

## NEWS

*The Tribal Newsletter*  
is published free monthly.  
To receive a copy, call:  
AK, Robb . 907-271-6323  
ID, Arlene . 208-378-5749  
OR, Don . . 503-326-5015  
WA, Alison . 360-753-8185

## LETTER

# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/TRIBAL.NSF/Newsletter/Issues>

Vol. 16, No. 1 — January 2007

### <> CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS <>

#### January

- 9-12 **Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants** (Level 1), Davis, CA. For information: <http://www.nau.edu/tams>
- 22-23 **R10 Tribal Operations Committee Qrtly. Meeting**, EPA Offices, Seattle, WA. For information: [gwenc@nezperce.org](mailto:gwenc@nezperce.org) or [clark.marybeth@epa.gov](mailto:clark.marybeth@epa.gov)
- 1/30-2/2 **Tribal Transfer Station Operation Training**, Reno, NV. Info: Elizabeth Forsyth, 415-972-3380 or [forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov](mailto:forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov)

#### February

- 5-9 **Underground Storage Tank Training**, Suquamish Tribe Clearwater Casino & Resort, Poulsbo, WA. Info: Charlotte Boulind-Yeung: 206-553-6315, [boulind-yeung.charlotte@epa.gov](mailto:boulind-yeung.charlotte@epa.gov) (see p.2)
- 6-7 **DCI America Better Governance**, Anchorage. Info: <http://www.dciamerica.com>
- 6-8 **ITEP: Advanced Air Program Management Course**, Seattle, WA Info: [www.nau.edu/itep](http://www.nau.edu/itep)
- 12-16 **Alaska Forum on the Environment**, Anchorage. For information: <http://akforum.com>

#### April

- 26-28 **24<sup>th</sup> Annual Gathering of Nations Powwow**, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. For information: <http://www.gatheringofnations.com/powwow/index.htm>



### <> FUNDING <>

#### Pesticides Program Invites Projects

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs, in coordination with the EPA Regional Offices, has announced the availability of up to an estimated \$509,000 in FY2007 State and Tribal Assistance Grant monies to further the pesticide risk-reduction goals of the Pesticide Environmental Stewardship Program.

The Agency expects to fund about ten projects, one per EPA Region, with a maximum funding level of about \$50,900 per project. All federally recognized tribes are eligible. Proposed projects must address implementation of integrated pest management

approaches that reduce the risks associated with pesticide use in agricultural or non-agricultural settings.

#### **Proposals are due to the Agency not later than January 12, 2007.**

For more information, visit the website: [http://www.epa.gov/oppbpd1/PESP/regional\\_grants/2007announcement.htm](http://www.epa.gov/oppbpd1/PESP/regional_grants/2007announcement.htm)

**Correction:** The December issue of the newsletter indicated that getting written approval before spending \$5,000 for equipment was a new requirement. It is not new. It's a newly emphasized requirement.

#### Mining & Indigenous Communities

The Indigenous Environmental Network and the Western Mining Action Network request proposals for the Indigenous Communities Mining Mini-Grant Program. This program supports capacity building efforts of mining-impacted indigenous communities, to assure that mining projects do not adversely affect human, cultural, and ecological health within their traditional territories. Individual grants are not to exceed \$4,000.

**Responses are due February 1, 2007 and June 1, 2007.** For more information: <http://fconline.foundationcenter.org/pnd/10004782/nativephilanthropy>



## Capacity Building Grants

F

All federally recognized tribes, including tribes in Alaska, are eligible to request funding under the *Brownfields State and Tribal Response Program*. **Requests will be accepted until February 15<sup>th</sup>.**

U

The goal of this funding is to ensure that tribal response programs include certain elements that help build program capacity to address and manage contaminated lands. About \$50 million will be available nationally. Individual requests may be made up to \$1.5 million to cover a one-year project period. In Region 10, which covers

N

D

Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, last year tribal requests ranged from \$27,000 to \$400,000. To learn more, read the guidance available at: <http://www.epa.gov/brownfields> then talk with your regional Brownfields Coordinator for details on how to apply.

Contact: Susan Morales, Region 10 Brownfields Coordinator, at 206-553-7299 or [morales.susan@epa.gov](mailto:morales.susan@epa.gov)

## Lead Poisoning Proposals

I

EPA is accepting proposals from federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal consortia to support tribal education outreach and to conduct a baseline assessment of tribal children's existing and potential exposure to lead-based paint and related lead-based paint hazards.

N

G

Activities eligible for funding include educational outreach, data gathering, inspections, risk assessments, training, and development of new and innovative approaches to identifying or reducing lead poisoning.

**The closing date for proposal applications is January 12, 2007.** If submitted via e-mail through [grants.gov](mailto:grants.gov), they must be received by 5 pm EST. More info at [http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/tribal\\_rfp\\_2006.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/lead/pubs/tribal_rfp_2006.pdf)

## Tribal Energy Program

As an implementing arm of the Tribal Energy Program, the Golden, Colorado Field Office solicits, awards, administers, and manages financial assistance agreements for renewal energy and energy efficiency on tribal lands.

