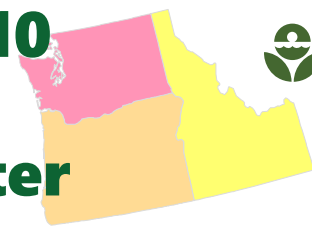


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## Top News

### Protecting Your Community from Wildfire Smoke

Wildfire smoke has significant health risks for those near the fire, as well as for those living farther downwind. During a wildfire, smoke levels can exceed air quality standards and exposure to particle pollution, a component of smoke, is a concern for public health. Populations vulnerable to increased health risks from exposure to wildfire smoke include older adults, children, pregnant women and unborn babies, and those with pre-existing respiratory or cardiovascular conditions.

If your community experiences a wildfire, please follow local instructions and consider taking the following health protective steps:

- Stay indoors, cease physical activity, use respirators, HEPA air filters, and/or an air conditioner.
- Create and/or go to a smoke-free shelter (this is especially important for vulnerable populations).
- Evacuate to another community that has smoke free facilities.



EPA offers resources you can use to protect public health, if your community is affected by wildfire smoke. Resources include EPA's [Wildfire Smoke Fact Sheet – Prepare for Fire Season](#), [Smoke Ready Toolbox for Wildfires](#) website, the [AirNow Air Quality Index](#) — and by joining EPA's [Air Quality Flag Program](#) you can alert residents to daily air quality conditions that can inform activity levels and health risks. EPA scientists developed a [Smoke Sense App](#) for use on mobile devices, that's being used to assess the effects of wildfire smoke on health, and to develop health risk communication strategies on smoky days.

Aleknagik Traditional Council in Alaska, collaborated with EPA and other partners to develop an educational video — [Let's Clear the Air: Protect Yourself from Wildfire Smoke](#) that offers proactive steps communities can take to protect residents from wildfire impacts.

Please check with your [GAP Project Officer](#) or contact [EPA's Region 10 Tribal Air Quality Team](#) for more ideas about sharing safety information, collaborating with other agencies, or conducting emergency response planning in the event of a wildfire.

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## Brian Holter, Jr. Appointed to EPA Advisory Subcommittee



Brian Holter, Jr.

In May, the Klawock Cooperative Association’s brownfields coordinator - Brian Holter, Jr. was appointed to EPA’s Small Community Advisory Subcommittee. Brian is from Klawock, Alaska, located on Prince of Wales Island in the southeastern part of the state — where he and his family have lived off the land and sea for generations. Brian has served as the Alaska representative to the [National Tribal Air Association’s](#) Executive Committee and is a [Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee](#) member.

The 17-member Small Community Advisory Subcommittee helps EPA develop strong partnerships with small communities to address environmental and public health challenges. The appointees were selected based on their demonstrated leadership experience, proven record of service to their communities, and involvement in effective environmental protection services and programs at the community, state, and federal levels. The subcommittee intends to begin work this summer.

To read the full press release, or to learn more about EPA’s Small Community Advisory Subcommittee, check out the EPA Region 10 [News Release](#) or [Small Community Advisory Subcommittee](#) website

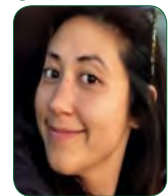
## New NTAA Executive Committee Members

Several new representatives were elected for Alaska and Region 10 to the [National Tribal Air Association’s Executive Committee](#). The new Alaska representatives include Mary Mullan from the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium as the primary Alaska representative, along with Ann Wyatt from the Klawock Cooperative Association as the alternate. Maggie Sanders from the Nisqually Indian Tribe was elected as the primary representative for tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, along with Allie McLaughlin from the Quinault Indian Nation as the alternate.

The NTAA’s mission is to advance air quality management policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives. The new NTAA Executive Committee members began their terms in May — representing the needs and perspectives of Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington tribes on air quality issues at the national level.



