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### **Top News**

### **May is Asthma Awareness Month**

Each May, EPA strives to increase public awareness to get asthma under control in communities. Asthma affects more than 25 million people. Even though asthma is widespread, public awareness of common triggers and effective management strategies remains limited. EPA offers several resources to help you identify asthma triggers in your home, and share information with parents and kids as well as healthcare professionals. EPA's Asthma Awareness Month Event Planning Kit provides resources to help you organize events to educate your community. Check out EPA's Asthma website to learn more about asthma, and access other educational tools and videos.

# Raise a Flag for Air Quality — Join EPA's Air Quality Flag Program



Every day across the country, schools and organizations participating in EPA's air quality flag program check air quality conditions on the <u>AirNow</u> website, and raise a flag that corresponds to local air quality — green, yellow, orange, red, and purple. Joining the <u>Air Quality Flag Program</u> alerts the public, and those with asthma, to adjust physical activities on unhealthy days to reduce exposure to air pollution. To learn more about the air quality flag program, check out EPA's <u>AirNow Air Quality Flag Program</u> website. To find out if your local school is eligible to receive a free Air Quality Flag Program kit, contact Andrea Lindsay at 206-553-1896.

#### **Pop Quiz**

What can you do to reduce asthma triggers in your home?

- A. Clean up mold with soap and water.
- B. Don't smoke in your home.
- C. Vacuum carpets, rugs, and furniture often.
- D. All of the above.

See the answer on Page 12

#### **New Tools in EPA's Air Sensor Toolbox**

EPA has developed two new tools for the Agency's <u>Air Sensor Toolbox</u>. The air sensor toolbox enables citizen scientists and others to collect and interpret air quality data in their communities using low-cost air sensors. The new tools include the *Instruction Guide:* How to Evaluate Low-cost Sensors by Collocation with Federal Reference Monitors and an

Excel-based Macro Analysis Tool for Air Sensor Data, which allows users to compare data from low-cost monitors to the data being collected by regulatory-grade air monitors. Download the tools from EPA's Air Sensor Toolbox for Citizen Scientists, Researchers and Developers website.



# **GAP Grant Solid Waste Activities and Upcoming Guidance Evaluation**

The FY 18 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law on March 23, 2018, includes the following language: "Provided, that hereafter, notwithstanding other applicable provisions of law, the funds appropriated for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program shall be available to federally recognized tribes for solid waste and recovered materials collection, transportation, backhaul, and disposal services." This replaces the comparable provision in the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016 that made GAP funding available for these activities through FY 2020. Current guidance on the use of GAP funds for waste services is available on EPA's Implementation Activities Related to Solid Waste and Recovered Materials Allowable for GAP Funding Under the 2016 Consolidated Appropriations Act website.

In 2018, EPA will be engaging with tribes and consortia to review the effectiveness of the 2013 GAP Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia. The goal of the evaluation is to identify ways to improve the Guidance and/or its implementation to better achieve the purpose of GAP by assessing achievements and challenges associated with the first four years of its implementation. This GAP Guidance evaluation will provide opportunities for EPA and tribal representatives to discuss the newly enacted provision related to the availability of GAP funding for waste services.

# **National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee Seeks Applicants**

APPLICATIONS DUE: May 25.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is seeking applications for the National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee. Up to five individuals will be selected for the term beginning November 1, 2018 and ending October 31, 2020.

Since 2008, ITEP has worked in cooperation with EPA's **O**ffice of **L**and and **E**mergency **M**anagement developing tribal waste management and response training, providing technical assistance, and conducting the annual Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. The National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee is comprised of tribal experts in the fields of solid waste, brownfields, Superfund, Underground Storage Tanks, hazardous substances, and tribal response programs who assist ITEP and OLEM in the development and implementation of this program, as well as ensuring two-way communication between tribes, ITEP and OLEM. *⇔ Continued* 

## **National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee Seeks Applicants**

The steering committee also produces an annual priority document on OLEM-related media, which is provided to senior EPA management and the National Tribal Caucus.

Application details and more information about the National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee can be found on ITEP's Waste and Response website.

### **National Leadership Summit on PFAS**

May 22-23, Washington, D.C.

