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# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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## Top News

### Children's Health Month and Lead Poisoning Prevention Week



EPA celebrates [Children's Health Month](#) each October and participates in [Lead Poisoning Prevention Week](#) from October 21-27. Children's Health Month is designed to raise awareness about children's environmental health, and Lead Poisoning Prevention Week is intended to educate the public to reduce childhood lead exposure.

Children can be more affected by pollution than adults - they're smaller and their bodies are still developing. Children eat, breathe, and drink more relative to their body mass than adults, which increases their exposure risk.

Lead can affect almost every organ and system in the body, and there is no known safe level of lead exposure. The most important step parents and others can take is to **prevent lead exposure before it occurs**. Actions you can do to prevent childhood lead exposure include the following:

- Wash children's hands before they eat — and wash bottles, pacifiers, and toys often.
- Wash floors and window sills to [protect kids from lead dust and peeling paint](#), especially in older homes.
- Run cold water until it becomes as cold as it can get. Use only cold water for drinking, cooking, and making baby formula.

To learn more about children's environmental health and reducing lead exposures, check out EPA's website - [What You Can Do to Protect Children from Environmental Risks](#).

## Pop Quiz

**Children spend a lot of time playing on the ground.  
What environmental hazards does this expose them to?**

- A. Asthma triggers.
- B. Higher levels of pollutants.
- C. Chemicals in carpets and floors.
- D. All of the above.

*See answer on page [17](#)*

## Region 10 Administrator Addresses ATNI Convention



*EPA Region 10 Regional Administrator Chris Hladick speaks at the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians 65th Anniversary Convention.*



In September, EPA Region 10 Administrator, Chris Hladick spoke at the [Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians](#) 65th Anniversary Convention, hosted by the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Idaho. He expressed gratitude and emphasized the importance of EPA's relationships and partnerships with tribes. Smoke from wildfires is a prevalent issue in the region, and he mentioned that air quality is a priority. He also reflected upon EPA's role with tribes in emergency response planning, disaster response and cleanup.

During the convention, Administrator Hladick also shared information with ATNI's Natural Resources Committee, and participated in a listening session on tribal priorities for EPA's [National Program Guidance](#), which is in development for FY 2020 – 21.

ATNI conventions are designed for member tribes to discuss the work of its committees and the future of Indian country in the Northwest. ATNI represents 57 Northwest tribal governments from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Northern California, Southeast Alaska, and Western Montana.

### Grant Recipient Applicant Information Notices

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment is implementing a new initiative that makes grant guidance more accessible. OGD will be issuing Recipient Applicant Information Notices that alert grantees and potential applicants to new guidance, procedures, and other general information. RAINs, as well as prior existing guidance and policies, are organized in an easy to read table that users can sort or filter based on various criteria.

EPA will be developing an email list, so that users can sign up to receive notifications as they become available. Registration for the email list will be posted on EPA's [Policies for Grant Recipients](#) website.

## Tribal Grants Awarded in the Pacific Northwest and Alaska to Reduce Diesel Emissions

EPA awarded \$1.6 million of FY 2017 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grant funds to reduce harmful diesel air emissions by replacing older diesel engines and generators. EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act funds engine replacements, and promotes idle reduction and retrofit technologies to clean up a variety of older diesel engines. DERA projects reduce emissions and lower exposure risk to diesel combustion byproducts such as unburned hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides and particulate matter.

Grant recipients and projects include the Lummi and Tulalip Tribes in Washington, and Tanana Chiefs Conference in Alaska. Project details are as follows:

- **Tanana Chiefs Conference** – Replacement of seven stationary diesel generators. Three generators will be replaced in Beaver Village and four in Stevens Village.
- **Lummi Tribe** – Marine engine replacement project of 11 diesel engines, on marine fishing vessels used for salmon, halibut, crab, and shrimp fishing.
- **Tulalip Tribe** – Marine engine replacements of eight diesel engines on marine fishing vessels used for gillnet and shellfish fisheries.

DERA grants are administered by EPA's [West Coast Collaborative](#), a clean air, public-private partnership comprised of EPA's Pacific Northwest and Pacific Southwest regions. To learn more about EPA's tribal DERA program, check out EPA's [Clean Diesel Tribal Grants](#) website. To learn more about the DERA funding opportunity for tribes in FY 2018, please see the below information and more details on page [14](#).



## FY 2018 Tribal Clean Diesel Deadline Extended to Accommodate VW Trust Agreement

To provide tribes the opportunity to participate in the second round of the Volkswagen trust funding cycle under the DERA option, EPA extended the deadline for the FY 2018 Tribal Diesel Emissions Reduction Act grants to April 3, 2019. The second VW trust agreement funding cycle will run from December 2018 through May 2019.