Mary Mullan and Ann Wyatt  
(left to right)



Maggie Sanders and Allie McLaughlin  
(left to right)

## FY 2017 Environmental Justice Progress Report



EPA’s [FY 2017 Environmental Justice Progress Report](#) describes accomplishments towards creating cleaner, safer, and healthier environments for minority, low-income, tribal, and indigenous communities.

The report also commemorates the 25th anniversary of EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice.

## EJSCREEN Mobile App Available

EPA launched a mobile version of [EJSCREEN](#), the Agency's environmental justice screening and mapping tool that provides a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators. Users choose a geographic area, and the tool provides demographic and environmental information for that area.

The mobile version of EJSCREEN provides most of the same key functions as the online version, but offers them in a more compact and accessible layout, which includes the ability to select locations, access reports, and to map environmental, demographic, and EJ indicators.

You can access the [mobile version of EJSCREEN](#) on a tablet or cell phone. To learn more about EJSCREEN, visit EPA's [EJSCREEN: Environmental Justice Screening and Mapping Tool](#) website.



## EnviroAtlas: K-16 Education Materials



EPA has a new suite of educational materials available that aims to teach students about the environment's effects on their daily lives through the interactive, web-based tool — [EnviroAtlas](#).

The K-6 lesson [Exploring Your Watershed](#), involves place-based learning and introduces mapping to students as outdoor navigators. Grades 4-12 look at the links between ecosystem services and human health outcomes in the [Connecting Ecosystems and Human Health](#)

lesson, while Grades 9 through undergraduate, practice community decision-making using EnviroAtlas maps in the [Building a Greenway: Case Study](#).

## Strategic Research Action Plans Undergoing Revision

EPA's [Office of Research and Development](#) is updating their [Strategic Research Action Plans for 2016-2019](#) for each of their six national program areas. By the end of September 2018, each of EPA's national program areas will define their broad research areas, and then define the research products they will commit to creating.

As part of this effort, ORD is reaching out to EPA's program and regional offices, states, and tribes. ORD is engaging with several [tribal partnership groups](#) and the [Tribal Science Council](#) is further engaging with EPA's Regional Tribal Operation Committees in the StRAP development process. ORD plans to have draft StRAPs available for review this month.

Tribal consultation on the StRAPs is planned for this fall and winter. Tribes may be particularly interested in reviewing the Sustainable and Healthy Communities StRAP actions to assess the impact of pollution on children, tribes, EJ communities, and other susceptible populations — as well as research designed to link ecosystems and human well-being at contaminated sites as part of community revitalization. To learn more about ORD's StRAP updates, contact **Bruce Duncan** • 206-553-0218 • [Duncan.bruce@epa.gov](mailto:Duncan.bruce@epa.gov).

## Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter and Bimonthly Calls



EPA's [April 2018 issue of the Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter](#) focuses on tribal issues. Newsletter highlights include:

- Guidance for Safe Consumption of Walleye from Inland Lakes within the Ceded Territories of Wisconsin, Michigan, and Minnesota.
- [ECOTOX 5.0](#) Improves Search for Environmental Chemical Toxicity Data.
- Alaska Tribal Fish Consumption Surveys.
- Lower Elwha Monitors Chinook Population After Dam Removal.
- Hood Canal Toxins Detected Before Shellfish Are Afflicted.
- How Much Tire Residue Does It Take to Kill a Fish?

EPA's *Fish and Shellfish Program Newsletter* highlights current information about fish and shellfish, and provides a snapshot of recent advisories, federal agency activities, publications, awarded research, and future meetings and conferences.

Every other month, EPA hosts a conference call with fish program managers and associated staff in states, tribes, and territories. The next call is **August 8** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time.

If you would like to be added to the newsletter distribution list or to the bimonthly calls, please contact **Sharon Frey** by email at [frey.sharon@epa.gov](mailto:frey.sharon@epa.gov)

### Opportunity to Provide Input on PFAS

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are synthetic chemicals found in everyday items such as cleaning and personal care products, food packaging, nonstick products, stain and water-resistant fabrics, and fire fighting foam. These chemicals don't degrade easily, and can contaminate soil, surface, and groundwater — and there is mounting evidence of health risks.