EPA plans to host a National Leadership Summit to take action on **P**er- and Poly**f**luoro**a**lkyl **S**ubstances. PFAS is a category of man-made chemicals that have been widely used to make products because of their stain-resistant, waterproof and/or nonstick properties. Summit participants will work together to:

- Share information on ongoing efforts to characterize risks from PFAS and develop monitoring and treatment/cleanup techniques.
- Identify specific near-term actions, beyond those already underway, that are needed to address challenges currently facing states and local communities.
- Develop risk communication strategies to address public concerns with PFAS.

Following the summit, EPA will travel to states with communities impacted by PFAS to further engage on ways the Agency can best support the work that's being done at the state, local, and tribal levels. Using information from the National Leadership Summit and community engagement, EPA plans to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year. For additional information, please see <a href="the press release">the press release</a> and check out EPA's <a href="https://example.com/PFAS">PFAS</a> National Leadership Summit and Engagement website.



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

#### Alaska News

### Alaska Regional Response Team 2018 Tribal Newsletter

The Alaska Regional Response Team provides federal, state, and local governmental agencies with a means to participate in response to pollution incidents. The ARRT is committed to engaging with Alaska tribes, providing information on ARRT activities, as well as expertunities to participate in government statewide.

well as opportunities to participate in government statewide spill response planning. The ARRT has issued their annual tribal newsletter for 2018. Check out ARRT's website to learn more about their activities, upcoming meetings, and engagement with tribes. Questions or comments regarding the newsletter, or the ARRT may be directed to Nick Knowles with EPA or to Marc Randolph with U.S. Coast Guard.



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

### **Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Project**



Protecting and restoring cold water refuges is important for the survival of migrating salmon and the recovery of future salmon populations. The Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Project goals are to identify cold water refuges available for use by migrating salmon, assess the sufficiency of them for current and future populations, and identify strategies to restore, enhance, and protect high quality refuges for the

future. The project area is from the mouth of the Columbia River to its confluence with the Snake River. EPA plans to issue a Columbia River Cold Water Refuges Plan by November 2018. To learn more about cold water refuges and this project, check out EPA's Columbia River Cold Water Refuges website.



Illustration of potential cold water refuges along the Columbia River Migration Corridor



# First Issue of *qidiqabit* — Warmhouse Beach Superfund Site Newsletter

EPA and the Makah Tribe are honored to announce the first issue of a <u>Warmhouse Beach</u> <u>Dump Superfund Site newsletter</u>. The Warmhouse Beach Dump site is on the Makah Reservation in Neah Bay, Washington. The newsletter is designed to let you know about what's happening at the site, opportunities to get involved, and information resources. CONTACT: **Debra Sherbina** ● 1-800-424-4372, extension 0247 ● <u>Sherbina.debra@epa.gov</u>

## **RTOC News**





The Region 10 **R**egional **T**ribal **O**perations **C**ommittee 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.

#### **Region 10 RTOC is Hiring**

The Region 10 RTOC is hiring for the RTOC coordinator position. The RTOC coordinator oversees all aspects of the planning, development, organization, and execution of RTOC meetings, coordination with EPA staff, outreach to tribes, and communication to tribes within EPA Region 10 regarding the mission and work of the RTOC. To view the full job announcement, please email policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net.

#### **2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit Summary**

Over 230 tribal leaders and environmental professionals participated in the 2018 **T**ribal **E**nvironmental **L**eaders **S**ummit held April 11-13 in Worley, Idaho. Highlights of the conference included presentations from Chris Hladick - EPA Region 10 Administrator, Paulette Jordan - Coeur d'Alene tribal member and former member of the Idaho House of Representatives, and Caj Matheson - natural resources director for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe. Each keynote presentation offered truth, hope, and inspiration, and sessions offered candid discussions and interaction.

The RTOC is grateful to the Coeur d'Alene Tribe and the Coeur d'Alene Casino Resort Hotel for their hospitality, and to the new TELS Coordinator — Carm Bohnee. The RTOC hopes attendees enjoyed the summit, and walked away with a deeper understanding, deeper relationships, and inspired direction.

The RTOC will post conference highlights to their <u>Facebook page</u> and via email newsletters. In the next few months they will also provide a detailed conference report, along with resolutions and action items resulting from the summit. Please follow Region 10 RTOC and make sure to sign up for RTOC e-newsletters using the link below. Stay tuned for the 2019 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit announcement coming this summer!

