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## LETTER

# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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### <> CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS <>

#### August

- 4-7 **Air Toxics Summit 2008, Boise, ID.** Info: Ashley Zanolli 206-553-4452
- 19-20 **Adaptive Governance and Climate Change, Wildhorse Resort and Convention Center, Pendleton, OR.** Info: [www.iiirm.org](http://www.iiirm.org) (See Second article)
- 25-28 **Native Health Research, Portland, OR.**  
Info: 503-283-4466 or [www.redlion.com/jantzbeach](http://www.redlion.com/jantzbeach)

#### September

- 15-19 **Wetlands Symposium, Portland, OR.**  
Info: [www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2008/index.htm](http://www.aswm.org/calendar/wetlands2008/index.htm)

### Tribal Nonpoint Source 319 Webinar

This Webinar, is designed for those tribes who want to become 319-eligible, are newly eligible, or for staff new to the 319 program. Topics covered include TAS for 319 eligibility, developing an assessment and management program, describing the bases and competitive funding process, and putting together an effective work plan. This webinar will include a Q&A period.

Fundamentals of the Tribal Nonpoint Source Program (section 319) will be presented at: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM EDT on **August 12, 2008**. To reserve your Webinar seat now: [www2.gotomeeting.com/register/757254024](http://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/757254024)

### Adaptive Governance and Climate Change

This workshop is hosted by the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Dept. of Science and Engineering (CTUIR-DOSE) and the International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management (IIIRM).

Date: **August 19-20, 2008**. Location: Wildhorse Resort and Convention Center, Pendleton Oregon. Lodging: Wildhorse Resort 800-654-9453. Registration: Free.

See: [www.iiirm.org](http://www.iiirm.org) for more information or call DOSE at 541-966-2804.

### Funding Sources for Communities

A grants list of the updated version to the Funding Sources for Communities matrix can be viewed by going to the following Web address: [www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html](http://www.epa.gov/region09/funding/index.html)

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**Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Nos: 66.808**

This notice announces the availability of funds and solicits proposals to support training, technical assistance, research and studies that will support the participation of tribal co-regulators in the formulation of federal/tribal environmental policies in Indian country on EPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response (OSWER) related tribal programs. The recipient will conduct two separate projects that will promote discussion, collaboration and partnership among tribes and federal agency representatives. Project One will fund training, technical assistance, research and studies that will support the participation of tribal co-regulators, conducted within a "tribal framework" (i.e., a structure such as a council or workgroup composed of tribal co-regulators), to assist in promoting preservation and restoration of lands in Indian country, and addressing policy analysis needs of tribes at the national level. Funds awarded under Project Two will be used to conduct research on hazardous substance policy and technical issues in Indian country.

Info: Felicia Wright at 202-566-1886.

Closing date **August 11, 2008.**

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**Wildlife Conservation Board (WCB) Ecosystem Restoration on Agricultural Lands (ERAL)**

The WCB now has funding for grants specific to ERAL. Under Proposition 84 the WCB received \$5 million dollars to "Assist Farmers in Integrating Agricultural Activities with Ecosystem Restoration and Wildlife Protection". Eligible funding applicants include agricultural and conservation related non-profit groups, along with public entities involved in working with private agricultural land owners. The types of projects to be funded are restoration and enhancement projects that provide long-term, durable habitat benefits to wildlife on working agricultural lands, with a special focus on private farms. Additional information regarding how to apply for these funds, including project selection and time-lines are available on the WCB's web page: [www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral\\_project.asp](http://www.wcb.ca.gov/Pages/eral_project.asp)

**Advanced Notice to Tribes, Local Governments and Special Purpose Districts in Region 10 Coastal Watersheds.**

Region 10's coastal watersheds stretch from Alaska to Oregon's southern boarder. They include watersheds draining to directly to coastal and tidally influenced waters. In September 2008 EPA Region 10 will open a solicitation for project proposals to receive funding through the Region 10's West Coast Estuaries Initiative (WEI) Program. Region 10's WEI supports the protection and restoration of high value, coastal aquatic resources and the enhancement of local programs in areas threatened by growth pressures. Tribal and local governments and special purpose districts are uniquely positioned to address and minimize the impacts of population growth and land development through their land use management authorities. EPA is looking for opportunities to assist these entities in integrating land use programs with watershed management to protect and restore coastal watersheds.

