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## LETTER



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## Conferences and Workshops

### February

**2 – 4**      **New Partners for Smart Growth Conference**, San Diego, CA.  
Go to <http://www.newpartners.org/cfsp>

**29 – Mar 1**      **Climate Leadership Association of Climate Change Officers**,  
Fort Lauderdale, FL. [www.climateleadershipconference.org](http://www.climateleadershipconference.org)

### March

**21 – 22**      **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Workshop**, Denver,  
sponsored by the International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management,  
Visit <http://go.usa.gov/Nmu>

### April

**11 – 13**      National Training Conference on the Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) and  
Environmental Conditions in Communities, Washington DC.  
<http://www.chemicalright2know.com>

**30 – May 4**      2012 Tribal Leaders Summit, Grand Ronde, OR.  
<http://www.grandronde.org/tls>

**30 – May 4**      **Eighth National Monitoring Conference**, Portland, OR  
<http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2012/index.html>

For more information on EPA Tribal trainings, webinars, grants and opportunities for Tribal consultation, go to <http://www.epa.gov/indian/calendar/index.htm>

## New Framework Provides Greater Role for Tribes in Federal Decisions affecting Indian Country

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar and Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Larry Echo Hawk have signed a Tribal Consultation Policy for the Department of the Interior, launching a new era of enhanced communication with American Indian and Alaska Native tribes.

The new policy emphasizes trust, respect and shared responsibility in providing tribal governments an expanded role in informing federal policy that impacts Indian Country. The consultation policy is available online at

<http://go.usa.gov/N7g>

## **Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing and Ketchikan Indian Community Have First Accredited Tribal Trainers Nationwide**

The Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule's (RRP) main purpose is to help prevent childhood lead poisoning. The rule requires contractors who work on older housing to be certified in lead safe work practices by taking an eight hour course provided by an accredited training provider. Region 10 is proud to announce the first two tribal trainers nationwide are in our region.

**Cowlitz Indian Tribal Housing** is managed by Jerry Hause, located in Toledo, Washington, and can be contacted at 360-508-1249 or via email at [jhause@cowlitz.org](mailto:jhause@cowlitz.org)

**Ketchikan Indian Community** is managed by Charles Edwardson, located in Ketchikan, Alaska, and can be contacted at 907-228-5216 or [jazure@kictribe.org](mailto:jazure@kictribe.org)

## **EPA Announces 60-day Tribal Guidebook Extension**

EPA is pleased to announce an additional sixty (60) day extension to the consultation and coordination period with federally recognized tribes on the proposed "Guidebook for Building Tribal Environmental Capacity" (Guidebook).

EPA will continue to accept comments and conduct direct discussions with tribes to the end of business on Tuesday January 31, 2012.

This revised schedule is in direct response to requests that EPA received from tribal government officials and tribal organizations for additional time to review the document, engage in meaningful dialogue with us about the Indian General Assistance Program (GAP), and to request

arrangements for direct government-to-government consultation on this important initiative. All consultation information, including a copy of the proposed Guidebook, is available on EPA's tribal portal website at

<http://go.usa.gov/N7b>

Please contact your Regional EPA tribal program office or the following Headquarter Agency representative to specifically request arrangements for consultation: Luke Jones, Sr. Advisor 202-564-4013 or [jones.luke@epa.gov](mailto:jones.luke@epa.gov)

**Reminder!** A full list of current EPA Tribal consultation activities can be found on the American Indian Environmental Office website at <http://go.usa.gov/N7K>

## **EPA offers Consultation on Region 10's Draft Tribal Consultation Procedures**

EPA Region 10 is offering consultation and coordination to all 271 federally-recognized tribes in Region 10 on EPA Region 10's Draft Tribal Consultation Procedures. The Procedures provide detailed guidance on how to conduct tribal consultations on upcoming EPA actions or decisions

that may affect tribal interests. EPA has also asked tribes to complete a Tribal Consultation Questionnaire to assist in the consultation process. For a copy of the draft Procedures or Questionnaire, contact JR Herbst at ☎ 206-553-2116  
✉ email [herbst.john@epa.gov](mailto:herbst.john@epa.gov)

## 2012 EPA Region 10 Tribal Leaders' Summit

The next Tribal Leaders' Summit will be held April 30-May 4, 2012 in Grand Ronde, OR.