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- ➤ May 17 Teleconference at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time
- ➤ June 5-7 Quarterly Meeting hosted by Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska Submit Meeting Discussion Topics

#### **Stay Engaged with Us**

Opt-in to receive important emails from the Region 10 RTOC. Stay-In-the-Loop emails are a direct line from the tribal caucus representatives to you! Region 10 RTOC can inform you of EPA policy, funding and program news that affect your communities. You will also receive a quarterly newsletter and reminders of important deadlines to participate in meetings and have your voices heard.

Contact **Randi Madison**, Interim RTOC Coordinator • <a href="rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net">rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net</a> if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve you and your community.

### **Tribal Consultation**

A full list of consultation opportunities is available in EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System.

# State of Alaska Water Quality Standards Antidegradation Policy and Implementation Methods

END DATE: May 29.

EPA received a water quality standards submission from Alaska's Department of Environmental Conservation concerning the State's antidegradation policy and implementation methods on March 9. The EPA is preparing for an upcoming Clean Water Act action on WQS revisions, and letters were sent on April 12 to all federally recognized tribes in Alaska offering the opportunity for tribal consultation.

The WQS revisions submitted by DEC include changes to Alaska's antidegradation policy and implementation methods. The implementation methods section is new and represents most of the revisions. Information on Alaska's antidegradation policy and implementation methods can be found on DEC's Division of Water Antidegradation website.

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#### **Indirect Cost Policy for EPA Grants**

END DATE: May 31.

Indirect Cost rates compensate grant recipients for costs incurred for overhead functions that benefit EPA grants, as well as other activities that grant recipients carry out that may or may not be federally funded. IDC rates are negotiated for tribal recipients on behalf of all federal agencies by the Department of Interior. EPA's IDC policies are out of date and are contained in three separate guidances directed towards different types of recipients. The Agency has drafted a proposed policy to consolidate the guidance into a coherent framework that conforms with the Uniform Grant Guidance. Although the DOI is the cognizant agency for negotiating IDC rates for tribes, EPA's IDC policies could impact assistance agreements between EPA and tribes.

EPA will also consolidate all IDC policies into a single policy issuance. In addition, this policy provides consistency and flexibility for tribes and other recipients to request regulatory exceptions on a case-by-case basis to allow the following:

- 1. Use of the 10 percent de minimis rate even if the recipient had an indirect cost rate in the past.
- 2. Continued use of expired fixed rates with carry-forward, for up to four years from the expiration date.
- 3. A waiver from 2 CFR 200 provisions, to facilitate recipient grant compliance if their indirect cost procedures have not been aligned with 2 CFR Part 200 prior to issuance of this policy.

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## **Request for Comment**

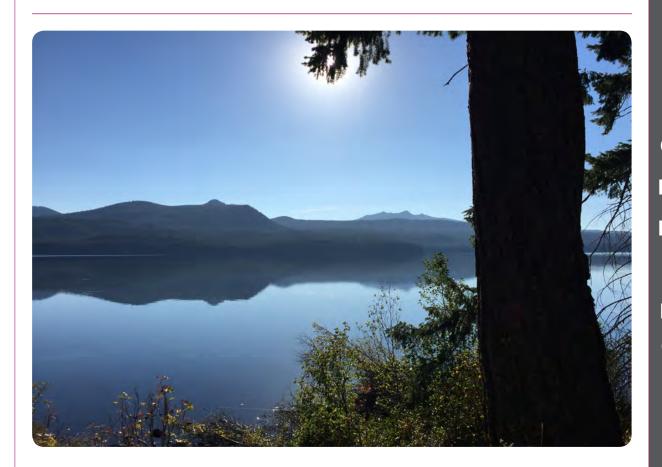
## **Discharges via Direct Hydrologic Connection to Surface Water**

END DATE: May 21.

In February, EPA issued a request for comment on how pollutants that are discharged into groundwater that flows through a direct connection into jurisdictional surface waters should be treated under the **C**lean **W**ater **A**ct.

