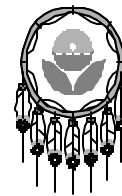


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Work Shops and Conferences

November 4-7, Region 10 Tribal Leader Conference, Lincoln City, OR. Chinook Winds Casino. For information: Tami 541/444-8227, Tom 541/444-8226, or Mike 541/444-8232.

November 6-10, American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference, Tulsa OK. For additional information: 505/765-1052 or <http://aises.org>

February 8-13 2003, ATNI Winter Conference, Portland, OR. Info 503/249-5779 or www.atnitribes.org

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November is Native American Heritage Month

In 1995, President Clinton issued a proclamation designating the month of November as

“National Indian Heritage Month”.

Congressional Internship

Native American college students can work in congressional offices and the White House to gain a firsthand understanding of the federal government. They also can take field trips and meet with congressional members, agency heads, and cabinet

secretaries. Funding is available annually for these Native American Congressional Internships through the Udall Foundation. Each year, twelve candidates are selected for a ten-week intensive internship in Washington, D.C. Interns work full time in congressional offices, fulfilling a variety of tasks ranging from general support work to special research and writing projects. For complete application information: http://www.udall.gov/p_internships.htm

Agriculture Research Grant

USDA Seeks Research Grant Proposals in the Agency's National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program.

The Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service (CSREES) requests applications for the National Research Initiative (NRI) Competitive Grants Program for fiscal year (FY) 2003 to support high priority fundamental and mission-linked research of importance in the biological, environmental, physical, and social sciences relevant to agriculture, food, and the environment. The anticipated amount available for support of this program in FY 2003 is approximately \$112.5 million

contingent on congressional action. This notice identifies the objectives for NRI projects, the eligibility criteria for projects and applicants, and the application forms and associated instructions needed to apply for a NRI grant." - See the www site for dates by which applications are due to CSREES - Questions may be directed to the USDA CSREES NRI program at 202/401-5022; fax: 202/401-6488; e-mail: nricgp@reeusda.gov. For details: <http://www.reeusda.gov/nri/programs/progdesc/2003rfa.htm>

Brownfields Grants

It's time to apply for Brownfields Grants! These grants provide funding and revitalization opportunities for communities by returning contaminated (or potentially contaminated) properties to reuse. EPA seeks proposals for brownfields job training, assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grants. Assessment, revolving loan fund, and cleanup grant proposals are due December 16, 2002. Job training grant proposals are due

December 16, 2002. This is a competitive process for funds to be made available in Summer 2003. For details about these grants and how to submit a proposal, visit: www.epa.gov/brownfields. For more information or to discuss your potential proposal, contact EPA Region 10's Brownfields Team at 800/424-4EPA or email brincefield.timothy@epa.gov, morales.susan@epa.gov, or slater.mike@epa.gov

Native Leader Wins Grant

One of the Pacific Northwest's most prominent American Indian leaders today won a \$130,000 Ford Foundation grant that he'll use to develop future tribal leaders in the Columbia River Basin. The "Leadership for a Changing World" grant went to Don Sampson, 41, executive director of the Columbia River Intertribal Fish Commission, which represents the Warm Springs, Umatilla, Nez Perce and Yakama, all of which have treaty rights to Columbia River salmon.

Native Culture

Shortly after arriving at his new job at the University of Idaho in the summer of 2000, Chris Campbell met Mark Trahan, member of the UI School of Communications Advisory Board.

In their very first conversation, they talked about things the UI School of Communication might be able to do to help journalism students learn how to cover tribal life and Indian Affairs. In that conversation Mark mentioned Lori Edmo-Suppah, editor of the Sho-Ban News in Fort Hall, as a potential visiting professor. The Mark convinced The Freedom Forum to help fund a position for Lori for the 2001-2002 year. With that \$45,000 grant, and marching funds

from the University of Idaho, a US Native American Journalism Project was born.

Over the last year, a group of senior journalism majors worked with Lori on a project on Idaho's five tribes. They learned quickly that the deadline-driven urgency of Journalistic culture can clash with values in Native American Culture.

Chris Campbell, says: "I learned along with my students that it takes a special effort for news organizations to effectively cover tribal issues. We also learned there are important stories that need to be told and the culture and history of Idaho Natives is rich and powerful."