Proposals should range from \$400,000 to \$600,000 for work over a 2-4 year period. With approximately \$2.8 million in funding, Region 10 anticipates funding 5-7 grants.

For additional information, see the fact sheet posted on EPA Region 10 website at [www.epa.gov/r10earth](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth) In September, look for the request for proposals on-line at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and on EPA Region 10 website at: [www.epa.gov/r10earth](http://www.epa.gov/r10earth)

Anticipated closing date will be December 1.

**Manual Helps Measure Progress in Estuaries**

The *Indicator Development for Estuaries* manual is designed to improve measuring progress in the National Estuary Program estuaries and other estuaries. It is organized to provide the user with a logical, stepwise process for developing and implementing indicators for the estuarine environment. Indicators can provide cost-effective information on the status and trends of a system, the effectiveness of management actions and allow for mid-course corrections. Indicators also provide information to inform diverse audiences including environmental managers, scientists, resource managers and the public on the status and progress of restoration efforts. The manual is available at [www.epa.gov/owow/estuaries/](http://www.epa.gov/owow/estuaries/)

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### Water Quality Standards Academy: New On-line Training Course

EPA has developed a multi-media, web-based training course for state and tribal employees and the general public on key aspects of the water quality standards program and other related Clean Water Act programs. This internet-based training program is an abbreviated version of the week-long, in-class Water Quality Standards Academy course, and includes the following modules:

- (1) Introduction to EPA and the Clean Water Act,
- (2) Waterbody Uses,
- (3) Water Quality Criteria,
- (4) Antidegradation,
- (5) Standards Submittal and Approval, and
- (6) Variances, Using Attainability Analyses, Mixing Zones and Other Flexibility Options.

Each of the modules is designed to be completed in about 15 minutes. The modules present text-based information across a sequence of pages that include user interactions, links to further information and resources, brief video clips that expand on important points, and brief quizzes.

The online training course is designed for people with little familiarity with the water quality standards program, but it can also serve as a good refresher for people with experience in this subject.

To access course visit: [www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/academy](http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/academy)

For more information, please contact Ibrahim (Bryan) Goodwin at 202-566-0762 or [goodwin.bryan@epa.gov](mailto:goodwin.bryan@epa.gov)

Thank you for your participation and please feel free to forward this on to other environmental leaders and staff. Do not hesitate to contact us at the email address for any questions: [r10tribalcaucus@nezperce.org](mailto:r10tribalcaucus@nezperce.org)

Please click on the link below to begin the survey: [www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rhUk2nIRJkjjfu4aOnLGfg\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rhUk2nIRJkjjfu4aOnLGfg_3d_3d)  
Or simply log onto the RTOC website: [www.r10tribalcaucus.org](http://www.r10tribalcaucus.org)  
Click on the "Updates" page and click on the survey link. Thank you.

### Energy Saving Tips

Make it a full load. The average washing machine uses 40.9 gallons of water per load. Buy a high-efficiency washer or save up for full loads. More about using water wisely:

[www.epa.gov/watersense/water/simple.htm](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water/simple.htm)

Want more tips? Visit EPA's Earth Day site to learn more about Earth Day, the US Environmental Protection Agency, and what you can do to help protect human health and the environment.

[www.epa.gov/earthday/tips2.htm](http://www.epa.gov/earthday/tips2.htm)

Be creative about reducing waste. Give pet hamsters or gerbils cardboard tubes to play with. Use an egg carton to plant seedlings. Other creative tips to reduce waste:

[www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/reduce/catbook/tip12.htm](http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/non-hw/reduce/catbook/tip12.htm)

Listen to today's tip podcast: "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle": [www.epa.gov/earthday/podcasts](http://www.epa.gov/earthday/podcasts)

### About Energy Star

Energy Star was introduced by the EPA in 1992 as a voluntary market-based partnership to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through increased energy efficiency. Today, Energy Star offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect the environment for future generations. More than 12,000 organizations are Energy Star partners committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes, buildings and businesses. For more information about Energy Star, visit: [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov) or call toll-free 888-STAR-YES or 888-782-7937.

