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◁ EVENTS ▷

National Estuary Day

September 30, 2006 is National Estuary Day. The featured event of this celebration is a free, interactive field trip of special estuaries on the Internet. It is hosted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Estuarine Research Reserves and EPA. To learn more visit: <http://estuaries.gov>

Tribal Environmental Science

Save the date! The National EPA-Tribal Science Council will sponsor the National Tribal Science Conference at the

Quinault Beach Resort and Casino on the Olympic Peninsula in Washington from September 24 to 28. The conference will provide a forum to conduct training, exchange information, and address selected issues on science topics to include traditional knowledge of importance in Indian country. EPA and tribal leaders and staff working on environmental science topics (those working with tribal organizations, tribal colleges, universities, and other federal agencies) are encouraged to attend.

The National forum on Tribal environmental Science website

has been launched! You can visit the website, register for training sessions and activities. Also, under the call for papers for presentation during the conference, you can submit abstracts and posters at: <http://www.scgcorp.com/TribalScience> .

Register for the conference, training courses, activities and field trips at: <http://www.scgcorp.com/TribalScience>. Visit the Tribal Science Council website at: <http://www.epa.gov/osp/tribes/announce/event.htm> .

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FARR Workshop

The workshop will provide an overview of the Federal Air Rules for Reservations in Idaho, Oregon and Washington; what has happened since the rules were approved on June 7, 2005; EPA procedures for calling and communicating burn bans; overview of enforcement procedures and policies; and inspector training.

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The Suquamish Tribe will provide a limited number of scholarships for travel to attend the conference. For information: Diana Boquist at (206) 553-1586 or Dee Williams at (360) 394-8502.

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Air Quality Training §

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Air Quality and Community Health Training is hosted by the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. This course will focus on identifying community health impacts and strategies for mitigating them. Prerequisite: *Introduction to Tribal Air Quality*. For more information: Lydia Scheer at (928) 523-6887.

National Air Monitoring Conference §§

This Conference is sponsored by the EPA in conjunction with STAPPA/ALAPCO. Designed for tribal, local, and state air quality staff involved with operating, planning, or managing air monitoring networks and reporting data to AQS, AIRNOW, and other users.

For information contact Kevin Cavender at: cavender.kevin@epa.gov or Pete Babich at: pete.babich@po.state.ct.us

319 Tribal Training

The 319 tribal training is planned for **October 2-4, 2006**, in **Olympia** at the **NWIFC offices**. The training will start on October 2nd in the afternoon for tribes that do not have TAS yet. The training for tribes that already have 319 TAS will start on October 3rd. For additional information contact Krista Mendelman at (206) 553-1571.

Native American Women's Conference

Just a reminder to sign up now for the conference **November 9 & 10** at the Radisson Ft. McDowell Resort and Casino in Scottsdale, AZ. Registration at: www.arizonaiwia.org.

ABOUT OUR NEW LOOK

With this issue, the *Tribal Newsletter* is adding more of the color and style visible on the Web.

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Nominations Open for Watershed Grants

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The Environmental Protection Agency invites proposals for the fourth year of its national watershed grants program: "Targeted Watershed Grants." This program focuses on restoring and protecting our national watersheds.

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For this cycle, up to \$16 million will be made available to watershed-based restoration and protection projects aimed at improving water quality throughout the country. Proposals selected will be awarded up to \$900,000 each over a three to five year period. EPA requires a 25% non-federal match, and will use a competitive process to select watersheds.

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Governor and Tribal Leader nominations are required. Nominations are due **November 15, 2006**.

For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/implementation.html>

EPA will also award \$3.2 million in capacity-building grants to up to seven leading training organizations to help local watershed groups develop the skills needed to improve watershed health. Organizations with expertise in watershed training and local capacity building can submit proposals up to **October 16, 2006**.

For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/capacity.html>

If you have questions, please contact Bevin Reid at (800) 424-4372, x1566, or reid.bevin@epa.gov. For information about the program, go to www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiative/

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Electronic Grants

EPA invites you to submit competitive and state mandatory grant applications electronically at: <http://www.grants.gov>. Grants.gov is a single, authoritative source for finding information on and applying for competitive grant opportunities.