Over the years, the courts, EPA, states, tribes, and local communities have addressed this type of pollutant source in different ways under the CWA. The Agency wants to hear from all stakeholders about a few key issues, including whether EPA should provide guidance or rulemaking, or should review and potentially clarify any previous Agency statements on the issue of how discharges from point sources that reach jurisdictional surface waters through groundwater is treated under the CWA and in the Agency's permitting program.

This input will help inform potential next steps that could provide clarity. The notice is published in the <u>Federal Register</u>. To learn more about the Agency's interpretation of the CWA, check out EPA's <u>National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Industrial</u> Wastewater website.



### **Grants**

#### **State Indoor Radon Grant**

PROPOSALS DUE: May 31.

EPA Region 10 offers a **S**tate Indoor **R**adon **G**rant for tribal radon work. **SIRG**s are critical to the Agency's national goal of minimizing and preventing radon-related lung cancer. Tribes and tribal consortia may receive grant funds from EPA that help finance radon risk reduction activities. Region 10 anticipates that one grant will be awarded for up to \$24,000.

The SIRG may be used for activities such as developing partnerships, conducting outreach and education, increasing radon awareness, providing radon test kits to facilities, and collaborating with housing and other partners to develop and implement building codes and practices that safely address radon. To learn more about SIRGs, check out EPA's State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG) Program website.

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### Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Credit Assistance Program

LETTERS OF INTEREST DUE: July 6.

EPA's **W**ater Infrastructure **F**inance and Innovation **A**ct program is a federal loan and guarantee program that aims to accelerate investment in the nation's water infrastructure by providing long-term, low-cost supplemental loans for regionally and nationally significant projects. EPA has approximately \$5.5 billion in credit that could finance over \$11 billion in water infrastructure projects through the WIFIA program.

Tribes and tribal consortia are eligible for a wide range of projects, such as drinking water treatment and distribution, wastewater conveyance and treatment, enhanced energy efficiency projects at drinking water and wastewater facilities, desalination, aquifer recharge, alternative water supply, and water recycling, and drought prevention, reduction, or mitigation projects.

For a project to be eligible for a WIFIA loan, the project's eligible costs must be anticipated to be at least \$20 million. The threshold for projects serving small communities (25,000 people or less) is \$5 million. The WIFIA program can fund up to 49

percent of eligible project costs.

EPA's WIFIA program will host webinars and information sessions for prospective borrowers. A webinar for tribal perspective borrowers is scheduled for **May 2** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To register for the tribal or other informational webinars, please visit EPA's <u>WIFIA Resources</u> website. Check out EPA's <u>Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act</u> website for application details.



## **Training & Scholarships**

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#### **Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training**

May 8-10, Klawock, AK

The Rural Alaska Landfill Operator course is for the designated landfill operator and administrator in a village with a Class III landfill or open dump, and focuses on the duties of the landfill operator, their personal safety and the safety of the village. Emphasis is placed on the importance of the landfill operator's role to keep the village clean and the landfill free from harmful substances. Participants will learn about landfill regulations and requirements, household hazardous waste, waste separation and screening, waste reduction and segregation, recycling, personal protection equipment and much more.

These courses are hosted by Alaska Forum, Inc. with trainers and expertise provided in cooperation with Solid Waste Administration of North America, Alaska Chapter. To register, check out the Alaska Forum RALO Training website.

#### **2018 Tribal Hazardous Waste Training**

May 14-18, Niobrara, NE

EPA Region 7 and the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network are partnering to host a hazard-ous waste training for tribal professionals, open to all tribal nations. This five-day training will provide attendees with guidance and tips for handling hazardous substances and wastes. Training topics include hazardous waste identification, minimization, management, enforcement, funding, universal waste, and emergency preparedness. This training is designed for tribal environmental directors, tribal response professionals, utilities, solid waste, and water sampling staff. There will be \$500 travel scholarships available from TSWAN for 25 people to use for this training. Please register by May 10 on the 2018 Tribal Hazardous Waste Training for Tribal Nations in the Midwest website.

CONTACT: Liz Blackburn ● 913-551-7899 ● blackburn.lizi@epa.gov

### **Emergency Spill Response Training**

May 14-19, Palmer, AK

Alaska Forum is offering Emergency Spill Response Training. Training will provide OSHA 40 Hour HAZWOPER, Alaska Certified Erosion and Sediment Control Lead. Training will be conducted both in the classroom and in the field.

