

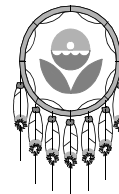
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Work Shops and Conferences

September 19-22, ATNI, 52nd Annual Conference, Coeur d' Alene, ID. 503/249-5770

October 3-5, American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES), 27th Annual Conference, Charlotte, NC. Cristy Davies 505/765-1052 ext. 108

October 6-9, National Indian Education Association 36th Annual Conference, Denver CO. 703/838-2870

October 24-26, Western Wetland Conference: Collaboration across Boundaries, Denver, CO. See ***

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RTOC Meeting

The next Regional Tribal Operations Committee meeting will be held in Seattle at EPA, from July 19-21. For the agenda, logistics, or other information, please call Marybell Austin at: 206/53-7263, or email at: austin.marybell@epa.gov

*****Western Wetland Conference**

The Western Wetland conference, open to all who value wetlands, is being held October 24-26 at the Denver Marriott West in Denver, Colorado. This working conference presents an opportunity to learn about models and

approaches for success, a chance to discuss your own priorities and successes, and networking with people interested in wetlands through the western 17 state region.

Participants include private, non-profit, and governmental representatives from local, state, tribal and federal government. Anyone who has an interest in wetland conservation, protection, and mitigation is welcome to participate. It is expected that participants will come with a range of perspectives and experiences. Anyone from the 17 state region is eligible to participate. Scholarships are available. For info:

jkeigley@montana.edu

Resources Management

Luis A. Luna was sworn in Monday, May 2, 2005 as the assistant Administrator for the Office of Administration and Resources Management at the EPA. In this role, he is responsible for the agency's hiring and personnel policies affecting 18,000 federal employees nationwide, facilities management, a \$1.2 billion procurement program and the

administration of EPA's grants totaling \$4 billion annually.

Drinking Water Conference

The Navajo Nation and EPA are hosting "Safeguarding Drinking Water for Future Generations" July 12-15 at the Navajo Nation Museum, Window Rock, Arizona.

Highlights: Operator Certification Training, 2-Day Emergency Response Planning Workshop, Detection & Exceedances, Backflow Prevention & Cross-Connection Control, Pumps & Motors Maintenance, Water System Management, Tribal Jurisdiction Issues, Reporting & Record-keeping, Regulations & Enforcement, Minimum Design Standards, GIS Integration with Water Management and Hydraulic Modeling. Info: www.navajopublicwater.org

Indoor Air Training

The American Lung Association Health House program is providing Hands-On Indoor Air Quality Training for

Tribal Professionals. The Training sessions are sponsored by the EPA so participants can attend at no cost! The classes begin in July of 2005 and run through 2008. For more: <http://www.healthhouse.org/TribalTraining/index.asp>

Smart Growth Assistance

The Development, Community and Environment Division in EPA's Office of Policy, Economics and Innovation is seeking applications from communities that want to develop in ways that meet environmental and other community goals. A team of multidisciplinary experts will provide technical assistance to communities that are selected. For more: http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/sg_implementation.htm or Mary Kay (Santore)Bailey, 202/566-2859

Lead Hazards

The Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe of Maine has a Tribal Based Environmental Protection Web site <http://www.tbep.net> on products that were developed to educate children and their parents on lead hazards. Feel free to browse and download any of these products. You might also look at the Lead Tracker Teachers Manual at: <http://tbep.net/LEADTRACKER/index.htm>

Domain Name

A cooperative agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior (DOI) Indian Affairs eGovernment initiative will allow federally

recognized Indian tribes to participate in a program that will provide a domain name suffix identifying the tribe on the World Wide Web as a government entity. A tribe's domain name suffix will include a dash, the letters nsn and the .gov designation. The nsn acronym stands for native sovereign nation, when combined with www and the tribe's name it will look like: www.tribesname-nsn.gov. For more information please contact Paul Marsden, eGovernment Officer at 703/390-6308.