EPA receives applications/proposals from [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) electronically. That website includes more than \$350 billion in annual grants from 26 federal agencies. State, local, and tribal governments, colleges and universities, non-profits and other organizations have the access they need through [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) to efficiently find grant opportunities in just one convenient online location saving both grantors and grant community time and money.

Once you've registered, be sure to let everyone know so they can take advantage of this great new program. For assistance, you may contact [grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) support services directly at (800) 518-4726.

The complete registration process can take up to four weeks, so don't delay! Sign up now and enjoy the benefits.

AIEO Update

The American Indian Environmental Office Spring/Summer Information Update is now posted on the AIEO website at <http://www.epa.gov/indian/1up.htm>

CARE

Community Action for a Renewed Environment or CARE is an initiative designed to establish a series of multi-media, community-based and community-driven projects to reduce toxic pollution. In 2005 and 2006, EPA solicited proposals for two levels of competitive grants from tribal and local governments and various local organizations, including non-profits, citizens, businesses, schools and community organizations, to create collaborative partnerships to address toxics in their local environment.

The CARE program will have a **National Training Workshop November 15-17, 2006** in Seattle, Washington. The training workshop is for representatives from the 29 selected CARE community partnerships, EPA staff in headquarters and the Regions working on CARE, state representatives, and selected speakers and trainers. For information: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/care>

Environmental Justice Small Grants

Tribal representatives of a nonprofit organization may apply for a grant to address local environmental hazards through community partnerships. The Environmental Justice Small Grants program is a multi-statute program designed to help communities understand and address their exposure to multiple environmental harms and risks.

Deadline for applications: October 23, 2006. For more information: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppld=10091>

NISA Scholarships

Northwest Indian Storytellers Association is offering travel scholarships for 20 tribal storyteller apprentices and their mentors to attend the **Apprenticeship Workshop and Story-telling Festival, Portland, Oregon, January 5-7, 2007**. If you are a native high school youth, grades 9-12, living in Washington, Oregon or Idaho or a youth mentor (tribal storyteller, cultural leader or elder), you are welcome to apply. For application forms and guidelines, contact Elaine Lanegan: (503) 777-7140 or liaison@wisdomoftheelders.org

Captain Planet Foundation

The Captain Planet Foundation provides \$500 to \$2,500 grants to help children and youth around the world, working individually or collectively, to solve environmental problems in their neighborhoods and communities. There are four grant cycles a year, and the **next deadline is September 30, 2006**. For information, visit: <http://www.captainplanetfdn.org>

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Community Reinvestment

The Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF) is a national nonprofit organization established to provide capital through a secondary market to community development leaders in low-income communities. Lenders are typically nonprofit organizations or government agencies. Clients include cities, towns, states, Indian tribes, and nonprofit community development organizations. The site provides information about loan services for community development leaders, investors, and the public. For more information: www.crfusa.com

Water Infrastructure Funding

USDA Rural Development has water infrastructure funding available for tribes under the Native American Grants program. This year, \$16.3 million is available nationwide. Eligible tribes must have a per capita income of no more than \$15,110, an unemployment rate of at least 6.25%, and a documented public health or environmental need. For more information: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/2006funding.htm>

Washington Internship for Native Students

AIEO is currently developing two 3-year grant packages of \$450,000 each for scholarships and internship: Washington [DC] Internship for Native Students (WINS).

for their work. This agreement can be with TCU's or local colleges or universities. For information: Caren Robinson at (202) 564-0544 or: robinosn.caren@epa.gov.

The Request for Proposals will be published in the fall. Each grant package can then be used as a vehicle for EPA offices to provide funding support for American Indians. The program will include several internships within tribal communities where tribes have advanced environmental programs.

Washington State

The Nisqually Indian Tribe will receive \$550,000 from Northwest Pipeline Corporation to establish and manage a fund to buy wetlands to preserve the natural environment of the Nisqually Watershed. The fund is a form of environmental mitigation used to minimize potential harm to aquatic resources when projects disturb the environment.

Part of the scholarship program is for the students to earn college or university credits

Land-Use Planning Tool

The Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN), with Purdue University and the EPA, has created an online tool to help local government planners measure the water quality impacts of land-use changes. Local governments provide information about their location, the proposed land-use change, and the area soil type.

the proposed development. These results can be used to generate community awareness of potential problems and to support planning aimed at minimizing disturbances in critical areas. L-THIA is also a useful tool to identify the best location for a particular land use so as to have the least impact on the environment.

