Office <http://www.epa.gov/indian>

American Indian Environmental Office Newsletter

.....<http://www.epa.gov/indian/pdf/newsletters/aieo-summer-issue-2012.pdf>

Water Program <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water>

..... <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/index.html>

EPA Policy on Underground Storage Tanks Delivery Prohibition

http://cfpub.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/civil/rcra/details.cfm?CAT_ID=&SUB_ID=18&templatePage=21&title=Underground%20Storage%20Tanks

Underground Storage Tanks Indian Country Program Directory

..... <http://www.epa.gov/swrust1/pubs/usinctrdir.htm>

Overfill Prevention: Best Management Practices for Underground Storage Tank

..... www.epa.gov/oust/pubs/ustbmps.html

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

Leaky Ground Storage Tanks <http://www.epa.gov/region09/waste/ust/leaking-tanks-indian>

..... <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/resources/general.html>

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

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

National Indian Justice Center <http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/AIR.PDF>

..... <http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/SOLIDWAS.PDF>

..... <http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/WATER.PDF>

..... <http://www.nijc.org/pdfs/DRWATER.PDF>

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

Solar and Wind Energy Screening Tools..... <http://www.epa.gov/renewableenergyland/>

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

California Regional Water Quality Control Boards

..... http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/email_subscriptions

Community Health Studies..... <http://www.communityhealthstudies.com>

WIH Resource Group, Environmental and Logistic Solutions <http://www.wihresourcegroup.com/>

National Indian Library Law <http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.htm>

Stop the Waste..... <http://www.stopwaste.org/home/index.asp>

Conserveatree..... <http://soils.usda.gov/survey>

Energy Efficient and Renewable Energy..... <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/projects.cfm>

Energy Savers..... www.energysavers.gov

The Gaia-SINS Federated Projects Home-Page (computers <http://www.gaia-gis.it/spatialite/>

Housing and Urban Development..... <http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/ih/codetalk/onap/swonap/>

Earth 911.com <http://earth911.com/hazardous/rechargeable-batteries/>

Procedures for Accessing EPA Resources for Emergency Responses to Hazardous Materials Incidents on Tribal or Federal Lands in Arizona

Call 9-1-1 first. Then notify the National Response Center at 1 800-424-8802. A tribe can also notify Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) at 602-390-7894 or 602-771-2330. If it is a transportation-related

spill, call 602-223-2212 at the Arizona Department of Public Safety. In addition, local jurisdictions need to be notified of the incident. If ADEQ is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident on tribal and federal lands, contact the National Response Center at 800-424-8802, and ask for the EPA Region 9 Duty Officer. EPA has On-Scene Coordinators placed in San Francisco, and Los Angeles, CA, Carson City, NV and Phoenix, AZ who can provide timely response to a hazardous materials incident.

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.

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