NCCR

EPA is releasing the second National Coastal Condition Report (NCCR), updating the first report issued in 2001. The information is based on four years of sound, EPA-sponsored consistent monitoring data from 23 coastal states, NOAA, USGS and USFWS. It serves as a continuing foundation for the EPA's efforts to protect, manage, and restore coastal ecosystems. The NCCR II will help environmental managers identify existing and emerging problems, establish quantifiable trends, and evaluate month by month by calling 800/490-9198 and requesting EPA publication #620/R-03/002; in the meantime, copies can be printed from the EPA Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/oceans/nccr2>

Idling Law

In an effort to create consistent laws across the country EPA will host the first state/industry workshops to develop a model state or local idling law for heavy-duty trucks and buses. About half

the country has state or local laws limiting the amount of time a vehicle can idle.

Many of these laws differ from state to state creating an inconsistent patchwork of laws which is confusing to truck drivers and fleets. For example, some state laws limit idling to 3, 5, 10 or 30 minutes, and others exempt a truck from the time limit if the temperature is below 10, 20 or 32 degrees. EPA will convene representatives from state air pollution control agencies, trucking associations, truck drivers, environmental organizations and health associations. The goal is to develop a consensus approach to eliminate these inconsistencies. The workshops will be held in Washington, D.C. over the next few months.

Dates will be announced later. For more information about this effort, or to request participation in the workshops visit:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartway>

Coastal Population Trend

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has released a new report, "Population Trends Along the Coastal United States: 1980-2008. The report provides coastal resource managers and stakeholders with information to enhance coastal population by 2008. The report provides coastal resource managers and stakeholders with information to enhance coastal management decision making. For more: <http://www.lgea.org/documents/completecoastal.pdf>

Biomass-to-Ethanol

Half the automotive fuel in the United States could be replaced with ethanol from renewable agricultural crops and forest waste, says a University of Florida researcher who has developed a biotechnology "bug" that converts biomass and other farm wastes into fuel.

"We can reduce our dependence on imported oil and lower the price of automotive fuel by reformulating our gasoline with ethanol derived from inexpensive farm waste", said Lonni Ingram, a professor of microbiology with UF's institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences.

His breakthrough technology a genetically engineered *E. coli* bacteria produce biodegradable plastics from biomass.

Until now, all of the world's fuel ethanol has been produced from high-value materials such as cornstarch and cane syrup using yeast fermentation. In 2005, more than 4.5 billion gallons of fuel ethanol will be manufactured from cornstarch and used as automotive fuel.

Estuary Habitat Restoration Projects

On behalf of the Estuary Habitat Restoration Council, the Army Corps of Engineers is soliciting proposals for estuary habitat restoration projects.

Recommended projects must provide ecosystem benefits, have scientific merit, be technically feasible, and be cost-effective. Proposals must be received on or before July 25, 2005. For more: http://www.usace.army.mil/civilworks/cecwp/estuary_act

Water Utility Security

EPA's National Homeland Security Research Center (NHSRC) has published "Security Information Collaboratives: A Guide for Water Utilities." The purpose of the guide is to inform drinking water and wastewater utilities, and others, about the benefits of establishing collaborative arrangements with other organizations to share information on water security. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=923>

Military Base Closure

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA), will host a series of webcasts, sponsored by AIG Environmental and Lennar-LNR, on base realignment and closure (BRAC) topics for local government officials and others likely to be impacted by the 2005 BRAC round. The webcast series will help local governments and community stakeholders understand the BRAC process by sharing the successes achieved and obstacles faced by city managers, federal environmental and defense officials, and private sector experts in the cleanup and redevelopment of closed military bases. The upcoming webcast dates include July 26 and September 13. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=907>

Contaminants in Fish

The 2005 7th Annual National Forum on Contaminants in Fish will be held Sept. 18-21, 2005, in the Baltimore, MD Inner Harbor - learn about the latest issues

regarding chemical contaminants in fish.

Forum attendees include health and environmental officials from state, tribal, and federal agencies and others interested in presenting and discussing issues related to assessing and managing potential health risks associated with dietary exposure to bioaccumulative chemical contaminants in fish. The agenda will focus on state, tribal, and federal activities related to managing health risks and benefits of consuming fish. General sessions for the 2005.

For info: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish> or contact Jeff Bigler, at 202/566-0389 or bigler.jeff@epa.gov.