### Educational Materials for Kids and Teachers - A Day in the Life of a Drop

*A Day in the Life of a Drop* teaches students about the connections between the sources of the water they use and how that use affects human health and the environment. These fun learning materials include a teachers' guide, two student worksheets, a spreadsheet to track water use at home, and a pledge for students and their families to 'filter out bad water habits.' The new curriculum can be found on EPA's Web site at [www.epa.gov/watersense/water/drop.htm](http://www.epa.gov/watersense/water/drop.htm)

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### Exchange Network

The Exchange Network: A Tool for Better environmental Management. The Exchange Networks is a partnership to support better environmental decisions through improved access to, and exchange of, improved environmental information.

The Exchange Network is an internet and standards-based method for securely exchanging environmental information between partners. It is a better method for data exchange among states, tribes, and EPA. It is an efficient business process to help reduce operational costs. It helps make better environmental decisions through improved data quality and access.

With The Exchange Network tribes can:

- Have access to environmental and health concern information (eg.methamphetamines),
- Provide evidence to Congress to obtain funds to address environmental issues (eg. Solid, hazardous wastes, clean water),
- Share information with other agencies (eg. Open dump information to EPA and Indian Health Service),
- Comply with federal regulations ( eg. Air Quality System (AQS) data.

Many tribes are already using the Exchange Network. For more information: [www.exchangenetwork.net](http://www.exchangenetwork.net)

### Power, Buildings, Transportation, and Climate

The Energy Foundation accepts proposals on a continuous basis in the areas of power, building, transportation, and climate. The Foundation's mission is to advance energy efficiency and renewable energy, an essential component of a clean energy future. For more information, go to: [www.ef.org/](http://www.ef.org/)

### EPA's Enforcement & Compliance History Online (ECHO)

The ECHO site provides integrated compliance and enforcement information for approximately 800,000 regulated facilities nationwide. The site allows users to find information about inspections, violations, enforcement actions, informal enforcement actions, and penalties for facilities for the past 3 years.  
[www.epa-echo.gov/echo/index.html](http://www.epa-echo.gov/echo/index.html)

### Tribal Compliance Assistance Center

EPA's web-based Tribal Compliance Assistance Center is now available to provide comprehensive compliance assistance and pollution prevention information for regulated activities in Indian Country. For more information, go to the following site: [www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance](http://www.epa.gov/tribalcompliance)

This center is designed to help tribal environmental professionals and facility owners and operators comply with environmental regulations and get information on topics including waste management, air and water resources, drinking water, and public safety. From the Tribal Center, viewers can report a complaint to EPA, find out the compliance status of facilities in Indian Country, learn how to apply for federal grants, and locate EPA personnel who can answer your environmental compliance questions. If access to the Internet is limited, much of the Tribal Center's information is found in the Profile of Tribal Government Operations which can be ordered by calling 800-490-9198. All of EPA's compliance assistance centers are found at [www.assistancecenters.net](http://www.assistancecenters.net) If you have any questions about the Tribal Center or the Profile of Tribal Government Operations, contact Jonathan Binder at 202-564-2516, [binder.jonathan@epa.gov](mailto:binder.jonathan@epa.gov) or Catherine Tunis at 202-564-0476, [tunis.catherine@epa.gov](mailto:tunis.catherine@epa.gov) or by mail: EPA, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Mail Code 2224A, Washington DC 20460.

### Global Change on Human Health

The EPA has released a report that discusses the potential impacts of climate change on human health, human welfare, and communities in the U.S. The report, entitled "Analyses of the Effects of Global Change on Human Health and Welfare and Human Systems," also identifies adaptation strategies to help respond to the challenges of a changing climate and identifies near- and long-term research goals for addressing data and knowledge gaps.

