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Work Shops and Conferences

April 21-25, Northwest Indian Youth Conference, Doubletree Hotel, SeaTac, WA. Sherry Padilla

April 22-23, Environmental Economics for Non-Economists, Seattle, WA. For information on this workshop see article on this page.

May 22, Region 10 Operator Certification Training, Lucky Eagle Casino, WA. Info: 541/928-5211.

September 7-9, Annual Biosolids Management conference, Chelan, WA. Info: 206/684-1145.

September 9-11, Workshop on Mining Impacted Native American Lands 2003, Reno, NV. Norman Lewis 513/569-7665, or Alina Martin 703/318-4678 or www.epa.gov/ttbnrmrl.

October 26-29, Region 10, Native American Day at National Brownfields Conference, Portland, OR. For information: Susan Morales 206/553-7299.

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Earth Day

In a response commensurate with the many environmental problems, and estimated 20 million Americans gathered together on April 22, 1970, to participate in a spectacularly well-publicized environmental demonstration known as "Earth Day."

Earth Day, April 22, is a day to show how much we care about protecting public health and the environment. Do something for those that will follow us.

ABC's Dream Keepers

Mark your calendars for Dream Keepers, a Native Miniseries on ABC, produced by Hallmark Entertainment, called "Dream Keepers." Sunday, May 11, 2003, 8-10pm ET/PT, Monday, May 12, 2003, 9-11pm ET/PT.

http://www.hallmarkent.com/minisite.cgi?property_ID=DreamKeeper

Environmental Economics Workshop for Non-Economists

On April 22-24, 2003, at Plymouth Congregational church (across the street from the EPA Regional Office) in Seattle.

About the Workshop: This workshop introduces fundamental economic concepts and the latest economic valuation methodologies applied to environmental and resource issues. Building on this, the workshop then reviews the various types of economic analyses used in environmental policy-making. Workshop material will be covered by lectures and case studies with active attendee participation, and assumes

that attendees do not have an in-depth understanding of environmental economics.

The workshop is designed to impart a fundamental understanding and application of environmental economics, including the relevance of environmental valuation and economic analysis, as a tool in the decision-making process. This will enable attendees to better identify and discuss the relevant economic issues, and better understand the role the economist plays in producing a work product that more adequately addresses environmental issues for policy-makers.

Who should attend? All staff, managers and policy-makers who deal with environmental and natural resources issues. The workshop is open to EPA, other federal, state and local agencies, Tribes, and environmental interest groups.

Registration: Registration is

required, but there is no registration fee. To register or for questions on registration contact Dianne Ruthruff at: ruthruff.diane@epa.gov, or 206/553-5139. For questions about the workshop contact Elliot Rosenberg: rosenberg.elliott@epa.gov or 206/553-1546 .

DOE

Steve Grey, head of the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's American Indian program, has been chosen as Indian affairs director for the U.S. Department of Energy. Steve, who grew up on the Navajo reservation, has managed a DOE field office at the Navajo Community College in Shiprock, N.M. He is also chairman of the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission.

ILI

The Indigenous Language Institute (ILI) was founded as the Institute for the Preservation of the Original Languages of the Americans (POLA) by Joanna Hess in 1992 in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The ILI has recognized the imminent loss of indigenous peoples' languages and promotes public awareness of this crisis. For additional information: <http://www.inigenous-language.org>.

EPA Clearinghouse

EPA has an online information clearinghouse to help you find the resources you need in: ♦Training ♦Grants ♦Curricula ♦Speakers ♦Programs ♦Field Study Sites ♦Publications and ♦Teaching Kits: : www.epa.gov/r10earth/clearinghouse

Water Protection Conference

2003 National Source Water Protection Conference Set For June 2-4. EPA's Office of Water is pleased to invite you to participate in

the 2003 National Source Water Protection (SWP) Conference June 2-4 at the Hotel Washington in Washington, DC. With over 165,000 source water assessments nearing completion, the National Source Water Protection Conference will promote protection planning and coordination, fostering partnerships, and identifying opportunities that lead to successful implementation of drinking water protection. The conference will bring together various Federal, Tribal, State, and local officials; Interstate organizations; watershed managers; conservation partners; members of environmental, public health, business, and citizens' organizations; technical assistance providers and others to learn about effective actions that prevent contamination of drinking water sources.

G. Tracy Mehan, III, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, will be the keynote speaker. He will discuss "Challenges and Opportunities of Source Water Protection." In addition, the conference will provide a wide variety of action oriented sessions that will enable participants to: *Build Networks and Partnerships to Promote Protection *Incorporate Protection Goals into Other Responsibilities *Find Tools and Funding to Make Protection Happen *Identify Opportunities and Overcome Challenges

For more: <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect/swpconf.html> or call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800/426-4791. Advanced sign-up is required.