Tribal News Source

Indian z website - great source for tribal news: <http://indianz.com/News/2005/007673.asp>

Fry Bread

From Oregon to Arizona and Montana to Florida, tribes in just about every state have their own variations of fry bread. In South Dakota, it's considered symbolic of Native American culture, so much so that it was placed in a bill HB1205, that would make it the state's official bread. Fry bread is a mixture of flour and yeast that is cooked in hot fat or oil. It is eaten plain, with sugar or as the shell for Indian tacos. The South Dakota Senate State Affairs Committee approved the bill 8-1 in mid-February. A week earlier, it was robustly welcomed in the House, as well, which voted 64-3 in favor of it. Legislators were told that making fry bread a state symbol

could help bridge a gap between the state's Indian and white populations. (Associated Press)

Control Nonpoint Source

EPA recently published new National Management Measures to Control Nonpoint Source Pollution from Forestry, a technical guidance and reference document for use by State, Territory, and authorized Tribal managers as well as the public in the implementation of nonpoint source (NPS) pollution management programs in forest settings. The new guidance contains information on the best available, economically achievable means of reducing nonpoint source pollution that can result from forestry activities. For more information about the guidance or to download the document (in PDF format) please visit our Web site at: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/nps/forestrygmt/>.

Wetlands Funding Available

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is now requesting proposals for the Wetlands Reserve Enhancement Program. This voluntary program offers landowners the opportunity to protect, restore, and enhance wetlands on their property. NRCS provides technical and financial support to help landowners with their wetland restoration efforts. For more: <http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs/wrp>

Fungicidal Fish

Canadian farmed salmon containing a banned fungicide was sold in the United States earlier

this year in an instance that underscores a lack of testing and oversight as imported, farmed seafood floods the U.S. market.

Stolt Sea Farm, part of the world's largest farming company, said this week that 80,000 pound of farmed chinook salmon from British Columbia with low levels of malachite green reached consumers in the United States, and much of it to West Coast states.

FAR

Summary of FAR (Federal Acquisition Regulation) Proposed Rule: FAR Proposed Rule 2004-017, Small Business Credit for Alaskan Native Corporations and Indian Tribes was published in the Federal Register on June 3, 2005. This rule proposes to amend the(FAR) to implement section 702 of Public Law 107-117, as amended by section 3003 of Public Law 107-206 (43 U.S.C. 1626). The law permits subcontracts awarded to certain Alaskan Native Corporations (ANCs) to be counted towards a contractor's goals for subcontracting with small business (SB) and small disadvantaged business (SDB) concerns. The law also permits Indian tribes to be counted towards a contractor's goal for subcontracting with SB. To view: <http://www.regulations.gov/freddocs/05-10935.htm> Forward comments to Sylvia Danley-Smith (danley-smith.sylvia@epa.gov) in the Office of Acquisition Management's Policy and Oversight Service Center by close of business on Monday, July 11, 2005. Comments should be routed through your normal chain

of command.

MDBP

Reference Guides Available on Microbial and Disinfection Byproducts Rules for Drinking Water.

EPA has several new publications on the implementation of microbial and disinfection byproducts rules. Disinfection of drinking water is one of the major public health advances of the 20th century. However, the disinfectants themselves can react with naturally-occurring materials in the water to form unintended byproducts which may pose health risks. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=912>

Forestry Nonpoint Source

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Promote High-Density?

A free Power Point presentation, called "Re-Thinking Density to Create Stronger, Healthier Communities" has been jointly produced by the National Multi Housing Council, the Urban Land Institute, and the Sierra Club. These presentations show how density can transform neighborhoods, and offer compelling research to allay the conventional fears about density.

Two versions are available: one for urban audiences, another for suburban audiences. A leave-behind publication, Higher-Density Development: Myth and fact, available. <http://www.nmhc.org/Content/ServeContent.cfm?ContentItemID=3432>

Saving Energy

(Washington, D.C.-June 1, 2005) High temperatures are on the way, but that doesn't have to mean high energy bills this summer. EPA's Energy Star program has advice on smart ways to keep cool with energy-efficient products and practices.

"Every person can make a difference this summer," EPA Administrator Stephen Johnson said. "When we use less energy as a nation, we preserve our energy resources, save money for American families, and help protect our environment."