The Summit is an event where tribal and agency leaders and environmental professionals come together to explore opportunities to partner and leverage shared resources.

You are invited to come and exchange your ideas, views, and experiences. For more information and to register, visit

☞ [www.grandronde.org/tls](http://www.grandronde.org/tls)

To receive all Summit/Conference information, please email your contact information to

☞ [respond@classactevents.net](mailto:respond@classactevents.net)

## Nielsen Environmental Field School Courses

The Nielsen Environmental Field School was established in 1990 to provide environmental professionals with the highest level of practical, hands-on environmental field training to help them advance their careers. Students learn field skills from professionals who teach up-to-date technologies and methodologies in a clear and logical manner. Upcoming 2012 courses include:

- Environmental Sampling Field Course
- Complete Ground-Water Monitoring
- Complete Ground-Water Sampling
- Ground-Water Monitoring Well Design, Construction and Development
- Complete Surface Water and Sediment Sampling

For more info, go to

☞ <http://www.envirofieldschool.com>

## 8th National Monitoring Conference comes to Portland April 30 - May 4

The 8th National Monitoring Conference, "Water: One Resource — Shared Effort — Common Future" will be held April 30 through May 4, 2012 in Portland, Oregon.

This national forum provides an exceptional opportunity for federal, state, local, tribal, volunteer, academic, private and other water stakeholders to exchange information and technology related to

- water monitoring
- assessment
- research
- protection
- restoration and management

The conference also provides the opportunity to develop new skills and professional networks. For more information, visit

☞ <http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2012>

## NEPA Workshop Coming in March

On March 21-22, 2012 the International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management will be conducting a workshop on the strategic application of the National Environmental Policy Act at the Doubletree Hotel in Denver, CO (3203 Quebec Street). The workshop agenda and registration information will be available shortly. For more information, go to

☞ <http://go.usa.gov/Nmu>



# Climate Change

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## Climate Change Impacts on Freshwater Resources

This report assesses the status of scientific information available to help understand the impacts of climate change and other stressors on US freshwater resources and calls for modernization of systems to help monitor and sustain water supplies.

The report also reviews the state of existing science and identifies strategies for improving systems to collect climate-related data and water monitoring information. The improvements are intended to help water managers predict, respond and adapt to the

effects of climate change on the nation's freshwater supplies so that they can help ensure adequate water quantity and quality.

The report was prepared by a federal interagency panel led by the US Geological Survey and in conjunction with the Council on Environmental Quality, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

To view the report, go to  
<http://go.usa.gov/Nyx>

## Federal Actions for a Climate Resilient Nation

The Interagency Climate Change Adaptation Task Force has released a report outlining the federal government's progress in expanding and strengthening US capacity to better understand, prepare for and respond to extreme events and other climate change impacts.

The report provides an update on actions in key areas of federal adaptation, including: building resilience in local communities, safeguarding critical natural resources such as

freshwater, and providing accessible climate information and tools to help decision-makers manage climate risks.

This report follows the Task Force's October 2010 Progress Report to the President that recommended that the federal government strengthen the Nation's capacity to better understand and manage climate-related risks. To view the 2011 Progress Report, visit  
<http://go.usa.gov/NyP>

## The Durban Climate Talks

Global climate discussions have moved from Cancun to Copenhagen, and now to Durban, South Africa. They began last November 28 in the hopes of finding a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, the global mandate that set targets for cutting carbon emissions. Kyoto was never ratified

by the United States, the world's leading carbon emitter, and did not apply to the large growing Asian economies of China and India. Durban began amid downplayed expectations that a worldwide agreement would take place. More information at  
<http://bit.ly/sCu4XV>

*Links to websites outside of EPA are provided for additional information that may be useful or interesting to our readers. We cannot attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites, nor does EPA endorse any non-government websites, companies or applications.*

## Tribal Climate Change Adaptation Plan Template

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) has released a tribal climate change adaptation plan template that serves as a resource for Tribes as they develop climate change adaptation plans.

The template provides guidelines and suggestions for writing plans and includes key terms and additional resources.