The report discusses the challenges and potential effects of climate change, including unusual or unexpected weather, and how some individuals and communities may be disproportionately affected by climate change, including older adults, the poor, children, and people with chronic medical conditions. However, the U.S. has well-developed public health infrastructures and environmental programs that protect our air and water, which can help minimize the impacts. For more information see: [cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=197244](http://cfpub.epa.gov/ncea/cfm/recordisplay.cfm?deid=197244)

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### **Giving Small Water Systems a Free Check Up**

EPA is rolled out an important management tool for small drinking water and wastewater systems. At the National Rural Water Association Rally, Administrator Stephen L. Johnson announced the availability of Check Up Program for Small Systems (CUPSS). This user-friendly computer-based program assists owners and operators in developing and using plans for maintaining their systems and providing service to their customers.

“Through effective and efficient management, small utilities are supporting the lifeblood of their communities – their water,” said EPA Administrator Stephen L. Johnson. “CUPSS will assist our partners by giving them a tool to better preserve and enhance America’s precious water resources.”

The program uses information provided on the system’s assets, operation and maintenance activities and financial status to produce a prioritized asset inventory, financial reports and a customized asset management plan. Asset management programs support informed budget discussions, boost efficiency of the utility, and improve customer service by ensuring clean and safe water at competitive prices.

CUPSS was developed by the Office of Water as part of the agency’s Sustainable Infrastructure Initiative. The effort received input from a large stakeholder workgroup, including representatives from several states, the National Rural Water Association, the Rural Community Assistance Partnership, and Environmental Finance Centers.

The CUPSS program and all supporting materials are available for immediate download. Kits including the material will also be available in May.

For more information on CUPSS, including program downloads and ordering information, visit [www.epa.gov/cupss](http://www.epa.gov/cupss)

EPA’s newly updated web site for small public water systems is available at [www.epa.gov/safewater/smallsystems](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/smallsystems)

### **Climate Partnership**

EPA is releasing a new resource, A Business Guide to U.S. EPA Climate Partnership Programs, for businesses committed to addressing the risks and opportunities associated with climate change. The guide features profiles on 35 EPA climate-change related partnership programs, as well as a handy table so companies can look up programs most appropriate for their industry and business objectives. Each program profile defines the environmental value delivered by the program and the business case for participating, such as cost savings, operational efficiency, reduced business risk, new or expanded markets, enhanced reputation and brand protection.

The guide also describes the benefits of partnering with EPA, such as environmental performance benchmarking, public recognition, professional training and networking, and preparation for regulatory developments. There are currently more than 13,000 firms and other organizations participating in EPA climate-related partnership programs. Through participation, members are investing in energy efficiency, clean energy supply, and other practices and technologies for mitigating climate risks.

EPA developed the guide in consultation with Businesses for Social Responsibility (BSR), a nonprofit business association. BSR, which provides practical resources for businesses seeking sustainable solutions, is promoting the guide to its 250 members and other Global 1000 enterprises. For copies: [www.epa.gov/partners](http://www.epa.gov/partners)

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### **Native American Walkers**

Native Americans walk across America: About 40 Native American walkers - teenagers, young adults, middle-aged and older adults alike - are taking part in the second Longest Walk by Indian tribes. The 4,400 mile walk started in San Francisco, and is designed to raise awareness about preservation of sacred Native American sites as well as call attention to the environment and global warming. More: [www.publicopiniononline.com/ci\\_9695299?source=most\\_emailed](http://www.publicopiniononline.com/ci_9695299?source=most_emailed)



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### Got News?

The Region 10 Tribal Newsletter invites you, our readers, to submit ideas and articles for consideration and to share your successes and challenges. Photographs are also welcome. Please submit articles to: Don Creek, EPA, 811 S.W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, OR 97204 or e-mail [creek.don@epa.gov](mailto:creek.don@epa.gov).

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### 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>	800-632-8000	<b>National (EPA)</b>	800-424-8301
<b>Oregon</b>	800-452-0311		