New NSFC Books

The National Small Flows Clearinghouse (NSFC) is offering two new books from the National Decentralized Water Resources Capacity Development Project: Training, Research and Development Plan, The National Decentralized Water Resources Capacity Development Project (NDWRCDP) coordinates and implements national training, research, and development in decentralized water resources. This plan describes currently funded projects and long-term plans for decentralized wastewater management. Item #WWBLMG17/Booklet: (\$0.00) Application of a Risk-Based Approach to Community Wastewater Management: Tisbury, Massachusetts, situated south of Cape Cod on the island of Martha's Vineyard, provides an example of decentralized wastewater management in a coastal island community with nutrient-sensitive resources, a sole-source aquifer and population growth concerns. Tisbury's management program

provides a case history that other communities can adapt to their own circumstances. This overview of the management program includes decision-making points, barriers to implementation, status of the implementation effort, and next steps. Item #WWBKCS24/Book: 110 pp. (2002) \$0.00

Shipping charges apply to all orders even if the product is free. To order, call the NSFC at 800/624-8301 or 304/293-4191 and request by item number. You also may e-mail: nsfc_orders@mail.nesc.wvu.edu

Certain About Certifications

This is the time of year to begin thinking about applying for new or additional assistance agreements. Applicant for Federal financial assistance must assure and certify that their organization is complying with applicable Federal statutes, Executive Orders, regulations, and policies governing the program/project. This can be done by signing the certification and assurance forms in your Application Kit for Federal Assistance Agreements (available from your EPA project officer or grant specialist). These forms include: Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters (EPA Form 5700-49); Assurances - Non-Construction Programs (SF 424B); Pre-Award Compliance Review Report for All Applicants Requesting Federal Financial Assistance.

Depending on your organization's activities and the type of assistance agreement you

are applying for, the following additional forms may also be required: **Z**Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) required if the applicant is or will be conducting lobbying activities; **Z**Procurement System Certification (EPA Form 5700-48) required if applicants are applying for Superfund/Brownfields assistance;

The certifications and assurance forms **must** be signed by the authorized representative and the originals returned to EPA. We recommend that the signature be in blue ink (so there is no question of whether the document is an original or photocopy). The Survey of Recipient's Management Systems (also in the Application Kit) is not a required form; however, completing it can help you determine whether your Tribe or Tribal Consortium has financial management systems and audit procedures to provide efficient and effective accountability and control of all property, funds, and assess related to your assistance agreements.

Ensuring that the above certifications and assurances are signed and submitted to EPA with your application is often time-consuming, but without these documents, your application cannot be considered for Federal funding. To simplify this process, rather than submitting a set of signed certifications and assurances with every application, EPA allows organizations that apply for multiple grants to submit a single set of certifications and assurances on an annual basis, except for the Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, and Other Responsibility Matters (EPA Form 5700-49) which **must** be submitted with **each** assistance agreement application. To take advantage of this opportunity to

"bundle" most of the certification and assurance forms and submit them once a year rather than multiple times, your organization must submit the signed set of forms with a cover letter addressing: - the assistance agreement applications throughout the year that will be covered by the forms (if there is an unanticipated application that is submitted later in the year, you can simply note the date of the bundling letter with the application); - the period of time that the certifications and assurances will cover (e.g. October 1, 2002 to September 30, 2003; remember this can be no more than one year); - a statement that if any changes occur during the period, or the annual certifications do not apply to a particular application, EPA will be immediately notified and revised forms will be provided.

For your convenience, a sample letter for bundled certifications and assurances is contained in the Application Kit for Federal Assistance Agreements. You can also make this process easier by placing a reminder on your calendar in October to automatically send your bundled certification and assurance forms to: Grants Administration Unit, OMP-145, EPA Region 10, 1200 Sixth Ave. Seattle, WA 98101

NSFC Fact Sheets

The National Small Flows Clearinghouse (NSFC) is offering two new fact sheets from the Office of Water and Texas A&M University. Decentralized Systems Technology Fact Sheet: Low Pressure Pipe Systems Office of Water This fact sheet describes the low-pressure pipes (LPP) system, its main components, applicability, advantages and disadvantages,

design criteria (including soil, space, drainage, and topography requirements), performance, operation and maintenance, and costs. The LPP system is illustrated, and a general maintenance schedule is included. References and resources for additional information are listed. Item #WWFSGN209/Fact Sheet: 7pp. (1999) \$1.40