The template is intended to be used for organizing and presenting information,

but it's not meant to create a "one-size fits-all" plan, as each Tribe will have unique needs and approaches to planning for climate change. Please contact Sue Wotkyns ([Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu](mailto:Susan.Wotkyns@nau.edu)), ITEP's Climate Change Program Manager, to request the template, which is available as a Microsoft Word document file.

Include your name, Tribe or organization, and your contact information when requesting the template.

### Another Record Breaker:

## 2011 Warmest La Niña Year Ever

As officials meet at the 17th UN Climate Summit in Durban, South Africa, the world continues to heat up.

The UN World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has announced that they expect 2011 to be the warmest La Niña year since record keeping began in 1850.

The opposite of El Niño, a La Niña event causes general cooling in global temperatures. Despite La Niña, it was a very, very warm year to the point that it is the warmest decade on record," explained WMO Secretary-General Michel Jarraud during a press briefing in Geneva. ☞ <http://bit.ly/tujcsa>

## View Climate Change Handbook for Regional Watershed Planning Online

The "Climate Change Handbook for Regional Watershed Planning" provides a framework for considering climate change in water management planning. The book was developed cooperatively by EPA, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Water Resources, and the Resources Legacy Fund.

It presents key decision considerations, resources, tools, and decision options. They will guide resource managers and planners as they develop means of adapting their programs to a changing climate.

The handbook uses the California Department of Water Resources' Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM)

planning framework as a model, which can integrate

- analysis of climate change impacts and
- planning for adaptation and mitigation.

The handbook also provides a checklist for identifying and prioritizing the vulnerability of local watersheds. The checklist includes questions about

- water demand and supply
- wildlife and habitat
- sea level rise
- critical infrastructure, and
- hydropower.

To view the handbook, please visit

☞ <http://1.usa.gov/rSqjgi>

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## First Annual Climate Leadership Conference in 2012

The first annual Climate Leadership Conference will bring together leaders from business, government and academic institutions, and the non-profit community.

They will have the opportunity to exchange ideas and information on how to address climate change — while simultaneously running their operations more competitively and sustainably.

Conference attendees will have the opportunity to learn about and exchange solutions on topics that include

- leveraging clean energy opportunities
- managing climate risks and building resilience
- supply chain strategies
- disclosures and questionnaires
- setting and achieving greenhouse gas reduction goals
- education and engagement strategies
- making the business case for climate response.

For more information or to register, visit [www.climateleadershipconference.org](http://www.climateleadershipconference.org)

## GOA Says Climate Change Adjustments Are Needed

A 2009 assessment by the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) found that climate-related changes will combine with pollution, population growth, urbanization, and other social, economic, and environmental stresses to create larger impacts than from any of these factors alone.

Therefore, adjustments to natural or human systems in response to actual or expected climate change are an important part of the response to climate change. The GAO testified before the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Oceans, Atmosphere, Fisheries, and Coast Guard. The GAO's testimony addressed:

1. the data challenges that federal, state, and local officials face in their efforts to adapt to a changing climate
2. the actions federal agencies could take to help address these challenges, and
3. federal climate change strategic planning efforts.

The planning efforts are based on analysis of studies, site visits to areas pursuing adaptation efforts, and responses to a web-based questionnaire sent to federal, state, and local officials. To view the full report, visit

🔗 <http://go.usa.gov/NvF>

### Who is Responsible for Global Warming?

A new methodology to find out how much current climate change is linked to human activities has added to the consensus that people are behind global warming. More information can be found at

<http://bit.ly/tvsz53>



### Modest Rise in People Seeing Evidence of Global Warming

There has been a modest increase over the past two years in the percentage of Americans who say there is solid evidence of global warming, although substantially fewer Americans now hold that view than did so from 2006 to 2008.