The U.S. Department of Energy Tribal Energy Program is seeking applications for funding from federally recognized tribes, Alaskan Native villages, and Alaskan Native corporations for two funding opportunities: Feasibility of Renewable Energy Projects on Tribal Lands, and First Steps Toward Developing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency on Tribal Lands.

**Submission deadlines are February 6, 2007 and January 23, 2007**, respectively. For more information about Department of Energy grants, visit: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/financial.html>

T

## Inspector Training

R

A

I

N

I

N

G

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) will offer Tribal Basic Inspector Training in San Diego, CA from **January 23 to 26, 2007**. The course is designed for employees of federally recognized tribes or consortia with a functioning environmental compliance program, or who plan on developing one.

Several other program courses will be offered in 2007. Tentative plans are to offer the Tribal Basic Inspector Training again in Portland, Oregon later in the spring. For information: [www.nau.edu/itep](http://www.nau.edu/itep)

## EPA Underground Storage Tank Training

EPA Region 10 and the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona (ITCA), are hosting a 5-day Underground Storage Tank (UST) Operation and Maintenance training during **the week of February 5th** at the Suquamish Indian Tribe's Clearwater Casino and Resort in WA. Designed for tribal representatives responsible for USTs on tribal lands, it will include all the main elements of the federal UST program.

For information: Carl Jeffries of ITCA, 602-258-4822, [Carl.Jeffries@itcaonline.com](mailto:Carl.Jeffries@itcaonline.com) or at EPA, Charlotte Boulind-Yeung: 206-553-6315, [boulind-yeung.charlotte@epa.gov](mailto:boulind-yeung.charlotte@epa.gov).

T  
R  
A  
I  
N  
I  
N  
G

### CWA 106 Tribal Guidance Training

EPA Clean Water Act 106 Guidance training will be held in Seattle, WA, from **February 5 to 7, 2007**.

The training will include:

- An overview of new guidelines, including the fundamental, intermediate, mature tier system;
- Monitoring requirements, monitoring strategy, and water quality standards;
- Data input into a STORET-compatible database;
- Assessment reports; and
- 106 Funding.

For registration information, contact Alan Moomaw: 360-753-8071, [moomaw.alan@epa.gov](mailto:moomaw.alan@epa.gov) or Jenny Wu: 206-553-6328, [wu.jennifer@epa.gov](mailto:wu.jennifer@epa.gov)

E  
N  
V  
I  
R  
O  
P  
A  
R  
T  
N  
E  
R  
S  
H  
I  
P  
S



*The Nunakuyarmiut Tribe received a Level 1 CARE cooperative agreement.*  
Back row, from left: EPA Regional Administrator, Elin Miller, Katherine Ellanak, Henry Friday, EPA Tribal Coordinator Tami Fordham, Noah Lincoln, John Carl, Jessica Lewis; front row: Andrew George, EPA Administrator, Steve Johnson, Theresa Abraham.

### Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) Level 1

The Nunakuyarmiut Tribe is the federally recognized tribal government in Toksook Bay, Alaska, which is one of the members of the Nelson Island Consortium (NIC) of Caninermiut and Qaluyaak Communities. The closest translation from Yup'ik to English is "Working Together to Keep the Coastal and Nelson Island Communities and Environment Clean." In addition to Toksook Bay, the NIC consists of six other tribal communities: Chefnak, Newtok, Nightmute, Umkumiut, Tununak, and Kipnuk. Objectives include: reduction of exposure to toxic risks through collaborative action by communities; comprehensive identification of all toxic sources and the communities' priorities in addressing them; community-oriented effective partnerships with internal stakeholders (community members

and groups) and external partners. External partners will be sought to provide technical help in answering questions about Arctic Sink contaminants; effect of local utilities emissions on human health; global source pollution (such as Asian dust); permafrost melt and tundra degradation; toxics involved in subsistence practices; garbage burning in the village or at the open dumpsite; and how to minimize exposure to contaminants in subsistence practices. For more information about this project, please contact Tami Fordham at 907-271-1484. Information about the CARE program can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/care/>

### TEACH Covers Children's Health

The Toxicity and Exposure Assessment for Children's Health (TEACH) website contains summaries of scientific literature and U.S. federal regulations relevant to children's environmental health. TEACH currently focuses on information that pertains to 18 chemicals of concern.

The goal of the TEACH project is to complement existing children's health resources. TEACH does not provide an evaluation or critique the validity of the relevant scientific studies; nor does it derive toxicity values. The purpose is to summarize and organize information from many sources into one online resource. TEACH supports various efforts throughout the country that target the protection of children's health. Visit <http://www.epa.gov/teach>

### Handling Toxics Properly

Common household items, such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides, contain hazardous components. Although we cannot completely stop using hazardous products, we can make sure that leftovers are managed properly. Many communities have set up collection programs to keep hazardous products out of landfills and combustors.