The average family spends \$1,500 a year on energy bills, nearly half of which goes to heating and cooling. To help protect against high energy bills, EPA encourages the following:

Look for the Energy Star on products such as ceiling fans, programmable thermostats, and

room air conditioners -- Schedule an annual checkup for your central air conditioner with a licensed contractor, and check or replace its air filter once a month. -- Replace an old or broken-down central air conditioner or heat pump with new, high efficiency equipment. Homeowners can save as much as 20 percent on annual energy costs if this new equipment is properly sized and installed, alongside properly sealed and insulated ducts. -- Seal up gaps and cracks in your home "envelope" (basement, attic, around doors and windows). Add insulation if needed. This will help reduce energy bills throughout the winter, too. -- Get informed. For more on year-round improvements to make your home more energy efficient, review the EPA's Guide to Energy-Efficient Heating and Cooling on the Energy Star Web site or call 1-888-STAR-YES for a free copy.

EPA is working together with Energy Star partner manufacturers, national retailers, and energy efficiency organizations across the country to make it even easier to find cooling products that have earned the Energy Star. National home improvement retailers are also prepared to educate their customers about how to do proper home sealing and add insulation, to lower energy bills this summer and make homes more comfortable this winter.

If just half of all American homes were cooled with Energy Star qualified products, the change would prevent nearly 70 billion pounds of greenhouse gas

emissions, equivalent to the emissions of nearly 6 million cars.

Energy Star was introduced by EPA in 1992 as a voluntary, market-based partnership to reduce air pollution through increased energy efficiency. Today, in partnership with the Department of Energy, the program offers businesses and consumers energy-efficient solutions to save energy, money and help protect our environment for future generations. More than 7,000 organizations have become Energy Star partners and are committed to improving the energy efficiency of products, homes and businesses. For more information on helping the environment and energy-efficient cooling, visit: <http://www.energystar.gov/cooling>.

Landfill Methane Conference

The Landfill Methane Outreach Program (LMOP) 9th Annual Conference and Project Expo will be held on January 19-20, 2006 in Baltimore, MD. This year's conference will highlight the latest projects, technologies and financial incentives, and will once again include technical presentations, exhibits, and a project expo highlighting some of the best project opportunities in the country. For more:

http://www.lgean.org/html/conferences_detail.cfm?id=827

IDAHO

Shoshone-Bannock tribe sees leadership changes: Tuesday, June 14th, Fort Hall Business Council members re-elected Blaine Edmo as Chairman and chose newcomers Aldene Pevo

and Glenn Fisher as secretary and sergeant at arms. The council named Nancy Murillo, who had previously chaired the panel, as vice-chairman. Tribal members elect new council members to two year terms while officers are chosen by the council each year. Edmo had sought the chairmanship as part of a plan to diversify the economy in the Fort Hall community, which is heavily dependent on agriculture.

WASHINGTON

Squaxin Island: Jim Peters was recently elected as the Tribal Chair. Jim resigned his position as the Squaxin Island Natural Resources Department Director to assume the Tribal Chair position. Jim replaces long-time chairman

David Lopeman.

Cowlitz: The Tribal Environmental Quality Office is expanding (continuing to build tribal capacity). Current GAP Program Manager, Taylor Aalvik, has been promoted to the Assistant Director of the Natural Resources Department. Replacing Taylor as the GAP program manager will be Shannon Wills, Iroquois and Huron Native, who's completing a Master's Degree from WSU-Vancouver in Environmental Science and Regional Planning. (Taylor likewise is completing the Master's Degree Program in Environmental Science and Regional Planning from WSU-Vancouver.)

Nisqually: The Nisqually Tribe

recently purchased 474 acres from Thurston County within the Fort Lewis Rainieer Training Area, part of the Nisqually Land Exchange/Power Line Relocation Project, to exchange for 168 acres held by the Department of Defense - all part of the Nisqually Reservation Lands from the 1854 Treaty of Medicine Creek that the DOD condemned as a part of the expansion of Fort Lewis for WWI in 1917. For information about the project, contact Curtis Stanley at 360/456-5221.

OREGON

Burns Tribe: Has hired Todd Richards as their as the Tribes Environmental *Analyst.todd.richards@burns.paiute-nsn.gov*