Recognition Awards

The EPA's Clean Water Act Recognition Awards. These awards will recognize municipalities and industries for outstanding and innovative technological achievements through their waste treatment and

pollution abatement programs, projects or activities. Applications are due May 30, 2003. For more:

<http://www.epa.gov/OW-OWM.html/mtb/intnet.htm>

Trees Reduce Stormwater

American Forests has produced a fact sheet called "Stormwater Phase II Action Alert," which describes how communities can use trees as a way to reduce stormwater runoff. The fact sheet defines the Stormwater Phase II regulation, what communities are affected, and what must be included in a stormwater management plan. For more: <http://www.americanforests.org/graytogreen/stormwater/>

Guide for Arsenic

The EPA Office of Water has published a guidance document entitled "Complying With the Revised Drinking Water Standard for Arsenic: Small Entity Compliance Guide." The guide provides small systems with step-by-step instructions on meeting the revised rule, from determining if the system has an arsenic problem, to arsenic monitoring requirements. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=554>

EPA Year of Clean Water

As you may know if you saw it in the February newsletter, EPA has extended 2002's Year of Clean Water into 2003! This celebrates 30 years of progress under the federal Clean Water Act. EPA has new outreach and education materials available for your use for each month. Each month focuses on a different water-related theme.

March is Nonpoint Source Pollution Awareness Month. Some of the new outreach materials available are a poster called "Preventing Polluted Runoff: Everybody's Business," a bookmark with tips on preventing polluted runoff, and fact sheets on preventing agricultural and urban runoff. Several other materials are included, including some storm water materials. If you would like a folder or more information, please call Debra Sherbina toll-free at 800/424-4372, extension 0247. These materials are also stocked at EPA's Seattle Public Environmental Resource Center.

Water themes for the next several months are: ✓April: Storm Water ✓May: Wetlands ✓June: To Be Announced ✓July: Lakes ✓August/September: Water Conservation ✓October: Water Monitoring

For more information on the Year of Clean Water, see the EPA website at: <http://www.epa.gov/water/yearofcleanwater/month.html>, or the national website at <http://www.yearofcleanwater.org>. The materials for each month are available as electronic files on the EPA website.

EMS

EPA's Office of Water announced that eight organizations from across the nation will serve as Environmental Management System Local Resource Centers, where local governments can go to make their operations more environmentally friendly.

This should help local communities treat their wastewater more effectively and efficiently and reduce cost to taxpayers. For more information:

www.peercenter.net/resourcenters or contact Nick Martin at 703/750-6401 or nmartin@getf.org

NEPIS

EPA's National Environmental Publications Information System at www.epa.gov/clariton allows users to order hard copies of documents and print and view some EPA documents online.

By conducting a simple search, documents can be viewed as page images. By doing an enhanced search, documents can be viewed as page images, however, they can also be viewed as text files, which can be searched further. Another option is to conduct an EPA site search, which searches all Web pages and PDFs located on the EPA Public Access Server.

Watershed Roundtable

Watershed Roundtable will be held May 7-8 tribal in Yakama, WA. If you plan on attending please contact Sandi Palmer at the Yakama Nation. Sandi's email is: sandi@yakama.com. Her phone number is: 509/865-4946.

Business Opportunity

Harvard's Summer Venture in Management Program (SVMP) is requesting your help in identifying high potential African American, Hispanic American, and Native American students for their Summer Venture in Management Program (SVMP). This program seeks to expose talented minority college juniors to general management in the business world.

During one week in June, at no expense to the student, Harvard Business School hosts these talented college students and provides teaching instruction from leading faculty, on campus housing and different seminars/events that introduce the students to business education.

These students are immersed in a rigorous and stimulating classroom environment that mirrors the learning

environment of Harvard's MBA Program.

Please encourage any interested students to the Summer Ventures in Management Program (SVMP) on the following web site: http://www.hbs.edu/mba/experience/meet/diversity/svmp_further_info.html

Application deadline is April 30, 2003

Homeland Security

The National League of cities is making available several useful publications through their Web site: www.nlc.org or by phone at 202/626-3000. New guidebooks are available with key issues focusing on specific aspects of assessing threats and being prepared.

The National League of Cities is the oldest and largest national organization representing municipal governments throughout the United States. Its mission is to strengthen and promote cities as centers of opportunity, leadership, and governance.

Evaluating Wetland Nutrient

EPA has published 12 modules that were presented at a workshop in March 2003. It is hoped that these modules will help as nutrient problems and biological assessments in wetlands are addressed.