Based on community-specific climate data, the Long-Term Hydrologic Impact Assessment (L-THIA) model estimates changes in recharge, runoff, and nonpoint source pollution resulting from

L-THIA is available free on the LGEAN website. A GIS extension is also available for use with ArcView software. To download L-THIA, visit LGEAN's resources: www.lgea.org/html/exchange.cfm and select the "Land Use Impacts on Water Quality Model."

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Groundwater Source Guide

Looking for an educational guide about the importance of source water protection? The Groundwater Foundation’s *Source Water, Assessment and Protection Workshop Guide* may be what you are looking for.

The guide provides local leaders and community members with the necessary tools to educate and motivate their communities to get involved with source water assessment and protection.

The new additions to this year’s guide include: • detailed information about source water protection strategies; • new insight into areas where the Safe Drinking Water Act and the Clean Water Act intersect; and • a section of techniques to evaluate the workshop activities.

To download a free copy of the *Source Water Assessment and Protection Workshop Guide (2nd Edition)* go to:

www.groundwater.org/gi/swap/swap.html
Hard copies are available for \$49.95 by calling (402) 434-2740.

Educational Materials

If you are looking for environmental education materials and funding sources, EPA’s *Environmental Education Clearinghouse* may be the answer. This clearinghouse is your online tool to located materials and funds available from hundreds of organizations in the Northwest. The resources have been sorted by audience, resource type, and subject.

Just type a keyword into the search field. For more specific results, check the keywords indicating the resources you are interested in, and click “Find.” The list you receive tells where you can obtain the resources (most are free). To access the clearinghouse online, visit: www.epa.gov/r10earth/clearinghouse . For more information, call EPA’s Public Environmental Resource Center at (206) 553-1200 or (800) 424-4372.

Air Toxics Risk Assessment (ATRA)

EPA announced the publication of Volume 3 of its *Air Toxics Risk Assessment Reference Library*. This volume builds on information present in ATRA Volume 1 to describe how to evaluate and reduce cumulative air toxics risks at the local level.

The document also presents readily available information on additional multimedia risk factors that may affect communities and strategies to reduce those risks. The ATRA library, along with other EPA Office of Air risk resources can be accessed on the Fate, Exposure and Risk Analysis (FERA) website: www.epa.gov/ttn/fera

Total Coliform Rule

EPA is promoting a new handbook to help owners and operators of small drinking water systems better understand the *Total Coliform Rule* under the Safe Drinking Water Act. For information: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tcr/tcr.html>

School Drinking Water

Millions of children spend their days in schools and child care centers. Therefore, assuring good, safe drinking water in these facilities is extremely important. To aid in this effort, EPA has created a *Drinking Water in Schools and Child Care Facilities* Web page.

Lead in school drinking water is the current focus of this site. It features information about the sources of lead in drinking water, and about the laws and regulations concerning lead in drinking water. For more information: www.epa.gov/OGWDW/schools/index.html

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Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook

In an effort to reduce scrap tire piles around the country, EPA and the State of Illinois have created the *Scrap Tire Cleanup Guidebook*, a resource for solid waste managers across the country. It is estimated that more than 290 million tires are scrapped each year in the U.S. While 80% are being reused, millions have been accumulating in stockpiles over the past several decades.

Large scrap tire stockpiles present a risk to human health and the environment. State, federal and local agencies have spent tens of millions of dollars in the past, responding to tire fires. The guidebook is rich with case studies highlighting many success stories. It can be found at: www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/solidwaste/tires/

Get Prepared

Get Prepared is a Web portal from the American Red Cross that offers an expansive collection of resources. This collection includes a vast array of materials on natural disasters and includes materials for teachers, schools, home, and work.

To reach the *Get Prepared* site, go to: www.redcross.org and click on “Get Prepared” in the menu column. Materials are available online or can be ordered through a local Red Cross chapter.

Extreme Heat Events

Extreme heat events can increase the number of deaths and nonfatal problems in vulnerable populations, including older adults, the very young, the homeless and persons with cognitive and physical impairments.