#### **Forest Inventory Technician Training**

May 14-25, Palmer, AK

<u>Alaska Forum</u> is offering Forest Technician Training. Forest Technicians work on a variety of jobs measuring and mapping forest resources. Technicians assist with data collection, carry out conservation projects, monitor the growth and use of the forest.

CONTACT: Meg Burgett ● 907-202-9612 ● mburgett@akforum.org

#### **National Tribal Forum on Air Quality**

May 14-17, Carlton, MN

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality provides an opportunity to meet, exchange ideas, and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, technical and outreach topics in air quality. The conference is coordinated by ITEP and the National Tribal Air Association with funding from EPA. ITEP will provide a limited number of scholarships to cover eligible travel expenses for tribal employees. Register or learn more on ITEP's Conferences website.

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# The Business of Trash: Effectively Managing your Community's Waste and Qualified Sampler Training

May 14-18, Bethel, AK

Having trouble convincing your community to pay fees? Do you find that your solid waste program starts and stops, or doesn't seem to improve? If so, then this training is for you!

The training looks at solid waste management programs as utility operations. It will include self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the 10 management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management, and apply them to Alaska solid waste. You will learn your own program's weaknesses and strengths in each management area, gain from sharing experiences with fellow participants, and leave with an identified approach for improving your program. The training includes developing a solid waste management plan and budget, and a community outreach strategy.

Qualified Sampler Training includes a combination of classroom and in-the-field training, where you will learn how to take your own water and soil samples to send for laboratory contaminant testing, test on-site for surface water fecal coliform, sampling and monitoring for basic water quality parameters using a YSI probe and turbidity meter, and determine flow rates and discharge for your water body using a flow probe.

Passing this course satisfies the State of Alaska training requirements to become a qualified sampler. For details, check out Zender Environmental Health and Research Group's Solid Waste and Technical Assistance Program website.

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#### **Introduction to GAP Management**

May 22-23, Anchorage, AK

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium is offering an Introduction to GAP Management Workshop. This in-person training will guide participants through the EPA Indian Environmental General Assistance Program from beginning to end. Participants will also receive information and tools that will help them build and manage effective environmental programs in their community.

The workshop is intended for tribal environmental program staff, Tribal Administrators, or other tribal staff involved in managing GAP grants. For registration information, please visit the Training Schedule tab on <a href="ANTHC's Capacity & Training">ANTHC's Capacity & Training</a> website.

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### **Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Results Webinar**

May 22 at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time

EPA Region 10 will hold a webinar for tribal governments throughout the U.S., to share information on a survey of tribal fish consumption in Idaho completed in 2016. The survey characterized current fish consumption rates using state of the art statistical modeling methods as well as historic (i.e. heritage) FCRs.

EPA will present the survey methodology and findings, Joe Oatman from the Nez Perce Tribe — one of the tribes that participated



in the survey, will offer tribal perspectives on the study and use of its resulting data in environmental regulation. The surveys, along with other background information, can be found on EPA's Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Survey website.

Join the webinar through EPA's Adobe Connect Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Survey website. Audio is also available by calling **202-991-0477**. Enter conference code **3335164**.

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# Community Involvement Training — Engaging and Revitalizing Communities Through Cleanup and Reuse

July 18-19, Kansas City, MO

EPA's Community Involvement Training Program brings together federal and state agencies, tribes, communities, a and industry, who plan and implement environmental community involvement activities, and provides training tools and techniques that address public outreach and engagement. To learn more, check EPA's <a href="Community Involvement Training">Community Involvement Training</a> <a href="Program website">Program website</a>.

## National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop

August 8-10, Indianapolis, IN

EPA's Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, in coordination with the **A**ssociation of **S**tate **D**rinking **W**ater **A**dministrators, is planning a National Capacity Development and Operator Certification workshop. The workshop is held every three years and focuses on capacities related to drinking water utilities. Organizations involved with tribal capacity development and operator certification from across the country are invited to participate.

New for the 2018 workshop is a tribally focused meeting beginning **August 8**. Sessions of the workshop may focus on training and certification of tribal drinking water utility operators, asset management, coordination between technical assistance providers, and coordination with federal agencies for infrastructure development. Learn more or register online on <u>ASDWA's National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop</u> website.