It has been especially difficult to develop nutrient criteria for wetlands due to lack of existing data. So, in the quest for more data, it became prudent that EPA assist the states and authorized tribes, through the module medium, on ways they can start evaluating wetland conditions.

The published wetland modules can be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/criteria/wetlands/index.html>

For additional information call Ifeyinwa Davis at 202/566-1096

Vulnerability Workbook

The National environmental Training Center for small communities has developed a workbook-style guide specifically designed to assist small communities in identifying vulnerable components of their wastewater system and prioritizing appropriate corrective actions. It is available free to download from the Website:

<http://www.netc.wvu.edu>. Titled *Protecting Your Community's Assets: A Guide for Small Wastewater Systems*, it takes local decision makers and system personnel through the process of an easy to use checklist for taking inventory of assets, assessing threats and assessing vulnerability. A systematic framework in outline that ranks potential corrective actions and established appropriate priorities for need action.

Tribal Education Grants

The purpose of the Community Technology Centers (COS) program is to promote the use of technology in education through the development of model programs that demonstrate the educational effectiveness of technology in low-income or economically distressed urban and rural communities. Two grants are currently available; the first is Community Technology Centers Program Grant - 84.341A. To see the abstract of this grant visit:

<http://fundingopps.cos.com/cgi-bin/g>

[etRec?id=62312](http://fr.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=62312). Contact: ctc@ed.gov. For further information: COS Federal Register:

<http://fr.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=20020604a9>. Tentative deadline to apply is July 2003.

The second grant is the Indian Education Discretionary Grant-84.299B. Contact

Cathie.Martin@ed.gov. For further information: COS Federal Register: <http://fr.cos.com/cgi-bin/getRec?id=20020723a49>

Deadline to apply: August 22, 2003.

Grants for Firefighters

The application process is open for fire departments to apply for the approximately \$750 million in money available through the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program. These monies help rural, urban and suburban fire departments better train, prepare and equip themselves.

The on-line application form is available on the web at: www.usfa.fema.gov and fire departments will have until April 11, 2003 at 5 pm, to complete and submit their applications.

To find out more about the assistance to Firefighters Grant Program or other preparedness programs you may contact EPR's Office of Legislative Affairs at 202/646-4500.

ALASKA

■ Risk Communication Training: Space Available! U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine "Introductory Risk Communication Workshop." No registration fee! April 15-17, 2003. Anchorage, Alaska. Location: Joint Regional Environmental Training Center 655 Richardson Drive Ft. Richardson, AK Register on-line:

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil>, click "Training/Conferences," and scroll to "Introductory and Intermediate Health Risk Communication." Course length: 3 days. Who should attend: Health Professionals, Environmental Managers, Public Affairs Officers and others responsible for developing collaborative partnerships, and communicating with stakeholders on Health, Environmental, Safety, Readiness and Homeland Security risk issues.

Course description: This course is designed to provide the participant with a basic understanding of the concepts, principles, and process of effective risk communication planning. It provides the participant with an understanding of essential communication skills and tools for building strategic stakeholder relationships that provide the framework for discussion of complex risk issues. When completed, the participant will understand the: history and philosophy of risk communication; steps of the strategic risk communication; planning and implementation process; importance of identifying, understanding, and collaborating with key stakeholders; communication skills; and potential tools for building, maintaining, and repairing strategic partnerships essential to effective communication; pitfalls to effective risk communication; techniques for addressing distrust, controversy, and tough

questions; and basic tools for engaging the media.

For more information, contact the CHPPM Health Risk Communication Program, Ms. Suaquita Perry, 410/436-3515 or Suaquita.Perry@APG.AMEDD.ARMY.MIL.

■Conference, "A Subsistence Technical Planning Meeting, To Protect Traditional - Tribal Lifeways." The conference will be held April 12-15, 2003 in Anchorage. It is targeted to tribal technical experts. The meeting is open to all tribes. Registration for this meeting is still open. Tribes should contact Roland Shanks, Alaska Native Science Commission, 907/258-2672, if they are interested in registering or if they have questions.

■April 23-25 - Statewide Tribal Integrated Resource Management Planning Conference hosted by the Native Village of Eyak in Cordova, AK. An **IRMP** is a plan and tool for Tribes addressing environmental Natural Resources Issues. For information: Iris O'Brien at 907/424-7783 or iobrien@tribalnet.org

OREGON

■Donald Sampson has been hired as the executive director for the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. Mr. Sampson is currently executive director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland, where he has worked since 1997 following four years as chairman of the CTUIR's elected Board of Trustees.

WASHINGTON

■April 7-11, WORC Compost Facility Operator Training WS, Puyallup, WA.