EPA has worked with federal, state, local, and academic partners to develop guidance to help communities prepare for and respond to excessive heat events. EPA developed a guidebook in collaboration with NOAA, CDC,

and FEMA, with input from a wide range of local officials and national experts on heat events.

The guidebook provides local health and public safety officials with information they need to develop criteria to forecast heat events and extreme heat notification and response actions. A copy of the guidebook can be downloaded at: http://www.epa.gov/aging/resources/epareports.htm#rjr_hw

Wadeable Streams Survey

EPA provides information about the health of local watersheds, based on its Wadeable Streams Assessment, conducted between 2000 and 2004. The study constitutes the first consistent evaluation of U.S. streams that feed rivers, lakes, and coastal waters. The report includes assessments of streams that are shallow enough to be sampled without a boat.

EPA found that though stream conditions vary widely across the diverse ecological

regions of the country, streams in the West are in the best condition.

The Agency believes that when citizens have a clear idea of the health of their watersheds, they can protect them more effectively.

For information, visit: www.epa.gov/owow/streamsurvey

Public Comment on Executive Order 13175

Public comment on Executive Order 13175, *Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments* has been extended to **September 19, 2006**. For more information, contact Joan Crawford at (202) 564-6568 or crawford.joan@epa.gov or Jose Aguto at (202) 564-0289 or aguto.jose@epa.gov

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Wastewater/Electricity

Researchers at Washington University in St. Louis have been working on a microbial fuel cell that uses bacteria to treat wastewater and create electricity. The developer, engineering professor Lars Angenent, told the *Washington University Reporter*, "a bio-electricity generating wastewater treatment system in just one large food-processing plant could power as many as 900 American single-family homes."

A full description of the process and research can be found at: <http://record.wustl.edu/news/page/normal/5454.html>

Wind Power

According to the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), Wind energy installations in the United States now exceed 10,000 megawatts in generating capacity and produce enough daily electricity to power the equivalent of more than 2.5 million homes.

"With its current performance, wind energy is demonstrating that it could rapidly become an important part of the nation's power portfolio," said AWEA executive director Randall Swisher when announcing the new numbers. <http://www.awea.org/>

EPA Regulations

By the beginning of 2006, the EPA had implemented 87 primary drinking water standards and 15 secondary standards. Keeping up with all these regulations and rules can be mind boggling.

The site, www.epa.gov/OGWDW/regs.html developed by EPA's Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, lists all current regulations by the date they were issued and provides links to guidance manuals and fact sheets for them. It also has proposed rules, the *Code of Federal Regulations*, and drinking water standards, including the contaminants and maximum contaminant load (MCL) figures.

Imported Engines

EPA and U.S. Customs and Border Protection have seized and prevented the import of over 11,000 items of illegal gasoline- and diesel-powered vehicles and equipment this year. According to the U.S. General Services Administration, EPA also assessed over \$798,000 in civil penalties against the importers, plus Customs penalties and storage fees. The Substandard equipment, which included tractors, lawn and garden equipment, off-road motorcycles, ATVs and more, posed a significant risk to human health and the environment. Visit: <http://www.pueblo.gsa.gov/newsnotes/nn8645.htm>

EPA Hydraulic Truck

On June 21st, EPA unveiled the world's most fuel-efficient and cost-effective delivery vehicle. EPA and UPS partnered to develop a UPS truck. The first of its kind, it uses EPA-patented hydraulic hybrid technology that can improve fuel efficiency by 60 to 70% in urban driving and lower greenhouse gas emissions by 40%. Laboratory tests show that this hybrid technology has the potential

to improve fuel economy for package delivery vehicles, shuttle and transit buses, and trash pickup. More than 1,000 gallons of fuel per vehicle could be saved each year. The net savings over the vehicle's lifespan could exceed \$50,000, assuming current fuel prices. Visit: <http://www.epa.gov/otaq/technology/recentdevelopments.htm>



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Alaska Operations Office

ALASKA NEWS

Tribal Air Quality Training – Level 1

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The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is pleased to offer a Level 1 air quality training course. The **Tribal Air Quality Training** is scheduled for **September 11-15, 2006**. The training will be held in Flagstaff, AZ.