Tribal beneficiaries to the trust may use trust funds as voluntary matching funds on Tribal DERA grants under the VW trust agreement Environmental Mitigation Action #10, known as the DERA Option. Information about the VW trust agreement for tribal beneficiaries may be found on the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's website —

[How Tribes Can Apply for VW Settlement Funds](#).

Tribes planning to use the DERA Option must fulfill all the requirements of the [tribal trust agreement](#) and the FY 2018 DERA Request for Applications. The amended 2018 Tribal DERA RFA and supporting documents are available on the [Clean Diesel Tribal Grants](#) website. See page [14](#) of this newsletter for more information on EPA's tribal clean diesel grants.

## New Indirect Cost Policy for EPA Grant Recipients

EPA's Office of Grants and Debarment has published a new [Indirect Cost Policy for Recipients of EPA Assistance Agreements](#) that aligns with [2 CFR Part 200](#), while providing consistency and flexibility. The new policy applies to grants awarded on or after October 1, 2018.

Indirect cost rates help ensure that grant recipients are compensated for grant related administrative and facilities costs that benefit their organizational functions (such as space, utilities, accounting, human resources, etc.), as well as other activities that may or may not be federally-funded. IDC rates are negotiated on behalf of all federal agencies by a cognizant federal agency (such as the Department of Interior's National Business Center).

If an EPA grant recipient plans to use grant funds to cover IDCs for their tribe or organization, or if they plan to use unrecovered indirect costs as a cost-share, they must first have an approved indirect cost rate and an EPA-approved budget that includes the indirect costs.

The policy defines different approved indirect rate types and regulatory exceptions that can be approved by EPA on a case-by-case basis. Regulatory exceptions include the following:

- Use of the 10% *de minimis* rate if the recipient has had an IDC rate in the past.
- Continued use of fixed rates with carry-forward for up to four years past the expiration.
- General exceptions if a recipient has been out of compliance with the IDC requirements.

For more details about EPA's new Indirect Cost Policy, check out EPA's [Indirect Cost Guidance for Recipients of EPA Assistance Agreements](#) website.

## EPA Environmental Education STEM Resources

EPA has several environmental education resources integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math that can be used in classrooms or informal educational settings.

[EnviroAtlas Educational Materials](#) for K-16 leverage the EnviroAtlas tool, and deliver interactive hands-on learning that can build students' analytical, geospatial, and decision-making skills.

[Generate: The Game of Energy Choices](#) is a fun way for students and others to explore energy choices and the environment. The board game helps players understand the costs and benefits of energy choices for an imagined community, and learn what energy choices mean for our air, water, and future environmental quality.



[Build Your Own Particle Sensor](#) is a hands-on activity that teaches the basics of particulate matter (PM) air pollution, air quality, and electronics while building problem solving and other STEM skills. Targeted for 5th to 12th grades, students and others can build their own particulate matter (PM) sensor.

More educational resources can be found on EPA's [Environmental Education](#) website, along with information about environmental education grants and professional development awards.



## Indoor Air Quality Assessment App for Schools



The key to maintaining good indoor air quality is to conduct regular walkthrough assessments of school facilities. EPA's [School IAQ Assessment Mobile App](#) is a one-stop shop for accessing EPA's comprehensive school IAQ management guidance. The app contains detailed walkthrough assessment checklists to help users address critical building-related environmental health issues such as ventilation, cleaning and maintenance, environmental asthma triggers, radon, and integrated pest management. Download the app online on EPA's [School IAQ Assessment Mobile App](#) website.

## Apply for an EPA Clean Air Excellence Award

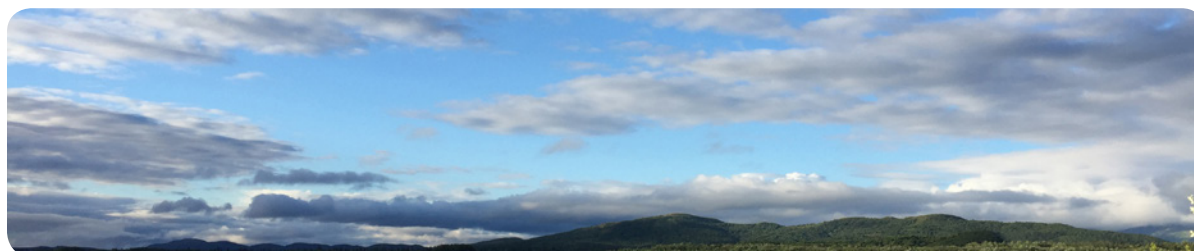
EPA is accepting applications for [2019 Clean Air Excellence Awards](#). Clean Air Excellence Awards honor individuals and organizations whose efforts have helped make progress in achieving cleaner air. Award recipients are selected for developing innovative, replicable, and sustainable programs, serving as pioneers in their fields, and improving air quality through reduced emissions of criteria pollutants, hazardous air pollutants, or greenhouse gases.