In May, EPA held a PFAS National Leadership Summit in Washington, D.C. to engage with states, tribes, and other partners. Information about the summit and copies of the agenda, participating organizations, presentation materials, and video of the EPA Administrator's remarks are available on EPA's [PFAS National Leadership Summit and Engagement](#) website.

As follow up to the summit, EPA plans to 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. To date, visits to communities in New Hampshire and Michigan have been announced on EPA's [PFAS Community Engagement](#) website. Using information from the National Leadership Summit and community engagement, EPA plans to develop a PFAS Management Plan for release later this year.

In determining how EPA can best help states, tribes, and communities facing this issue, the Agency will consider comments as it plans next steps. Input may be submitted by visiting [regulations.gov](http://regulations.gov) and entering docket number: **OW-2018-0270**. The public docket is open through **July 20, 2018**. Please email questions to [safewater@epa.gov](mailto:safewater@epa.gov).

## GAP Guidance Evaluation

The Office of International and Tribal Affairs, EPA's national program manager for the Indian Environmental **General Assistance Program**, is conducting tribal consultation to evaluate the [2013 GAP Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia](#)

The GAP Guidance Evaluation involves gathering input on how to improve the GAP Guidance issued in 2013 to better achieve the goals of the program. Based upon the tribal input received, the Agency may propose changes to the GAP Guidance. The tribal consultation period began on June 1 and continues through **August 31**.

In addition to tribal consultation, OITA's **American Indian Environmental Office** is engaging directly with tribes through the Regional Tribal Operations Committees, both in person and on conference calls, and with tribal partnership groups - such as the National Tribal Air Association and the National Tribal Water Council. AIEO is also gathering input from the EPA GAP community, as well as from EPA's regional Indian coordinators and from project officers — who have extensive hands-on experience implementing the GAP Guidance. Information contained in a Summary of Past Feedback document is also being integrated into the GAP Guidance Evaluation.

Details about this tribal consultation opportunity are available on page 9 and in the online [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

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## EPA Website Lists Tribes Approved for Treatment as a State

Several federal environmental laws authorize EPA to treat eligible federally recognized tribes as a state for the purposes of implementing and managing certain environmental programs and functions, and for grant funding. EPA's **American Indian Environmental Office** recently launched a website that lists the federally recognized [Tribes Approved for Treatment as a State \(TAS\)](#) authority. The new webpage contains three charts which identify total TAS approvals by program, the tribes which have at least one TAS approval and the provision(s) for which they are approved, and the total number of grant TAS approvals.

To be eligible for TAS, a tribe must satisfy certain criteria in the environmental statute that corresponds to the desired environmental program (i.e. Clean Water Act, Clean Air Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, etc.). The criteria typically require a tribe to demonstrate that it has a governing body that administers substantial governmental duties and powers, that the tribe has the appropriate authority, and that it's capable of carrying out the functions of the program.

To date, EPA has approved 66 tribes for a total of 77 regulatory TAS programs under the Clean Air Act, Clean Water Act, Safe Drinking Water Act, and Toxic Substances Control Act — in addition to various administrative and grant TAS approvals.



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## Idaho, Oregon, and Washington News

### Colville Tribes Application to Implement Water Quality Standards Approved by EPA

In May, EPA approved a request by the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation to assume responsibilities of the Clean Water Act’s Water Quality Standards and Certification programs. The approval authorizes them to develop water quality standards for all surface water within the reservation, and to ensure that CWA-permitted discharges will meet the requirements of the EPA-approved water quality standards for reservation waters. The Colville Tribes have previously been granted TAS status for CWA section 106 (water pollution protection) and section 319 (nonpoint source) programs.

The approved TAS application identifies 15 watersheds within the reservation boundaries. EPA’s approval action does not alter water quality standards outside of the reservation, but does provide the tribe additional ability to weigh in on certain upstream activities that could have impacts on reservation waters. EPA’s approval of the application does not constitute an approval (nor disapproval) of the tribes’ water quality standards.