More than 3,000 Household Hazardous Waste collection programs exist in the United States. For more information, visit: [epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/buyrec.htm](http://epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/muncpl/buyrec.htm) .

### Clean Water Act Guidance on 106 Grants

A new EPA publication will help Indian tribes design and implement successful water quality programs. The *Guidance on Awards of Grants to Indian Tribes* sets goals and requirements for grant recipients and provides a framework for evaluating program results. The guidelines will help redefine how tribes implement the Clean Water Act to protect, restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters. For information, contact Lena Ferris: 202-564-8831 or visit: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/cwfinance/>

### Water Efficiency

Which activity uses less water, a five-minute shower or a full bath? How can you test whether your toilet has a leak? How much of the Earth's water is available for human use? You can find the answers to these questions and more at EPA's new interactive quiz, "Test Your Water Sense." The quiz, created by EPA's WaterSense program, provides an entertaining way for adults and children to learn more about why it is important to save water and how to be more water efficient in your home. WaterSense Quiz: <http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water/test.htm>

### Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission

The Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission unveiled its new online blog, in December, as part of its Celilo Legacy project. The [we]blog will serve as a clearinghouse for public discourse, information, events, activities, and memorials in conjunction with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inundation of Celilo Falls on March 10, 1957.

The blog can be accessed by going to [www.critfc.org](http://www.critfc.org) and clicking on the "Celilo Legacy blog" image, or simply entering [www.critfc.org/celilo](http://www.critfc.org/celilo)

### Tribal Environmental Research Grant Information

Information about a wide variety of environmental research grants is available at EPA's research funding website. One science grant of interest to tribes **closes on January 23, 2007**. The topic is *Issues in Tribal Environmental Research and Health Promotion: Novel Approaches for Assessing and Managing Cumulative Risks and Impacts of Global Climate Change*.

For more information, see the 2007 STAR research grants list at: <http://es.epa.gov/ncer/rfa>



S  
T  
A  
T  
E

## ALASKA

### Alaska Office Welcomes Tribal Coordinator

The Anchorage Office has a new Tribal Coordinator. Sherry Kimmons, enthusiastic and already busy, took over work formerly managed by Fred Matsuno. She has been engaged in the Indian General Assistance (IGAP) program, working mainly with tribes in the Yukon/Eastern Interior Alaska, and is currently reviewing IGAP proposals received for the current funding period.

Sherry has been “very happy” since starting with the Tribal Trust and Assistance Unit in September. Asked about the busy pace of her work, she says, “I love it!”

Sherry can be reached at [kimmons.sherry@epa.gov](mailto:kimmons.sherry@epa.gov) or 907-271-6322.

E  
N  
V  
I  
R  
O

### RAVEN AmeriCorps Member Position

The Rural Alaska Village Environmental Network Youth Development AmeriCorps Program (RAVEN YDA) and EPA provide a community service and training program to help rural Alaskan communities address local environmental concerns and increase youth involvement in community projects. The RAVEN YDA Program year runs from January 2007 through January 2008.

Members serve as community educators and role models while organizing projects, recruiting volunteers and mentoring youth.

RAVEN AmeriCorps members receive a living allowance of \$1,200 per month, health insurance (and/or child care if eligible), and free training, as well as an education award of \$4,725 following one year of service (1700 hours).

Twenty RAVEN AmeriCorps members will be employed to identify ways to improve the environmental conditions in their community.

For an application packet or if you have questions, please contact RurAL CAP at 800-478-7227, e-mail [comdev@ruralcap.com](mailto:comdev@ruralcap.com) or visit: <http://www.ruralcap.com>.

N  
E  
W  
S

## OREGON

### Umatilla Tribes Have Air Quality Authority

EPA has delegated authority for open burning to the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation (CTUIR) to regulate air quality on the reservation. Antone Minthorn, chairman of the CTUIR Board of Trustees, and Ronald Kreizenbeck, Acting Administrator for EPA Region 10, signed an agreement August, 21 2006. CTUIR is the second tribe in the United States to gain this authority.

quality issues on the reservation, the tribes, with EPA support, have formed an Office of Air Quality in the tribal Department of Science and Engineering.

Beginning January 1, 2007, the tribes now issue burn permits for agriculture, forest and residential burns, including burn barrels. All permits will be free. People will be required to call the tribes in order to find if the day has been designated as a burn day.

To administer Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR) and take a larger role in air



U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Region 10 Tribal Program  
1200 Sixth Avenue, ETPA-085  
Seattle, Washington 98101-1128

Check out EPA's page of links for Web-savvy kids:  
<http://www.epa.gov/indian/kidlinks.htm>

### To Report Spills and Accidents

Note these emergency numbers to call in the event of hazardous material spills or accidents.

<b>Alaska</b>	800-478-9300	<b>Washington</b>	800-258-5990
<b>Idaho</b>	800-424-8802	<b>National (EPA)</b>	800-424-8301
<b>Oregon</b>	800-452-0311		

*Region 10 Tribal Newsletter*

*January 2007*