A large partisan and ideological gap continues to exist in opinions about global warming and how serious a problem it presents. For more information, visit <http://bit.ly/s2Uqke>

## New Mapping Reveals Thousands of Record-Breaking Weather Events in 2011

In 2011, there were at least 2,941 monthly weather records broken in communities throughout the US, as detailed in a new interactive extreme weather mapping tool and year-end review released today by the Natural Resources Defense Council. The powerful web-based tool allows Americans to draw the connections between climate change and extreme weather in the cities and towns in which they live. Go to <http://bit.ly/uKutUj>

### Global Carbon Emissions Reach Record 10 Billion Tons

Global carbon dioxide emissions from burning fossil fuels have increased by 49 percent in the last two decades, according to the latest figures by an international

team of scientists. For more information visit <http://bit.ly/sCOWdW>

### World Bank Expands Access to Data through New 'Knowledge' Web Portal

The World Bank launched a web portal on November 23 that will provide the public and policymakers access to an array of climate data and analysis, focusing initially on rainfall and temperature information.

The Open Data Initiative on Climate Change, available at <http://data.worldbank.org/climate-change> will allow access to an initial batch of high-quality data sets and analysis with additional analysis and data to be provided in the coming months.

## Have you seen EPA's Greener Products Web Portal?



In September, EPA launched a new tool designed to provide Americans easy access to information about everyday products that can save money, prevent pollution and protect people's health.

Consumers can find electronics and appliances that have earned EPA's Energy Star label and can browse WaterSense products that help save energy and water.



Additionally, consumers can find information about cleaning products that are safer for the environment and people's health. These products bear the EPA Design for the Environment (DfE) label.

The website will also help manufacturers and institutional purchasers with information on standards and criteria for designing greener products. The Web portal is available at [www.epa.gov/greenerproducts](http://www.epa.gov/greenerproducts)

## EPA Releases Formerly Confidential Chemical Info

EPA is making available to the public hundreds of studies on chemicals that had been treated as confidential business information (CBI), as part of Administrator Lisa P. Jackson's commitment to enhance the EPA's chemicals management program and increase transparency. The move is part of EPA's plan to make public the chemicals that

are not entitled to CBI status. Releasing the data will expand the public's access to critical health and safety information on chemicals that are manufactured and processed in the United States.

Newly available information can be found using EPA's Chemical Data Access Tool at <http://go.usa.gov/NVZ>

## Tool Developed to Assess Oregon Stream Flows

EPA has released a new tool to help federal and state regulators determine whether a stream impaired by a fill or removal project will require permits.

The new Streamflow Duration Assessment Method for Oregon would provide a consistent, repeatable, and quick way to identify whether an Oregon stream is intermittent, perennial, or ephemeral, which are re-charged after a snowmelt or rainfall. Information about stream flows allows regulators to determine whether a permit is needed.

The stream flow tool was released in November after a two-year trial run. It was developed by EPA, the US Army Corps of Engineers, and the Oregon Department of State Lands.

According to EPA, this method is recommended for use whenever there is uncertainty about stream flow duration.

More information on the Streamflow Duration Assessment Method is available at <http://go.usa.gov/NVK> and the final report for Oregon is at <http://go.usa.gov/NV0>

## USDA Establishes Council for Native American Farming and Ranching

A special advisory board has been established to help USDA officials ensure Native Americans participate in and benefit from USDA programs.

The Council for Native American Farming and Ranching will work closely with the Office of Tribal Relations, Farm Service Agency and other USDA agencies to improve the success of Native farmers and ranchers who access USDA's programs to build and achieve profitability in their businesses.

All nominations for advisory board membership should be sent by **January 20, 2012** to: Thomas Vilsack, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington,

DC, 20250, ATTN: Council for Native American Farmers and Ranchers. Send comments to the Office of Tribal Relations, 500A Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Washington DC 20250.

## National Tribal Water Quality Conference BLOG

EPA's Office of Water's Senior Advisor, Ellen Gilinsky, posted a blog on her trip to the 2011 National Tribal Water Quality Conference near Santa Fe, New Mexico. In the blog, Ms. Gilinsky shares her experience with the sessions and insights on people and place-based approaches to water protection. To read the blog, visit <http://go.usa.gov/NVj>

## EPA Announces Applications for \$1 Million in Environmental Justice Grants



EPA is seeking applicants for \$1 million in environmental justice small grants expected to be awarded in 2012. EPA's environmental justice efforts aim to ensure equal environmental and health protections for all Americans, regardless of race or socioeconomic status.

The grants enable non-profit organizations to conduct research, provide education, and develop solutions to local health and environmental issues in communities overburdened by harmful pollution.