To learn more about water quality standards regulations and this approval, visit EPA’s website [Water Quality Standards Regulations: Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation](#).

### Gorst Creek Cleanup and Restoration



In April - the EPA, U.S. Navy, Suquamish Tribe, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Kitsap County, and the Kitsap Public Health District celebrated the completion of an extensive multi-year cleanup of the Bremerton Landfill—Gorst Creek cleanup site. Located on Highway 3, in Bremerton, Washington, the site is about five miles upstream from Sinclair Inlet and Puget Sound.

Beginning in the 1950s, the landfill collected auto wrecking and demolition debris, household and industrial waste, scrap metal and other junk. The landfill also accepted demolition materials and trash from the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. When the landfill was constructed, Gorst Creek was diverted into a culvert beneath the landfill. As garbage piled up, the landfill crushed the culvert, blocking fish passage, and flooded during heavy rains. Frequent storm flows and debris slides covered about 800 yards of the creek bed downstream, degrading and polluting water quality and fish habitat.

EPA’s excavation of the landfill completely removed and safely disposed of nearly 340,000 tons of trash, debris, and hazardous materials that were transported off-site. Following the landfill excavation, EPA restored over 1,000 feet of the Gorst Creek stream channel and the natural habitat with over 7,500 native plants. EPA will monitor the site for two more years. You can read the full press release on EPA’s [News Releases from Region 10](#) website and check out the [Bremerton Landfill—Gorst Creek Cleanup](#) website for detailed site information, photos, and videos.





## Alaska News

### Alaska Road Dust Toolkit

Road dust is one of the top air quality concerns voiced by tribes and rural communities throughout Alaska. Vehicles driving on unpaved roads contribute to airborne dust that negatively impacts health, the environment, road safety, and quality of life. The summer months are especially dusty, but there are things you can do right now to reduce the dust!

- 1. Reduce the wheels on the road.** For short trips, walk or bike instead of driving, carpool, and unhitch trailers when not in use.
- 2. Slow down when you drive.** Slowing down is an effective way to reduce dust. When you reduce your speed from 30 mph to 20 mph, you cut down the dust by about 70%.
- 3. Educate your community about road dust.** Share information about the health effects of road dust, and the importance of slowing down when you drive.

To learn more about what steps you can take to reduce road dust in the air, check out the new *Rural Alaska Dust Toolkit*. You can download the toolkit from the [Alaska Division of Air Quality's Dust – Rural Communities](#) website, or request a copy by sending an email to EPA's Alaska Tribal Air Specialist, **Kayla Krauss** at [krauss.kayla@epa.gov](mailto:krauss.kayla@epa.gov).

### Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Graduation Ceremony



The EPA, State of Alaska, and Zender Environmental Health and Research Group honored graduates of Zender Environmental Health and Research Group's **Rural Alaska Community Environmental Job Training Program** at an April 25<sup>th</sup> ceremony in Anchorage. The EPA's Alaska Operations Office Deputy Director - Tami Fordham, served as the officiant and provided brief remarks.

The RACEJT program trains and helps place graduates in local environmental jobs, and targets unemployed and underemployed residents of tribal communities in Alaska impacted by environmental health issues. The job training program was made possible through an EPA Brownfield Environmental Workforce Development and Job Training grant awarded to Zender Environmental Health and Research Group.

The intensive five-week, 300-hour RACEJT program included training in HAZWOPER, spill and emergency response, refrigerant recovery, landfill operation, hazardous material backhaul, and water and soil sample collection. The application period for 2019 will open again in September. To learn more about RACEJT, check out Zender Environmental Health and Research Group's [RACEJT Job Training](#) website.

