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## U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Tribal Section Newsletter

### Recycle City

Visit Recycle City! EPA has added a new game — the Recycle City Challenge — to its education website that gives community members and decision-makers alike great ideas about promoting recycling and waste diversion. Recycle City includes games, helpful tips, and an interactive map! Explore Recycle City to see how to reduce waste, use less energy, and save money by doing simple things at home, work, and in your neighborhood.

[www.epa.gov/recyclecity/](http://www.epa.gov/recyclecity/)

### New Regional Sea Level Scenarios Help Communities Prepare for Risks

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) released on January 19, 2017, new U.S. regional sea-level scenarios developed by NOAA and its partners to give coastal communities better, more localized data to help them plan for and adapt to the risk of rising sea levels to their economies and infrastructure. Here is the link to the NOAA press release, and the report: [www.noaa.gov/media-release/new-regional-sea-level-scenarios-help-communities-prepare-for-risks](http://www.noaa.gov/media-release/new-regional-sea-level-scenarios-help-communities-prepare-for-risks).

### National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program – Fact Sheet

This fact sheet, Building Sustainable Tribal Waste Management Programs Through Collaboration, describes EPA's Peer Matching Program, which aims to strengthen tribal capacity building and develop sustainable waste management programs.

[www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/fact-sheet-epas-national-tribal-waste-management-peer-matching-program](http://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/fact-sheet-epas-national-tribal-waste-management-peer-matching-program)

### Vector Control for Environmental Professionals

Captain Mike Herring (U.S. Public Health Service, retired) has provided a link to an online version of the course he helped develop: "Vector Control for Environmental Health Professionals." This course was funded by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and there is no charge for the training: [lms.southcentralpartnership.org/vcehp.php](http://lms.southcentralpartnership.org/vcehp.php).

### Preventing Vector-Born-Disease – Brown Dog Tick/ Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Seresto Collars

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is a tick-borne disease that is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected ticks. RMSF is a serious illness that can be fatal if not treated correctly. This bulletin discusses the use of Seresto™ collars on dogs to combat the spread of the disease. It is intended to help communities weigh the risks of both RMSF and of any proposed tick-control approach, and then decide what is best for the community. For questions, contact Patti TenBrook in the EPA Region 9 Pesticides Office at (415) 947-4223. View the full fact sheet: [https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/weighing\\_risks\\_to\\_children\\_from\\_dogs\\_wearing\\_seresto-tm\\_collars.pdf](https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/weighing_risks_to_children_from_dogs_wearing_seresto-tm_collars.pdf).

## **EPA's New Webpage – Promoting International Human Rights, Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Justice**

EPA's Office of Environmental Justice has a new webpage to share information on the Agency's efforts to promote international human rights, rights of indigenous peoples and environmental justice. It includes a list of the blog posts written for EPA's EJ in Action Blog, on the work we and others are doing around international human rights. Please feel free to share with your colleagues and others who may be interested:

[www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/epas-role-promoting-international-human-rights-rights-indigenous-peoples-and](http://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/epas-role-promoting-international-human-rights-rights-indigenous-peoples-and)

## **Upcoming Opportunities**

### *Funding and Technical Assistance Opportunities*

### **Solar in Your Community Challenge**

The DOE SunShot Initiative has launched the Solar in Your Community Challenge, a \$5 million prize competition that aims to expand solar access to low and moderate income (LMI) households; state, local, and tribal governments; and non-profit organizations. **Application Deadline is March 17, 2017.**

- The Challenge will support dozens of teams across the country to demonstrate innovative, scalable business and financial models that can overcome market barriers, and open new solar markets that benefit LMI households and nonprofits.
- The Challenge will provide cash prizes and technical assistance to support teams as they work to pilot new programs and projects that expand access to solar.
- Teams will compete over 18 months for a \$500,000 Grand Prize.
- Two things you can do:
  - Learn more about the Challenge and apply as a team or technical assistance provider:  
[www.solarinyourcommunity.org](http://www.solarinyourcommunity.org)
  - In addition to your participation in the Challenge, we'd love your help in getting the word out! Newsletter blurbs, 2-page factsheet, social media posts, and graphics can all be found online:  
[www.solarinyourcommunity.org](http://www.solarinyourcommunity.org)

### **BIA Student Internship Job Announcements**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) is continually seeking scientists and technicians in a range of STEM-related disciplines to protect, conserve, utilize, and manage Indian forest and agricultural lands and resources, including water and power. BIA is recruiting for several internship positions working across various Agriculture and Rangeland Management or Forestry and Wildland Fire Management programs. **Students can intern with the BIA or with a tribal related program.** Intern job vacancy announcements are posted to USAJOBS and can be found at [www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads](http://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads).