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**NATIVE  
AMERICAN  
HERITAGE MONTH**

### **November is American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month**

This month, we recognize the contributions Native Americans and Alaska Natives have made to the establishment and growth of the U.S. Each November since 1990, Congress has authorized a presidential proclamation commemorating American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month.

EPA Region 10 recognizes American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month by hosting internal events and requiring an annual Working Effectively with Tribal Governments training for staff. EPA's Office of International and Tribal Affairs will host a commemorative event on November 16, featuring Spike Bighorn, Associate Deputy Director of the Office of Indian Services for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Spike is an enrolled tribal member and former Chairman of the Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in northeastern Montana. The event will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C., from 10:00 a.m. to noon Eastern Time.

Consider sharing information about American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month with others in your community or hosting your own event. Check out the [National Native American Heritage Month](#) website to learn more about the Native American and Alaska Native experience, and their contributions to American history.

### **FY 2019 GAP Notice of Funding Availability**

[Region 10 Notice of Funding Availability for FY 2019 Indian Environmental General Assistance Program](#) will be posted soon! GAP grants help tribes and tribal consortia build capacity for developing and administering environmental protection programs. The NOFA describes everything you need to know to prepare and submit your GAP grant application. Please read the NOFA carefully before drafting your proposal, as some requirements have changed. Initial proposals are due to your EPA GAP Project Officer no later than **January 19, 2018**.

Region 10 will host a series of webinars for applicants on the NOFA. The NOFA and webinar schedule will be available on the [Region 10 Tribal Programs](#) website. If you have questions about the NOFA, please contact your tribe's GAP Project Officer. A list of GAP Project Officers and tribal assignments is available on EPA's [Region 10 Tribal Contacts](#) web page.

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## Administrator Pruitt Reaffirms EPA’s 1984 Indian Policy



*Administrator Pruitt signs a statement reaffirming the principles of the 1984 EPA Indian Policy with National Tribal Caucus Chairman Evaristo Cruz.*

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt addressed the [National Tribal Operations Committee](#) last month. The Administrator spoke about pressing issues facing environmental leaders in Indian country, and how the Agency and tribal leaders can collaborate on shared goals and challenges.

“EPA is committed to working and partnering with tribal governments to address our shared environmental concerns and challenges,” said Administrator Pruitt. “I understand the important role that tribal governments play in environmental

management, and the unique government-to-government relationship that tribes have with the federal government. The process that we engage in as co-regulators is very important. I believe that regulations ought to make sense, and part of that is engaging directly with tribal governments --taking comments and consulting with tribal governments, so that we are making informed decisions.”

In 1984, President Reagan published the Federal Indian Policy supporting the primary role of tribal governments matters affecting American Indian Reservations. EPA has worked to recognize the importance of tribal governments in regulatory activities to ensure healthy outcomes for American citizens living on Indian Reservations.

“The [1984 EPA Indian Policy](#) is a critical instrument that provides both the EPA and Native American tribes with principles that illustrate the federal trust relationship,” said National Tribal Caucus Chairman Evaristo Cruz. “On behalf of the [National Tribal Caucus](#) we would like to thank Administrator Pruitt for upholding and honoring this legacy that EPA has instituted.”

Administrator Pruitt will continue to work with tribal partners and is reaffirming [EPA’s 1984 Policy](#) that will continue to advance cooperative federalism within the policy’s principles.



*Administrator Pruitt with members of the National Tribal Caucus.*

## Region 10 Awards FY 2018 GAP Grants

In October, EPA Region 10 announced that it is awarding \$32 million in Indian Environmental General Assistance Program grants to tribes and tribal consortia in Alaska, Idaho, Oregon and Washington.

GAP funding helps tribes develop environmental protection programs in order to make informed decisions about issues that impact the health of their people and the quality of their environment. Since its inception, EPA's GAP program has played a critical role in achieving environmental progress and facilitating government-to-government relationships between tribes and the EPA.

Federally recognized tribes in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest use these capacity building grants for staff development, creating environmental plans, seeking technical assistance, developing partnerships and collaboration, and community outreach and education – the building blocks for successful environmental programs.

In recent years, tribes in Alaska and the Pacific Northwest have used the funds for fish consumption studies, watershed protection, emergency response planning, shoreline erosion monitoring, and documenting traditional ecological knowledge to inform environmental program actions. GAP grants have also helped tribes with challenging conditions in rural Alaska by reducing harmful road dust produced from driving on unpaved dirt roads, encouraging proper ventilation to improve air quality in homes tightly-sealed for cold weather, and by advancing recycling and proper management of household hazardous waste.

The GAP program was created by Congress in 1992 to provide grants for federally recognized tribes to plan, develop, and establish the capability to implement core environmental programs administered by EPA. Check out the [Region 10 Tribal Program](#) website for details on GAP grants, including next year's funding opportunity, and visit the Region 10 [GAP-funded tribal success stories](#) website to read about example projects.

## EPA Awards Wetland Program Development Grants

Last month EPA awarded nearly \$900,000 in Wetland Program Development Grants to strengthen state, tribal, and local government capacity in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska to protect and restore wetlands. Healthy wetlands perform important ecological functions, such as feeding downstream waters, trapping floodwaters, recharging groundwater supplies, removing pollution, and providing habitat for fish and wildlife.

**Wetland Program Development grants were awarded to the following tribes:** Sitka Tribe of Alaska, Nez Perce Tribe, Coeur d'Alene Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Tulalip Tribes of Washington, and Snoqualmie Indian Tribe.

Other entities awarded WPDG's include the following: Alaska Center for Conservation Science, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Oregon Department of State Lands, Lane County Council of Governments, Washington Department of Natural Resources, and Washington Department of Ecology.

Check out EPA's [Wetlands Protection and Restoration](#) website to learn more about wetlands. For details on this opportunity, visit EPA's [Wetland Program Development Grants website](#).

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## How Tribes Can Access Volkswagen Clean Air Act Settlement Funds

Through a series of three partial settlements, EPA and Volkswagen resolved allegations that they violated the Clean Air Act by selling approximately 590,000 vehicles equipped with defeat devices to cheat on emissions tests. Diesel vehicles emit nitrogen oxides, which are a serious health concern.

As a part of the settlements, VW is required to provide \$2.7 billion for the 2.0 liter violating vehicles and \$225 million for the 3.0 liter violating vehicles to an Environmental Mitigation Trust to fund eligible actions that reduce excess emissions of NOx caused by the violating cars. The settlement funds are in addition to the emission reductions achieved by requiring Volkswagen to buy back or modify the violating cars.

There will be two environmental mitigation trusts established to administer the funds - one for State Beneficiaries and one for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries. The trusts will be administered by an independent trustee - Wilmington Trust, N.A. An amount of \$55 million was set aside to establish the trust for all federally recognized tribes over the next 6-10 years.

There are 9 eligible mitigation actions. For details on eligible mitigation actions for tribes, refer to [Appendix D-2 of the Partial Consent Decree](#). To access a share of the trust, tribes must qualify as a trust beneficiary by developing an Environmental Mitigation Plan and a budget. Tribes must submit their EMPs for the first year by **January 2, 2018**, and for each subsequent year by September 1.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will assist tribes in developing their EMP's, and Wilmington Trust will distribute funds once the Tribe's plan is approved. ITEP is working with Wilmington Trust to develop a plan to provide technical assistance and will be organizing a Tribal Advisory Council to foster communication between the trustee and tribes. Until ITEP sets up the technical assistance program for tribes, please refer to information available from the **National Tribal Air Association**.

NTAA maintains a [Tribal VW Settlement](#) website that includes resources such as a [Fact Sheet](#) and a [Beneficiary Claim Checklist](#) to guide tribes through the application process. For more information on the VW settlement, check out EPA's [VW Clean Air Act Civil Settlement website](#).

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## Waters of the United States Rulemaking Outreach

EPA and the Department of the Army are proposing a rule to re-define the **Waters of the United States** under the Clean Water Act. The agencies will hold public meetings to hear from stakeholders on recommendations to revise the definition.

A teleconference for the general public will be held on **November 21** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. It is one of ten teleconferences for various stakeholder groups. [Register online](#) for the listening session for the general public by November 14.

Written comments on the Step 2 rulemaking may be submitted to the docket on or before **November 28** via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), identified by **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203**. Please note that this docket is separate from the one associated with the Step 1 proposed rulemaking.

More information about the rulemaking, including a complete schedule of the outreach meetings, and the *Federal Register* notice can be found on [EPA's WOTUS Rulemaking website](#).

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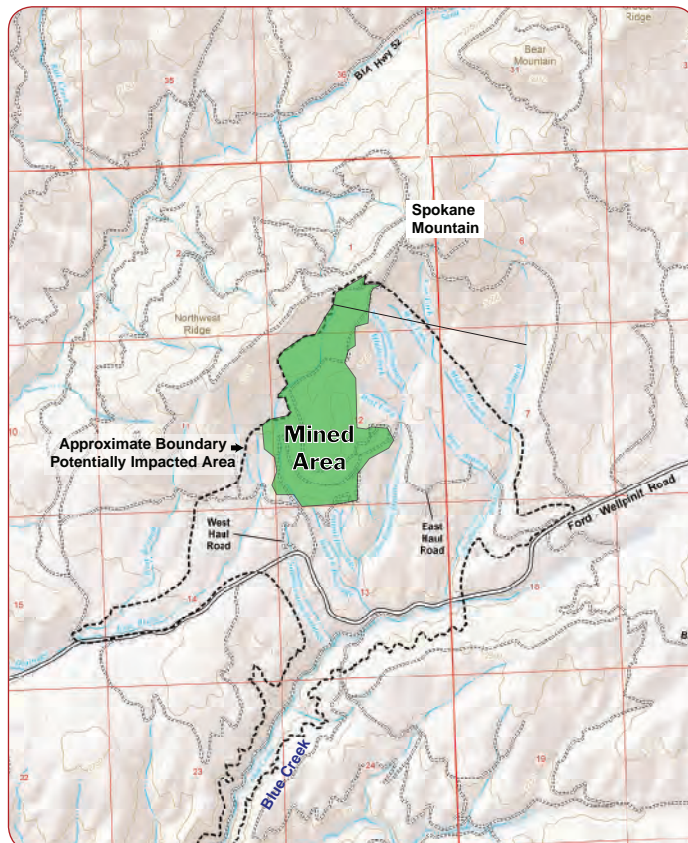
## U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

### Cleanup Progress at Midnite Mine Superfund Site

EPA Region 10 concluded a second year of cleanup work at the Midnite Mine site on the Spokane Reservation. This year, approximately 57 contractors were employed during cleanup, including 36 tribal workers.

Over the past year cleanup included remediation, revegetation, stabilization, and cleanup levels achieved in two areas - a new access road constructed and stabilized, and sediment removal and construction of the groundwater collection system.

During construction, all stormwater was collected and treated prior to off-site discharge. Learn more about the cleanup activities at Midnite Mine on EPA's [Midnite Mine Superfund Site](#) webpage.



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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Alaska Operations Office**

## **Alaska News**

### **EPA’s Alaska Operations Office Director Dianne Soderlund Retires**

Dianne Soderlund, the Director of EPA’s Alaska Operations Office in Anchorage, retired in October. Dianne worked for EPA for 39 years, beginning her career in the Region 10 office in Seattle when EPA was a new agency. She moved to Alaska two years later for a job as a permit writer and industrial facilities inspector. Before picking up the reins as the Alaska Director in 2011, she held several other EPA jobs, including Superfund Project Manager, Oil and Gas Sector Manager, and even assisted the State of Alaska write pesticide regulations.



During her time at EPA, she described significant changes in the relationships between tribes and EPA — and in the development of tribal environmental programs. As a crowning achievement, she cites the 2009 [North Slope Communications Protocol](#) that outlines meaningful outreach procedures used by Agency staff when making decisions that affect North Slope communities. The North Slope Communications Protocol is referred to in the current [Region 10 Tribal Consultation Procedures](#) and in other Agency decision-making tools.

Dianne said, “In the past, we’d listen and consider feedback, but we didn’t always close the loop. The North Slope Communications Protocol ensures that we demonstrate a response and explain to communities the changes that we can and can’t make. We place value on what we hear from tribes, and we share our approach with other agencies so they can learn from it. The Tribal Coordinators in our tribal program have provided education, guidance, and awareness, and IGAP has been an agent of change.”

She advises, “If given an opportunity, take the risk to make change.” She also recommends, “Try to walk a mile in someone else’s shoes to understand how things might feel to someone else. Don’t get paralyzed by fear of doing something wrong — instead do no harm, and do some good. Instead of striving for perfection, try to achieve any small thing so someone else can build upon it.”

Those that have worked with Dianne over the years will miss the grace with which she conducts herself, the professionalism and integrity she exemplifies in any work situation and the good stewardship of Alaska’s unique environment she brought every day to her job. Joyce Kelly, the Regional Administrator’s Chief of Staff and Division Director, reflecting on Dianne’s long and successful career has said, “Dianne is the epitome of a committed federal employee. She is held in high regard by her peers, both for her technical abilities as well as her interpersonal skills. Her legacy of caring about people and the environment will live on long after her departure.”

Region 10 is in the process of hiring a new director for the Alaska Operations Office. Marcia Combes (the Alaska director preceding Dianne) will step back into that role to serve as a temporary director until a permanent selection is made.

## Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program – RACEJT 2018



APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 28.**

Zender Environmental Health and Research Group is operating the 6th year of their job training program funded by the Region 10 Brownfields Program for unemployed and underemployed rural residents - RACEJT. Accepted applicants will receive 4 weeks of training to qualify them to work as Rural Environmental Technicians.

The RACEJT training includes HAZWOPER 40 hour, Confined Space, Spill Response, Solid and Hazardous Waste Management, 10-hour Construction Safety, CPR/First Aid, Rural Alaska Landfill Operation, Refrigerant Removal, Forklift Operation, GPS/GIS and Basic Mapping, Alaska Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead, Soil and Water Quality Sampling, and Workforce Development Skills.

There are two, 2-week semesters required in Anchorage, with a two-week “spring break” in between. Tentative dates are as follows:

**Semester 1:** March 15–28.

**Semester 2:** April 9-25.

Trainees can receive 11 University of Alaska - Fairbanks college credits and graduate with an Occupational Endorsement as a Rural Solid Waste Management and Spill Response Technician.



Learn more about the [RACEJT program](#) on Zender Environmental Health and Research Group’s website. CONTACT: **April Reed McCoy** • 907-717-4754 • [areed@zendergroup.org](mailto:areed@zendergroup.org)

## Land Reuse Resources for Alaska Communities Workshop

In September, the EPA Region 10 Brownfields Program presented at the Land Reuse Resources for Alaska Communities Workshop held in Fairbanks, AK. Local, regional, and tribal governments, as well as economic and community development departments attended. The focus was on how and where to obtain funding and manage projects to redevelop previously-used sites (potential brownfield sites) into job-creating businesses, energy production facilities, housing and other public uses. The workshop was hosted by the Fairbanks North Star Borough and was provided by the Center for Creative Land Recycling, Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, and the EPA. Learn more about Brownfields and land reuse on [EPA Region 10 Brownfields and Lands Revitalization Program](#) website.

## Tribal Consultation

A full list of consultation opportunities is available in [EPA’s Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

There are no tribal consultation opportunities for tribes in Region 10 at the time of publication.

## RTOC News



*The Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives to further tribal environmental objectives at the regional level, serve as a liaison between the EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.*

### We Are Hiring!

Two positions available for full time employment by the Region 10 Tribal Consortium, a 501(c)3 organization known as the RTOC. Brief descriptions follow.

#### **Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit Coordinator**

Coordinates all aspects of planning, development, organization and execution of the RTOC's Tribal Leader's Summit. Reports to the RTOC Coordinator.

#### **RTOC Coordinator**

Oversees all aspects of the planning, development, organization and execution of the RTOC meetings, coordination with EPA staff, outreach to tribes and communication regarding the mission and work of the RTOC to tribes within EPA Region 10. Reports to the RTOC Tribal Caucus Co-Chairs. This position is a reorganization of, and will be the new job title for, the current Communications Specialist.

Positions are grant funded and available until filled. Full job announcements stating descriptions, qualifications and salary are available on the [Region 10 RTOC website](#).

### Upcoming Meetings

Conference Call – November 15

In-person meeting at EPA Region 10, Seattle, WA – December 12-14

### 2018 Tribal Leaders Summit

Save the Date!

April 11-13, 2018

Next year's summit will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho!

For a summary of this year's conference, download the [2017 Tribal Leaders Summit Report](#).

### Stay Engaged with Us!

- RTOC Meeting Minutes are available online.
- Check out Region 10 RTOC Facebook for the latest news, training, and funding opportunities.
- Follow Region 10 RTOC on Twitter.
- Submit meeting discussion topics.

Contact **Randi Madison**, RTOC R10 Communications Specialist, **509-703-4219** • [communications@region10rtoc.net](mailto:communications@region10rtoc.net) if you wish to join our monthly teleconference and/or have environmental topics to raise.



## Grants

### 2017 School Bus Rebate Program

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **November 14.**

Need help paying for that new school bus or upgrade? EPA is offering an opportunity to receive up to \$20,000 per vehicle to replace older school buses, and up to \$6,000 per vehicle for retrofits. Older school buses without emission reduction retrofits emit significant amounts of harmful exhaust, so participating in this program will help improve the health of students and other members of your community.



Regional, state, or tribal agencies – including school districts and municipalities, or private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an aforementioned entity are eligible. Please visit [EPA's Clean Diesel Rebates website](#) for all the details and the application form.

### Tribal Support for E-Enterprise for the Environment



E-ENTERPRISE  
for the environment

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 24.**

EPA solicits proposals from eligible organizations that are representative of federally recognized tribes and are familiar with tribal environmental issues, programs, and data to provide outreach to increase and enhance tribal participation in E-Enterprise for the Environment. The recipient will promote discussion, collaboration and partnership among tribes, states and federal agency representatives.

E-Enterprise for the Environment is a joint initiative of states, territories, tribes and EPA to accelerate the collaborative development, implementation, and improvement of environmental and public health protection programs. The E-Enterprise for the Environment Portal is a user-friendly web platform for the public, regulated community, and environmental co-regulators to conduct environmental transactions and access web resources. EPA is working with states and tribes to develop a dynamic tool for collaboration and innovation.

Check out the [E-Enterprise for the Environment](#) website to learn more about the program, and view the online [Tribal Support for E Enterprise for the Environment](#) request for proposals.

### 2017 Indoor Air Quality Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network, hosted by the Tulalip Tribes, connects tribes, tribal consortia, government, non-profit advocates, and researchers to promote just, healthy, and safe living environments for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. THHNW compiled a [2017 Guide on Indoor Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Tribes](#). The guide also includes tips for preparing a competitive funding proposal. If you are interested in applying for one of the funding opportunities listed in the guide, you can contact THHNW for more information and free technical assistance.

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## **Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants FY 2017 Flood Mitigation Assistance**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 14.**

The **Flood Mitigation Assistance** Program makes federal funds available to state, local and tribal governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the **National Flood Insurance Program**. In FY 2017, the FMA Program will prioritize proposals that address community flood risk by setting aside \$70 million for this purpose.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency** will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities:

1. Advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.
2. The remaining funding - at least \$90,000,000 - will be used for FMA technical assistance, mitigation planning, and mitigation projects reducing risk to severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties.

Applicants may submit a maximum of one advanced assistance and one community mitigation project sub-application.

### **FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 14.**

The **Pre-Disaster Mitigation** program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories, and a tribal set-aside of \$10 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives.

Learn more about both opportunities on [FEMA’s Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) website.

### **FY 2018 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 16.**

EPA’s Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse brownfield sites. A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Two separate EPA Brownfields funding opportunities are available.