Although this is a five-day training, it is actually **two courses in one**, designed expressly for air quality new-hires on the training fast track. This course is a **pre-requisite** for ITEP's *Air Pollution Technology* course, which is also required for more advanced, technical training.

This training is intended to provide an understanding of the importance of clean air for the protection of the total environment as well as human health and will also provide an introduction to the skills needed

to work with air quality measurements. It requires no previous training in science or air quality management.

Topics include:

- The concept of pH
- Criteria pollutants
- National Ambient Air Quality [caps?]
- Standards
- Air toxics
- Climate change
- Metric system
- Problem-solving

For more information or to request a training course application, please contact Jenifer Pond at (480) 985-9570 or by email at Jenifer.Pond@nau.edu.

Tribal Air Quality Training – Level 2

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is pleased to offer a Level 2 air quality training course for Alaska. The **Basic Source Assessment/Air Quality Computations training** is scheduled for **September 26-29, 2006**. The training will be held in Juneau, AK.

This training course has a **pre-requisite** that includes successful completion of one of the following courses: Air Quality in Alaska Native Villages or Introduction to Tribal Air Quality or Introduction to Air Quality Management.

Topics include:

- Types of air pollution in Alaska Native Villages
- Classification of air pollution sources
- Decimals
- Scientific notation
- Units and unit conversions
- Basic pollution emission calculations
- Pie and bar graphs
- Excel spreadsheets

For more information or to request a training course application, please contact Jenifer Pond at (480) 985-9570 or by email at Jenifer.Pond@nau.edu. You can also contact Christine DeCarlo. She can be reached at (928) 523-1496 or by email at Christine.DeCarlo@nau.edu

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Air Quality and Community Health — Level 2

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is pleased to offer another Level 2 air quality training course. The **Air Quality and Community Health** training is scheduled for **October 31 – November 3, 2006**. The application deadline for this course is **September 13, 2006**. The training will be held in Umatilla Reservation, Pendleton, OR.

This training course is designed for tribal professionals interested in learning how to address community health concerns from air pollution. Applicants should have completed ITEP’s “Introduction to Tribal Air

Quality” course or have sufficient training in basic air quality topics.

Topics include:

- Air pollution and impacts to public health
- Basic risk assessment
- Control and mitigation strategies for air pollution
- Working effectively with public health agencies and the community to address exposure and risk

For more information or to request a training course application, please contact Jenifer Pond at (480) 985-9570 or by email at Jenifer.Pond@nau.edu.

Alaska Collaborative Leadership Training — Native and Western Perspectives on Community Decision Making, September 13-14, 2006

This workshop provides participants with an awareness of the differences in community and public decision making in rural and urban Alaska. It examines how parties to an Alaska natural resource/development project can work with cross-cultural viewpoints and strive to make decisions that balance economic development, environmental impacts, and quality of life issues. Participants apply the workshop skills to real-time projects that include both Native and non-Native stakeholders.

All workshops are conducted for two days in Anchorage and are held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at UAA, Anchorage, Alaska. If you have questions, please call Jane Oakley, Resource Solutions Training Coordinator, at (907) 257-2717, or email her at anjeo@uaa.alaska.edu. Additional information and registration forms are on our website at: <http://resourcesolutions.uaa.alaska.edu>. Please fax completed registrations to (907) 257-2754.

Alaska Collaborative Leadership Training — Collaborative Problem Solving, October 17-18, 2006

This workshop focuses on solving public and natural resource issues using a collaborative approach. Participants will learn the steps in the collaborative process and how to tailor the process to fit a variety of issues and situations.

All workshops are conducted for two days in Anchorage and are held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at UAA, Anchorage, Alaska. If you have questions, please call Jane Oakley, Resource Solutions Training Coordinator, at (907) 257-2717, or email her at anjeo@uaa.alaska.edu. Additional information and registration forms are on our website at: <http://resourcesolutions.uaa.alaska.edu>. Please fax completed registrations to (907) 257-2754.



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7-Generations Training Opportunities

Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. is proud to offer the **7-Generations Training** through funding from the EPA. This training is a way to build community strength through identifying and solving environmental problems and is a powerful process that can lead to a healthier and more sustainable community.