# 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.*

## 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](mailto:policy.analyst@region10rtoc.net).

## Upcoming Meetings

- July 19 and August 16 • Conference Calls
- September 18-20 • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA
  - [Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

## Host an RTOC Meeting

The Region 10 RTOC meets in-person once per quarter, and hosts monthly conference calls on the third Thursday of each month at **1:00 p.m. Pacific Time**. RTOC is requesting suggestions for scheduling FY19 RTOC in-person meetings. Hosting a quarterly meeting is an opportunity to educate tribal caucus members and EPA staff on their culture and lifeways, while bringing light to the unique issues facing the environmental health and well-being of the local community.

If your tribe is interested in hosting an RTOC meeting, a representative must be available to assist the RTOC with the logistics of lodging, transportation, and meeting space. The RTOC budget covers the costs to host the meeting, and for the lodging and transportation of RTOC members. The host tribe covers any additional options. Hosts have enjoyed the opportunity to share unique tastes of their culture, whether through a song, tour of the village, ride in a traditional canoe, or perhaps a sampling of traditional foods. Email [rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net](mailto:rtoccoordinator@region10rtoc.net) to express interest or to ask questions about hosting a meeting.

## 2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit Evaluations

The Region 10 RTOC is always seeking ways to improve our Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit. Your feedback on the 2018 TELS in Worley, Idaho this past April would be much appreciated! Please complete the online [Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit 2018 Evaluation](#).

The 2018 TELS Report is near completion. It will be posted on the RTOC Facebook page and the link will be sent by email later this month.

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## RTOC News

### 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 to you!
- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you have questions, suggested meeting agenda items, or if you have suggestions for how RTOC can better serve your community — please contact the [RTOC representative for your area](#) or the Interim RTOC Coordinator, **Randi Madison** • [communications@region10rtoc.net](mailto:communications@region10rtoc.net).

## Tribal Consultation

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

### GAP Guidance Evaluation

END DATE: **August 31.**

The **Office of International and Tribal Affairs**, EPA's national program manager for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program, released the current [Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Intertribal Consortia](#) in May 2013. The Guidance provides a nationally consistent capacity development framework for EPA and tribes to follow.

OITA is conducting tribal consultation to evaluate the GAP Guidance. The GAP Guidance Evaluation involves gathering input on how to improve the GAP Guidance issued in 2013 and its implementation, to better achieve the goals of the program.

EPA is specifically interested in feedback on the following:

- How the Guidance should work for intertribal consortia, including demonstrating eligibility for GAP grant funding and in accordance with applicable regulatory provisions in 40 CFR 35.504.
- How to clarify capacity building versus ineligible implementation activities for GAP work plans.
- Suggestions for improvements in the definition and use of capacity indicators by tribes and EPA.
- Any other information that would be useful for EPA in considering Guidance revisions.

Letters to notify tribal leaders of this opportunity were sent on May 24. A copy of the letter, as well as a summary of past feedback on the GAP Guidance, and other information is available on EPA's online [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

The **2<sup>nd</sup> GAP Guidance Evaluation Tribal Consultation Call and Webinar** is scheduled for **July 26 at 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time**. To participate, call 1-866-299-3188, enter conference code 202-564-4013, and join the webinar on EPA's [Adobe Connect AIEO GAP Guidance Evaluation](#) website.

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# Grants

## FY 2018 Tribal Waste Management Capacity Building Training Grant

PROPOSALS DUE: July 13.

EPA’s Tribal Waste Management Capacity Building Training grant provides funds for eligible entities to provide training to federally recognized tribes in support of waste management capacity building on tribal lands. The grant recipient will conduct four training courses that will assist tribes in the development and implementation of sustainable waste management programs.

The trainings include:

1. Managing household hazardous waste collection at transfer stations.
2. Managing wasted food and other organic materials.
3. Developing and updating integrated waste management plans.
4. Implementing integrated waste management plans through waste diversion programs.

The recipient should incorporate tools within the curriculum that will assist tribes with capacity building. Each training course should include tribal speakers that have developed and implemented successful waste management programs. The recipient will also provide travel scholarships to support tribal attendance.

Eligible entities include state, local, tribal, interstate, and intrastate government agencies, tribal consortia, and nonprofit organizations. Maximum award amounts are \$250,000. The full announcement is available on EPA’s [FY 2018 Tribal Waste Management Capacity Building Grant](#) website.