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## **FY 2018 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant**

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Although federally recognized tribes of Alaska are not eligible for the competitive brownfields funding (with the exception of the Metlakatla Indian Community), Alaskan tribes may work with other eligible entities in the application process. In addition to local governments, land clearance authorities, regional councils, etc., the Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations are eligible entities to apply for the following competitive Brownfields opportunities.

### **1. Assessment Grants (funded over three years)**

- **Community-wide or Site-Specific Applicants.** Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding or up to \$200,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Community-wide Applicants.** Applicants seeking **both** hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding may request a combined total up to \$300,000, but the request for hazardous substances funding or petroleum funding cannot exceed \$200,000 for any one individual type of grant funding. For example, an applicant may apply for \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding and \$100,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Assessment Coalition Applicants.** Applicants may request up to \$600,000 in hazardous substances funding and/or petroleum funding.

### **2. Cleanup Grants (funded over three years)**

Applicants may request funding to address either a single Brownfield site or multiple Brownfield sites within each proposal. An applicant may request up to \$200,000 in each proposal. An applicant can submit up to three cleanup proposals.

Check out [EPA's Brownfields grants](#) website to learn more about these opportunities.

## **FY 2018 Brownfield Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **December 15.**

These grants are provided to develop environmental programs that recruit, train, and place unemployed and under-employed residents of communities affected by brownfields and other environmental contaminants with the skills needed to secure full-time, sustainable employment in the environmental field and in assessment and cleanup work taking place in their communities.

Each Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant may be funded up to \$200,000 over a three-year period. Tribes in Alaska are not eligible (with the exception of the Metlakatla Indian Community).

To assist applicants with their proposals, EPA will hold an informational webinar for prospective grant applicants. The webinar will be held on **November 7** at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time. [Access the webinars live](#), at the aforementioned date and time.

Check out EPA's [FY 2018 Environmental Workforce Development Job Training Grant](#) website to learn more.



## 2017 Tribal Diesel Emissions Reductions Program Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 18.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions, (in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure), particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement. Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and federally recognized tribes in Alaska that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and non-road engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps). Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

An informational webinar for interested applicants will be held **November 9** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. [Join the webinar](#) online. For audio, call 1-866-299-3188 and enter passcode 3439147.

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the [2017 Tribal Request for Proposals](#) online.

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## 2018 Healthy Watershed Consortium Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **February 1.**

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium is a partnership between the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, EPA, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program aims to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds.

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## Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation's Brownfields Assessment & Cleanup Service

APPLICATIONS DUE: **January 31.**

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation will conduct a number of DEC Brownfield Assessment and Cleanup projects at eligible properties in Alaska. DEC assists Alaskan communities by conducting environmental site assessments, a limited cleanup effort, and characterization/cleanup planning.

A DBAC is intended to help reduce the environmental uncertainties or conditions that hinder the reuse or redevelopment of an eligible property. DEC selects projects that have solid reuse or redevelopment plans, and projects that are seeking other funds to support their reuse goals and projects which have demonstrated strong community commitment and support. For more information, and to apply, please visit the [DBAC website](#).

Note that there are some changes that have been made to the previous three-step application process. There is just one combined application this year. The above link will take you to a fillable PDF application that can be saved and submitted. Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Lisa Griswold in advance of submitting applications to ensure eligibility and address any concerns.

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## Training & Scholarships

*Training opportunities in this newsletter are either hosted, funded, or sponsored in collaboration with EPA. Any 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*

### Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Lower 48 Tribes (Level 2 course)

**November 6-8, Albuquerque, NM**

ITEP is hosting a course to help tribal environmental, housing, and health staff learn how to use diagnostic equipment to assess indoor air quality. After completing this course, participants will be able to use diagnostic equipment and interpret data to assess a home, test a home for radon, and educate the occupants about a healthful indoor environment. Learn more on [ITEP's air quality training](#) website.

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### Online ITEP Courses Available

Northern Arizona University and ITEP offer tribally focused, professional development training to new and experienced professionals through interactive, online courses. The new online courses include **Tribal Strategic Planning: Ensuring Successful Development of Your ETEP and Partnerships and Community Outreach**. View ITEP's online [catalog of available courses](#).