Upcoming training will be held in Kivalina, Alaska on **September 11-15, 2006** hosted by the Kivalina Tribal Council. Please contact Millie Hawley at (907) 645-2256 if interested in attending. Travel will be through Kotzebue to Kivalina, Alaska.

If you would like more information about the program or upcoming classes, please contact Vanessa Philemonoff (7-Generations Administrative Assistant) at vanessap@apiai.org, or by phone at APIA at (907) 276-2700. You can also contact the course instructor, Bill Stokes, at sevendgenerations@matnet.com. Take a look at APIA’s website www.apiai.org under “News & Events” and under “Environmental Education” in the Community Services Department section, or visit Bill Stokes’ 7-Generations website at <http://7generations.us> for current schedule and more details.

**ATCEM/EPA IGAP Training —
October 9 - 13, 2006**

The 12th Annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM) will be held **October 9-11** with EPA Indian General Assistance Program (IGAP) Training **October 12-13, 2006**. The conference will be held in Anchorage, Alaska at the Anchorage Marriott Downtown. The theme for this year’s conference is *“PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS”*.

Topic Tracks for the ATCEM Conference:

- Environmental Success Stories
- Sustainable Environmental Programs
- Future Environmental Impacts
- Environmental Awareness & Education

The IGAP Training will focus on *“Grants Management”*. The format of this years training will be significantly different from past IGAP trainings and will comprehensively cover the lifecycle of an IGAP grant.

To register for this conference, log onto ANTHC’s website at www.anthc.org or contact the RASC Coordinator at (800) 560-8637.

NPDES Update

This is a brief update on the EPA’s National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). On June 30th, 2006, the US EPA, Region 10 received an application from the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation (ADEC) for the transfer of NPDES permitting authority from EPA to ADEC. This means that ADEC, instead of EPA, would be the permitting authority for the majority of wastewater discharge. EPA would retain authority over a small number of permits. EPA needs to ap-

prove the ADEC’s application before the program may be transferred to the state. It will take some time to conduct the necessary review. Before the NPDES program is transferred, EPA will enter into formal government to government consultation with Alaskan Tribes. More information on NPDES, and Tribal consultation, will be presented at the Alaska Native Tribal Environmental Conference in October.

The ADEC has a website where you can review the NPDES application:

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<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/npdes/application.htm>

On that site, there is a link to a draft Memorandum of Agreement that describes how the NPDES program may be implemented. For example, Page 15 of the MOA has the Public Participation outline. Page 16 has Applicant Review, Federal, State and Tribal Notice: http://www.dec.state.ak.us/water/npdes/pdfs/MOA_06-29-06.pdf

For additional information, including an overview of the NPDES program, you may wish to look at EPA’s R10 website. There are PowerPoint presentations that were given at the Alaska Forum on the

Environment. They give information that you may wish to present to your Tribal council or Environmental Committees. <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/aoo.nsf/60b16ceeacd447c38825650f0071652d/20342812a0bef67b882564b9006fcb12?OpenDocument>

Michelle Davis, US EPA Tribal Coordinator, is working with the EPA Region 10 NPDES team. Please call or send her an e-mail if you would like additional information. Michelle V. Davis, Tribal Coordinator, (907) 271-3434, fax: (907) 271-6340, or davis.michellev@epa.gov. Visit the Tribal Programs page: <http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/tribal.nsf>

EPA, Tribal Government and Industry Collaboration Makes Good Use of IGAP Funds



EPA Air Quality Specialist John Pavitt visited Sand Point to assist the Unga, Pauloff Harbor, and Qagan Tayagungin Tribes in addressing community air quality concerns. All were invited to tour the Trident Seafood Processing Plant. The visit was a good example of EPA, Tribes, and industry working cooperatively.

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Wave Power

One potential approach to reducing the cost of electricity involves harnessing the power of ocean waves. Reedsport, Oregon may become the site of the first utility-scale wave power generator in the country. Ocean Power Technologies of New Jersey has applied for a permit from the U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to establish a 50-megawatt wave power facility in Oregon. The company will “install its ocean-tested PowerBuoys,” at first creating a total of 2 megawatts, some “2.5 miles off the coast at a depth of 164 feet,” according to the July 24th *Portland Business Journal*.

If the project is successful, Ocean Power Technologies hopes to provide enough renewable wave power energy to electrify a large segment of the West Coast



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