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### **Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (Level 2)**

June 5-7, Flagstaff, AZ

This ITEP course is designed for environmental professionals who are responsible for managing tribal air programs and grants. The course will include lectures, discussions, and an emphasis on small-group work. Groups will draft strategic plans, work plans, and budgets for a hypothetical tribal air program. A substantial amount of time will be devoted to grant management and reporting. Part of the course content will be conveyed via two pre-course webinars. Details are available on ITEP's Air Quality Trainings Schedule website.

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#### **7G Plan Development Workshop**

June 13-14, Anchorage, AK

ANTHC is offering a 7G Plan Development Workshop. Participants will begin developing tribal environmental plans during this workshop with technical assistance from ANTHC staff. Attendees must have previously attended a 7 Generations Environmental Plan Training within the last 2 years. Tribal environmental program staff or others responsible for writing tribal environmental plans are best suited for this training. ANTHC recommends that at least two people from each community attend. For registration information, please visit the Training Schedule tab on ANTHC's Capacity & Training website.

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#### **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum**

August 13-16, Spokane, WA

The eighth annual *Tribal Lands and Environment Forum* will feature special trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on the conference theme: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources. Topics highlighted will include solid and hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics – water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams and fisheries) will also be included through breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips. Please visit ITEP's <u>Tribal Lands and Environment Forum</u> website to register and submit online proposals for trainings and breakout session.

### **Pop Quiz Answer from Page 1**

What can you do to reduce asthma triggers in your home?

#### D. All of the above.

- Clean up mold with soap and water.
- Don't smoke in your home.
- Vacuum carpets, rugs, and furniture often.

Check out EPA's asthma public service announcements featuring the <u>Breathe Easies</u>, who educate parents and children about simple steps to prevent asthma attacks.

## **Calendar of Events**

<b>May</b> 8 – 10	Rural Alaska Landfill Operator Training. Klawock, AK ● http://bit.ly/2kLtz98		
14 – 17	National Tribal Forum on Air Quality. Carlton, MN ● http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/conferences/confr_ntf		
14 – 18	2018 Tribal Hazardous Waste Training. Niobrara, NE ● <a href="https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ5F7GT">https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KZ5F7GT</a>		
14 – 18	The Business of Trash: Effectively Managing your Community's Waste and Qualified Sampler Training. Bethel, AK ● <a href="http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html">http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html</a>		
14 – 19	Emergency Spill Response Training. Palmer, AK ● <a href="http://bit.ly/2qL1Bhj">http://bit.ly/2qL1Bhj</a>		
14 – 25	Forest Inventory Technician Training. Palmer, AK ● <a href="http://bit.ly/2qL1Bhj">http://bit.ly/2qL1Bhj</a>		
16	Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting. Juneau, AK • https://alaskarrt.org		
17	Region 10 RTOC Teleconference. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time ● http://region10rtoc.net/meetings		
22	Idaho Tribal Fish Consumption Survey Results Webinar. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time ● https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/idtribalsurvey		
22	Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time ● http://www.leonetwork.org		
22 – 23	Introduction to GAP Management. Anchorage, AK ● <a href="http://bit.ly/2GRKy4f">http://bit.ly/2GRKy4f</a>		
22 – 23	PFAS National Leadership Summit. Washington, DC ● <a href="https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement">https://www.epa.gov/pfas/pfas-national-leadership-summit-and-engagement</a>		
June 5-7	Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (Level 2). Flagstaff, AZ ● http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/training_aq_mtapg		
5 – 7	Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting. Juneau, AK ● http://region10rtoc.net/meetings		
13 – 14	7G Plan Development Workshop. Anchorage, AK ● http://bit.ly/2iBcTSK		
19	Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time ● http://www.leonetwork.org		
July 18 – 19	EPA Community Involvement Training — Engaging and Revitalizing Communities Through Cleanup and Reuse. Kansas City, MO ● https://www.epa.gov/superfund/community-involvement-training-program-0		
24	Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar. 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time ● http://www.leonetwork.org		
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8 – 10	National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop. Indianapolis, IN ● <a href="http://bit.ly/2J5MjKT">http://bit.ly/2J5MjKT</a>		
13 – 16	Tribal Lands and Environment Forum. Spokane, WA ● <a href="https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef">https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef</a>		
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#### **Got News?**

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