**HUD Healthy Homes Tribal Grants**

APPLICATIONS DUE: July 18.

The purpose of the **Healthy Homes** Production grant program is to assist tribal governments to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards, and will develop comprehensive programs to identify and remediate housing issues that contribute to health and safety issues in urban and tribal communities. Awards range from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Eligible applicants are Native American tribal organizations and federally recognized tribal governments. More details on this opportunity are available on [grants.gov](http://grants.gov).



## Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Credit Assistance Program

LETTERS OF INTEREST DUE: **July 31.**

EPA's **Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act** program was launched last year as 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.



Eligible project costs must be anticipated to be at least \$20 million. The threshold for projects serving small communities (of 25,000 people or less) is \$5 million.

The WIFIA program can fund up to 49 percent of eligible project costs. 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.

[Administrator Pruitt recently extended](#) the deadline to submit letters of interest (the first step in the application process) from July 6 to **July 31**, and [letters were sent to tribal leaders](#) to notify them of the new deadline. EPA's [Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act](#) website provides the Notice of Funding Availability and other details.

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## Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018

PROPOSALS DUE: **September 6.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for 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.

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, verified idle reduction technologies, verified aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine replacements, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement. 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, agriculture, mining, or energy production.

Eligible entities include tribal governments or intertribal consortia that have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. The maximum amount of funding requested is \$800,000. EPA anticipates awarding 2-8 cooperative agreements nationally. For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website.

## 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. EPA can neither attest to the accuracy of these third-party sites nor endorse any nongovernment websites, companies or applications.*

### 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, and industry, who conduct environmental community involvement activities, and provides training tools and techniques that address public outreach and engagement. Visit EPA's [Community Involvement Training Program](#) website.

### Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshops

**July 24-26**, Green Bay, WI

**August 7-9**, Bayfield, WI

**September 25-27**, Williamsburg, MI

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is collaborating with the Oneida Nation to offer multiple training courses for tribal professionals working on **Underground Storage Tank** issues. These courses will provide an overview of federal regulatory requirements for operating and maintaining a UST system, leak detection methodologies, reporting requirements, selecting contractors, and implementing appropriate response actions. Special attention will be given to the development of conceptual site models, other tribal environmental program involvement, and a group exercise to help participants identify resources within their organizations. Registration information is available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings Schedule](#) website.

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### National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference

**August 13-16**, Portland, OR

The National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference is hosted by EPA in conjunction with the Association of Air Pollution Control Agencies and the National Association of Clean Air Agencies. This conference will provide skills and information to help prepare for the future challenges of air monitoring, and is intended for state, local, tribal and international air quality staff involved with operating, planning, or managing air monitoring networks and reporting data to AQS, AirNow, and other systems.

For more information, check out the [2018 National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference](#) website.

## National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop

**August 8-10**, Indianapolis, IN

EPA's Office of Groundwater and Drinking Water, in coordination with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators, 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. Register on [ASDWA's National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop](#) 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 will also be included.

Please visit ITEP's [Tribal Lands and Environment Forum](#) website to register.

## NETI Clean Water Act Coffee Break '30 Minute' Webinar Series



EPA's National Enforcement Training Institute is offering twelve 30-minute webinars during the summer of 2018. The webinars are intended for enforcement and compliance professionals who work for federal, state, local, and tribal governments. The purpose of each 30-minute session is to provide a quick snapshot of different parts of the Clean Water Act.

The webinars are held every Wednesday from **June 13 to August 25**, except for the week of the July 4. Most of the webinars will start at 7:00 a.m., with a few starting at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. Participants must register for each webinar using official government email addresses. Webinar descriptions, schedule, and registration information is available on the EPA's [NETI eLearning Center](#) website.