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## Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

November 14-17, Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, is an annual gathering that brings together tribes, non-profits, and state and federal organizations, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. This year, the conference involves three days of sessions focused on a range of broad environmental health topics and one day of technical trainings. For details, visit [ATCEM's website](#).

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## National Association of Remedial Project Managers Training Program

December 4-8, Denver, CO

The training program provides Superfund Remedial Project Managers (and those who work with them, such as States, Tribal Project Managers and other partners) classroom training on innovative approaches to cleaning up hazardous waste sites, improve community and stakeholder outreach, enhance project management skills, and lessons learned through sharing case studies. Additionally, the training program provides an excellent opportunity for EPA, tribal and state RPMs to coordinate and network.

This year's training program focuses on the following:

- Community Engagement and Environmental Justice.
- Investigation, Design, Remediation and Post Construction.
- Technology and Contaminant-Specific Topics.
- Project Management.
- Optimal Cleanups.

Registration for the training program will end on **November 15**. Information about logistics, travel and lodging, registration, and course descriptions is available on the [Training Exchange | NARPM 2017](#) website.

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## Introduction to Tribal Air Quality (Level 1 course)

January 9-12, Flagstaff, AZ

This ITEP course is designed to provide an understanding of the importance of clean air for the protection of human health and the total environment. It is appropriate for tribal environmental personnel who are new to air quality and are interested in learning the basics of air quality management.

The course is structured as an intensive training that uses multiple approaches to learning including lecture and discussion, laboratory, and small-group activities. There will also be reading and writing assignments each evening during the course. Registration deadline is **November 28**. Details available on [ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule](#) online.

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## Department of Energy Technical Assistance

Federally recognized tribes (including Alaska Native villages), tribal groups, communities, and tribal energy resource development organizations can apply annually to receive on-request technical assistance for planning and implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The intended result is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward. Assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, at no cost. Each request will be evaluated based on scope and available budget. Current projects funded by DOE grants receive priority.

Types of on-request assistance include the following:

- Energy planning.
- Housing, building energy efficiency and resilience.
- Project development.
- Village power.
- Policy and regulation.

Apply online for [DOE Office of Indian Energy Technical Assistance](#).

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 7 Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training Grant Webinar.** 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time ● <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/fy18ewdjt>
- 7 Alaska Tribal Air Workgroup Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time ● Call 1-800-832-0736, enter room \*6298822 ● <http://anthc.adobeconnect.com/airquality>
- 6 – 8 Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Lower 48 Tribes (Level 2).** Albuquerque, NM ● [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_aq\\_iaqtc](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_iaqtc)
- 9 Tribal Diesel Emissions Reductions Program Grants Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time ● Call 1-866-299-3188, enter passcode 3439147 ● <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribaldera2>
- 14 – 17 Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management.** Anchorage, AK ● <http://www.atcemak.com>
- 15 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time ● <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 21 WOTUS Outreach General Public Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time ● Register by **November 14** ● <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/outreach-meetings>

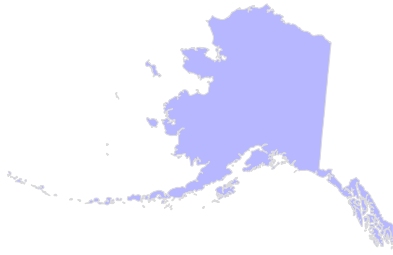
### December

- 4 – 8 National Association of Remedial Project Managers Training Program.** Denver, CO ● <https://trainex.org/narpm2017>
- 12 – 14 RTOC In-Person Meeting.** Seattle, WA ● <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>

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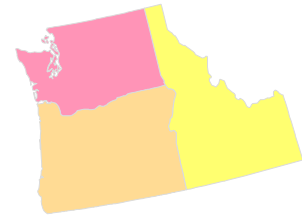
- 9 – 12 Introduction to Tribal Air Quality.** Flagstaff, AZ ● [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)

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IDAHO.....	800-632-8000
OREGON .....	800-452-0311
WASHINGTON.....	800-258-5990
NATIONAL (EPA) .....	800-424-8802



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