On-Site Wastewater Treatment Systems: Operation and Maintenance Texas A&M University. This brief and easy-to-read fact sheet describes how onsite wastewater systems work, including the conventional septic system, and what factors affect them. The fact sheet discusses maintenance, management, and water conservation. Two full-color illustrations depict the septic tank and soil absorption field system. Item #WWFSOM45/Fact Sheet: 4pp. (2000) \$1.00 (English Version) Item #WWFSOM46/Fact Sheet: 4pp. (2000) \$1.00 (Spanish Version)

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Environmental Justice Grants

EPA is requesting grant applications for its Office of Environmental Justice's Small Grants Program. The purpose of this program is to provide financial assistance for projects that address environmental justice issues. Preference for awards will be given to community-based/grassroots

organizations that are working on local solutions to local environmental problems. Applications are due December 18, 2002. For more information contact Sheila Lewis, Senior Program Analyst of EPA's OEJ at 202/564-0152.

EJ Grant Guidance

The Office of Environmental Justice's Small Grants Program was established in 1994 to provide financial assistance to eligible community groups (i.e., community-based/grassroots organizations, churches, schools, other non-profit organizations, local governments, tribal governments that are working on or plan to carry out projects to address environmental justice issues. May be viewed: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej_smgrants.html

It outlines the goals and general procedures for applicants and awards. The application period is open each year beginning October 1 and ending at midnight December 18. All applications must be postmarked by midnight to be eligible. More information may be found on the Environmental Justice website: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/environmentaljustice/grants/ej_smgrants.html

If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact Sheila Lewis by email at lewis.sheila@epa.gov or by telephone at 202/564-0152.

Training

The most up-to-date list of enforcement/compliance monitoring courses offered by EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance is now available at www.epa.gov/compliance/training/neti To register, go to www.netionline.com, establish an account (if you do not

have one already) and register for course MLS 105 - OECA Regulatory Development Training Course.

Can't travel to training? Our catalog and schedule list several videos and CD-ROM courses that can be mailed to you free of charge. Go to: www.epa.gov/compliance/training/neti and register as a student at EPA's "virtual university," NETI Online, and start class in your own office!

The National Enforcement Training Institute is a part of the Office of Criminal Enforcement, Forensics and Training, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, US EPA. If you have questions about "Training Times," please contact Zena Aldridge at 740/773-4039.

Clean Water Training

The Office of Water's Watershed Academy has completed a web-based training module called Introduction to the Clean Water Act <http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/cwa>. Users may go through the entire 65 slide course on the CWA in sequence or they can jump to the particular Clean Water Act program of interest by going to the CWA Big Picture by linking to: <http://www.epa.gov/watertrain/cwa/slide.htm> shown at the top of each slide. For further information please contact Bill Painter at 202/566-1218

Ocean Policy Report

The Oceans Act of 2000 requires the establishment of a Commission to make recommendations for a coordinated and comprehensive national ocean policy. The Commission has been established, has conducted public meetings across the country, and has now released an interim report. The

interim report, entitled "Developing a National Ocean Policy: Mid-term Report of the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy," can be found: http://www.oceancommission.gov/documents/midterm_report/ReportCovREV10_01_02.pdf

This report includes a brief history of national ocean policy, an overview of the Commission mandate and organization, highlights of invited testimony and public comment through June 2002, and a list of Commission products and future Commission activities. The report also includes three appendices which are available for download.

Appendix I: A Synthesis of Testimony, Comments, and Recommendations from Presenters: September 2001 - June 2002; Appendix II: Summary of Testimony, Comments, and Recommendations from Presenters: September 2001 - June 2002; Appendix III: Toward a National Ocean Policy: Topics and Related Issues Additional information on the Oceans Commission found at: <http://www.oceancommission.gov/documents/welcome.html> or by contacting Kathy Hurld at Hurld.Kathy@epa.gov.

Water Education Materials

Two source water educational publications were recently published under a cooperative agreement between the Office of Water and the National Environmental Education and Training Foundation, including: Where Does Your Water Come From, a resource booklet produced by the Water Education

Foundation; and, Wade into Watersheds, a curriculum by Adopt-a-Watershed. For more information, contact Jori Copeland at 202/564-3876.