The 2012 grant solicitation is now open and will **close February 29, 2012**.

Applicants must be incorporated non-profits or tribal organizations

working to educate, empower and enable their communities to understand and address local environmental and public health issues. EPA will host three pre-application teleconference calls on January 12, February 1 and February 15 to help applicants understand the requirements.

More information on the Environmental Justice Small Grants program and a list of grantees is at

☞ <http://go.usa.gov/NVo>

For Environment Justice Small Grants 2012 Request for Proposals and schedule of pre-application teleconference calls, visit

☞ <http://go.usa.gov/NVF>

## 2012 Water and Energy Efficiency Grants — \$18 million

Eligible Entities: States, Indian tribes, irrigation districts, water districts or other organizations with water or power delivery authority in the western US. Within EPA Region 10, eligible applicants must be located in Idaho, Oregon or Washington (Alaska Tribes are not eligible).

The DOI WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Program establishes a framework to provide federal leadership and assistance on the efficient use of water, integrating water and energy policies to support the sustainable use of all natural resources, and coordinating the water conservation activities of various DOI bureaus and offices.

DOI invites eligible entities to leverage their money and resources by cost sharing with the Bureau of Reclamation on projects that seek to conserve and use water more efficiently, increase the use of renewable energy and improve energy efficiency, benefit endangered and threatened species, facilitate

water markets, or carry out other activities to address climate-related impacts on water or prevent any water-related crisis or conflict.

**Applications are due January 19.**

☞ For more information, visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)

### **Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA)**

The FY12 CERCLA 128(a) Grant Funding Guidance for Tribal Response Programs is now available. Requests for funding are due January 31, 2012.

The Guidance is available on the EPA Solid Waste and Emergency Response web page

☞ at <http://go.usa.gov/NVz>



## Clean Water Act 319 Competitive Grants

The FY2012 Tribal 319 National Competition Request for Proposals (RFP) has been released and is available at <http://go.usa.gov/NVA>

Tribes may submit a proposal up to \$150,000 to conduct on-the-ground projects. The **due date** for the proposals is **Friday, January 20, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.** to the EPA Regional Office in Seattle or 8:59 p.m. Pacific Standard Time

for electronic submissions through Grants.gov. See the RFP or more information.

Please **read the RFP carefully** because there are some changes this year to the submission format and the evaluation criteria. If you have questions on the RFP, please submit them in writing to Krista Mendelman **no later than January 11, 2012** at [mendelman.krista@epa.gov](mailto:mendelman.krista@epa.gov)

## Department of Energy Smart Grid Data Access Funding Opportunity — \$8 million

**E**ligible entities include state and local governments, and federally recognized tribes.

The US Department of Energy's National Energy Technology Laboratory is seeking applications aimed at empowering consumers to better manage their electricity use by

- enabling access to electricity consumption data by customers and their authorized third parties, and
- providing or supporting the use of third party tools and software products that use the available data to deliver a value-added service to the customer.

Projects under this Funding Opportunity Announcement will be composed of two phases. Under Phase I, applicants will need to demonstrate the capability for electricity customers and or designated third parties to access their usage data and the functionality of their proposed tool or software product to provide this access.

Phase II involves adoption of the tools and software products demonstrated in Phase I to an entire service territory, region, or community within the jurisdiction of the applicant or the utility partner of the applicant. For more information, visit [grants.gov](http://grants.gov)  
**Applications are due March 1**

## DOE offers Tribal Clean Energy Assistance

The Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team (START) initiative aims at advancing clean energy generation in Indian Country and provides federally recognized Native American and Alaska Native governments with technical assistance to accelerate clean energy project deployment.

The initiative complements the DOE's Office of Indian Energy's efforts to make reliable and technical information and training available to tribal communities throughout the United States. The START initiative will further serve to help Native American and Alaska Native

communities increase local generation capacity, enhance energy efficiency and conservation measures, and create entrepreneurial and job opportunities in the new clean energy economy. Awards through this initiative will be provided through two programs.

Tribes selected for the START program will be paired with DOE experts who have clean energy deployment experience relevant to the selected tribe's project development stage and technology. Concept applications are due **January 15, 2012**. Visit <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy>

## EPA Requests Proposals for Urban Waters Small Grants

EPA expects to award between \$1.8 and \$3.8 million in funding for projects across the country to help restore urban waters by improving water quality and supporting community revitalization.