## 15<sup>th</sup> Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions

August 28-30, Covington, KY

EPA's annual drinking water workshop, held in partnership with the Association of State Drinking Water Administrators will provide in-depth information and training on various solutions and strategies for handling small drinking water system challenges. The workshop is primarily designed for state personnel responsible for drinking water regulations compliance and treatment technologies permitting — however, others may also benefit, including system owners and operators, local and tribal government personnel, academics, design engineers, technical assistance providers, and consultants.

To register, check out the [15th Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop](#) website.

## Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training

September 10-14, Anchorage, AK

The Composting Solid Waste Training will explore several topics to manage your solid waste program, including codes and ordinances, packaging and shipping recyclables and hazardous waste, landfill problem solving, solid waste funding, and will emphasize composting.

The Waste Utility Training looks at solid waste management programs as a utility operation. The training will include self-assessment exercises and discussions to explore the ten management areas that contribute to effective and sustainable utility management. Participants will identify their own program's strengths and weaknesses, and leave with an approach to improving your program. A travel stipend is available to participants who complete the full training. More information is available on [Zender Environmental Solid Waste Training and Technical Assistance Program](#) website.

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## Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase

October 1-3, Anchorage, AK

The Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase will be the first annual summit focused solely on rural Alaska solid waste issues and solutions. The summit is open to anyone interested in learning more about solid waste and recycling. Attendees will be able to choose from a selection of three concurrent breakout sessions. The technology showcase will have



solid waste and recycling vendors on-hand to demonstrate and discuss their products and answer questions. For details, check out the [Solid Waste Alaska Task Force](#) website.

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# Calendar of Events

## 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>
- 19 **Region 10 RTOC Teleconference.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 24 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • <http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 24 – 26 **Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshop.** Green Bay, WI • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 25 **EPA National Enforcement Training Institute Clean Water Act Coffee Break “30 Minute” Webinar Series: Biosolids.** 7:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <http://bit.ly/2kT34Pn>
- 26 **GAP Guidance Evaluation 2nd Tribal Consultation Call and Webinar.** 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time • Call 1-866-299-3188 and enter conference code 202-564-4013 • <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/aieogge>

## August

- 7 – 9 **Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshop.** Bayfield, WI • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 8 – 10 **National Capacity Development and Operator Certification Workshop.** Indianapolis, IN • <http://bit.ly/2J5MjKT>
- 9 **National Fish Conference Call.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Contact: **Sharon Frey** at 202-566-1480 • [frey.sharon@epa.gov](mailto:frey.sharon@epa.gov)
- 13 – 16 **National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference.** Portland, OR • <https://projects.erg.com/conferences/ambientair/conferencehome18.html>
- 13 – 16 **Tribal Lands and Environment Forum.** Spokane, WA • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\\_tlef](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef)
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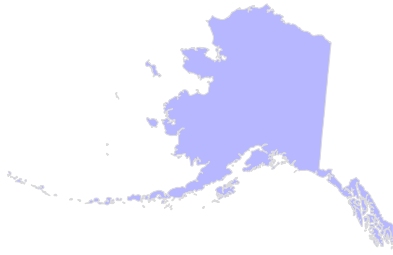
## September

- 10 – 14 **Composting Solid Waste and Waste Utility Training.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www.zendergroup.org/sw.html>
- 11 – 13 **National Tanks Conference and Exposition.** Louisville, KY • <https://bit.ly/2IcDjCH>
- 18 – 20 **Region 10 RTOC Quarterly Meeting.** Seattle, WA • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 25 – 27 **Tribal UST Boot Camp Workshop.** Williamsburg, MI • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 28 – 30 **15<sup>th</sup> Annual EPA Drinking Water Workshop: Small Systems Challenges and Solutions.** Covington, KY • <https://go.usa.gov/xQhHZ>

## October

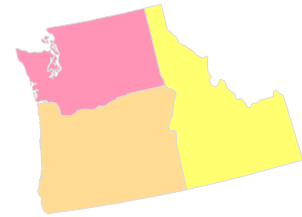
- 1 – 3 **Alaska Solid Waste Summit and Technology Showcase.** Anchorage, AK • <http://www.907swat.org>

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