Funding Forestry Projects

The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council is soliciting pre-proposals for its Challenge Cost-Share Grant program, which is used to support urban and community forestry activities that are national or widespread in their impact or application. Approximately \$1 million in grant funds will be available through the program this year, and all funds must be matched at least equally with non-federal source funds. Applications are due December 10, 2002. For more: <http://www.treelink.org/nucfac>

Homeland Security

EPA has announced the release of its "Strategic Plan for Homeland Security." The plan will serve as a blueprint on how to enhance EPA's ability to meet its homeland security responsibilities. Specifically, EPA plans to work with states, local drinking water, and wastewater utilities on security enhancement and "to ensure that critical environmental threat monitoring information and technologies are available to ... local governments [and others] to assist in threat detection." For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=489>

Source Water Protection

EPA has published a series of fact sheets on best management practice (BMP) measures for activities that are likely to impact the sources of drinking water. Each bulletin discusses how particular activities can be managed in such a way as to

prevent drinking water contamination. Info: <http://www.epa.gov/ogwdw/dwa/electronic/html#technicalmodules>

Water Infrastructure

EPA has released the "Clean Water and Drinking Water Infrastructure Gap Analysis" report, which estimates the funding needs of our nation's water pipes and plants. The Gap Analysis covers a 20-year period from 2000 to 2019 and includes estimates of the funding gap for both capital and operations and maintenance (O&M). For more information contact Robin Woods at 202/564-7841 or woods.rob@epa.gov.

Arsenic Guidance Rule

EPA has released the final Implementation Guidance for the Arsenic Rule published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2001. The guidance summarizes key sections of the Proposed Rule and provides a "how- to" approach for EPA Regions and States to implement the regulation. It contains an explanation of the rule's requirements and guidance for preparing State primacy revision applications. To view a copy of the new guidance: <http://epa.gov/ogwd/ars/implement.html>.

Water/Wastewater Utilities

The Water Environment Federation (WEF), the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA), and EPA have recently released the "EMS Integration Project Workgroup Report." The report develops a series of recommendations on how water and wastewater utilities can improve management practices and outcomes in environmental, financial, and other aspects of

utility operation. To view the work group's findings: <http://www.wef.org/pdf/files/EMSfinalreport.pdf>

Wastewater Manual

The EPA recently published a new Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems Manual, which can only be ordered from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP).

This manual provides up-to-date information about onsite wastewater treatment system (OWTS) siting, design, installation, maintenance, and replacement. It discusses significant advances that can help OWTSs become more cost-effective and environmentally protective, particularly in small, suburban, and rural areas.

The manual promotes a performance-based approach to selecting and designing OWTSs. This approach will enable states and local communities to design onsite wastewater programs that fit local environmental conditions and communities' capabilities. To order, contact the NSCEP via: Phone 800/490-9198 or 513/489-8190. Web site: <http://www.epa.gov/ncepihom/ordering.htm>
Be sure to specify EPA Document Number 625/R-00/008 when ordering.

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ALASKA

3Region 10 Alaska Statewide Environmental Education Conference, Alaska Pacific University, Anchorage, AK
www.anroe.org

OREGON

3On October 8, 2002, the Klamath Tribes and EPA signed a Tribal Environmental agreement (TEA).



This was done in their new administration building in Chiloquin, OR during the Oregon Tribal

Environmental Forum (OTEF) meeting. The photo shows Allan Foreman (on the left), Chairman of the Klamath Tribes and Ronald Kreizenbeck (on the right), Deputy Regional Administrator for EPA, Region 10 signing the document. This is the fifth TEA signed by Oregon Tribes.

3October was also the time of the sixth meeting of the Oregon Tribal Environmental Forum (OTEF) in the new Klamath Tribes' administration building, at Chiloquin, OR. The meeting was

hosted by the Klamath Tribe with about 15 attendees. The majority of topics covered were about water rights and reclamation projects in the Klamath basin. Also during the meeting, the new Director of the Tribal Office, Sandra Johnson, spoke to the group.

WASHINGTON

3Nisqually Tribe: Clark Halvorson, Tribal Planning Department, recently competed in the Ironman Triathlon, in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on October 19, 2002. This grueling event includes a 2.4 mile ocean swim, a 112 mile bicycle ride and a 26.2 mile marathon run. Clark finished in 10 hours, 14 minutes, 46 seconds.