The funding is part of EPA's Urban Waters program, which supports communities in their efforts to access, improve, and benefit from their urban waters and the surrounding land. Healthy and accessible urban waters can help grow local businesses and enhance educational, recreational and employment opportunities in nearby communities.

The goal of the Urban Waters Small Grants program is to fund research, studies, training, and demonstration projects

that will advance the restoration of urban waters by improving water quality through activities that also support community revitalization and other local priorities such as public health, social and economic opportunities, general livability and environmental justice for residents. Questions regarding this proposal can be submitted until January 16, 2012. A webinar about this funding opportunity will be held January 5, 2012.

Proposals are due **January 23, 2012**. EPA expects to award the grants in summer 2012. More information about Urban Waters Small Grants including the Request for Proposal and registration links for the webinars is available at

☞ [www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding](http://www.epa.gov/urbanwaters/funding)

## NARA Offers Opportunities for Native American Graduate Students

The Northwest Advanced Renewables Alliance (NARA) is offering Native American Graduate Students in the fields of environmental science, forestry, biology, and engineering an opportunity to work collaboratively with the Columbia River Basin tribes on project teams for nine months beginning in fall 2012.

Research institutions involved in this alliance include University of Washington,

Washington State University, University of Idaho, University of Oregon, University of Montana, and Montana State University.

Because most schools have graduate application deadlines during the winter months for fall admission, graduate students who are interested in this opportunity should **apply immediately**.

☞ For more information, visit the TEEIC Web site at <http://teeic.anl.gov/news>

## Tribal College, Undergraduate and Graduate Students

The Native American Finance Officers Association is pleased to offer merit-based scholarships to Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian students.

Eligible majors include Accounting, Business Administration, Economics or Finance. Awards are based upon academic

merit, demonstrated involvement within the Native American community and demonstrated commitment to improving indigenous communities through a career in finance.

The application **deadline is January 6**. Visit [www.nafoa.org/education\\_3.html](http://www.nafoa.org/education_3.html)



# News Briefs

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## DOE, EPA Release 2012 Annual Fuel Economy Guide

The Department of Energy (DOE) and the EPA have released the 2012 Fuel Economy Guide, providing consumers with information that can help them choose a more efficient new vehicle that saves them money and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

🔗 <http://www.fueleconomy.gov>

## EPA Extends Comment Period for the Proposed CAFO Rule

On October 21, 2011, EPA published a proposed rule that would require concentrated animal feeding operations (CAFO) to submit basic operational information to the Agency.

EPA received requests from the public for additional time to submit comments, and is extending the public comment period to **January 19, 2012**.

EPA proposed the rule in order to more effectively carry out its CAFO permitting programs on a national level and ensure that CAFOs are implementing practices to protect water quality and human health.

For the proposed rule visit

🔗 <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/aforule.cfm>

## January is National Radon Action Month

National Radon Action Month is this January and EPA encourages you to take simple and affordable steps to Test, Fix and Save a Life from radon, the leading cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

As many as 21,000 people die from lung cancer each year in the United States from exposure to indoor radon but this health hazard can be prevented.

For more information on how to Test, Fix, Save a Life, obtain a text kit, or contact your state radon office, visit [www.epa.gov/radon](http://www.epa.gov/radon) or call 800-SOS-RADON.

## US Geological Survey Cooperative Water Program Posts New Web Pages

The US Geological Survey Cooperative Water Program has posted online revised web pages for the Cooperative Water Program. Learn about and directly access water data on streams, groundwater and water quality. The program also features selected products released in 2011 on

- water availability
- ecosystem health
- water quality and drinking water
- water hazards
- energy and
- climate

For more information, please visit:

🔗 <http://water.usgs.gov/coop>



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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, 805 SW Broadway, Suite 500, Portland Oregon, 97205 or e-mail [creek.don@epa.gov](mailto:creek.don@epa.gov).

### ***To Report Spills and Accidents***

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

Alaska	800-478-9300
Idaho	800-632-8000
Oregon	800-452-0311

Washington	800-258-5990
National (EPA)	800-424-8802