The five awards categories include:

1. Clean air technology.
2. Community action.
3. Education and outreach.
4. State, tribal, or local air quality policy innovations.
5. Transportation efficiency innovations.

An entry form, and application details are available on EPA's [Clean Air Excellence Awards Application Information](#) website.

Please direct questions and submissions to **Catrice Jefferson** by email at [jefferson.catrice@epa.gov](mailto:jefferson.catrice@epa.gov). Applications must be emailed or postmarked by **November 2**. Winners will be announced in 2019.





## Idaho, Oregon, Washington News

### Colville Reservation Celebrates Green for Good Air Quality



During the summer of 2018, the Colville Reservation in Washington was surrounded by wildfire smoke. For several weeks their Environmental Trust Air Quality Program issued an air quality warning for the entire reservation.

EPA's [Air Quality Flag Program](#) was developed to educate communities about local air quality conditions. The flag program uses green, yellow, orange, red, and purple flags that correspond with the [Air Quality Index](#). During this time, the air quality ranged from orange or unhealthy for sensitive groups, to red — meaning unhealthy for everyone.

Asthma is a common health issue for Native American children. Several children with asthma reported that they were coughing a lot during the summer. Children are very active, and their lungs are still developing as they grow into adulthood. Breathing in smoke and other pollutants can damage their lungs. The air quality flag program enables children to learn the importance of caring for their community by raising the flag for a healthier life.

The Nespelem Boys and Girls Club at Lucy Covington Government Center in Nespelem, WA had to cancel many of their summer outdoor activities due to high concentrations of smoke — but on August 29, they cheered in celebration as they raised a green flag for good air quality.

The Colville Tribes Air Quality Program would like to work with a group of children in each district to start up an air quality flag program. To contact the Colville Tribe's Office of Environmental Trust Air Quality Program, call 509-634-2418 or send an email to [air.quality@colvilletribes.com](mailto:air.quality@colvilletribes.com).

For information about joining EPA's Air Quality Flag program, check out EPA's [Air Quality Flag Program](#) website.





## Alaska News

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### Alaska Contingency Plans and October Regional Response Team Meeting



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 tribes, providing information on ARRT activities, as well as opportunities to participate in government statewide spill response planning.

In September, a single Alaska Regional Contingency Plan and four Area Contingency Plans replaced the old Unified Plan and 10 subarea contingency plans. The four new Area Contingency Plans combine several of the previous subareas and include the information previously housed in those subarea plans. The content in the plans has been repackaged into the new plan structure, but there is no new or removed content. More information about this change, including a map of the new areas and the adopted regional and area contingency plans, is available on the State of Alaska's [Oil and Hazardous Substance Response Plans](#) website.

The Area Committees welcome participation from industry, local governments, and stakeholders. The next ARRT meeting will be held on **October 30** in Anchorage. Check out [ARRT's website](#) to learn more about their activities, the upcoming meeting agenda, and engagement with tribes. Questions or comments may be directed to [Mary Goolie](#) with EPA, or to [Marc Randolph](#) with U.S. Coast Guard.

### Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

**November 27-30**, 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. Register on the [ATCEM](#) 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.*

## Upcoming RTOC Meetings

- **October 18 • Conference Call**
- **November 15 • Conference Call**
- **December 11-13 • Quarterly Meeting • Seattle, WA (tentative)**

[Submit Meeting Discussion Topics](#)

## 2018 Tribal Operations Committee Elections

Tribal representatives to the RTOC and NTOC are elected by tribal governments within specific geographic areas. Available NTOC and RTOC positions for the upcoming 2018 elections include the following:

1. NTOC Alaska Position 2.
2. NTOC Idaho, Eastern Washington & Eastern Oregon Position.
3. RTOC Alaska Position 3.
4. RTOC Idaho Position.
5. RTOC Western Washington Position.

Ideal candidates for NTOC and RTOC positions are approachable, reliable, and accountable tribal leaders or environmental staff who are passionate about protecting and improving tribal health and environment.

- Nominees should be endorsed by a letter of support from their tribal council and their name will be entered on the ballot.
- Nominations for Alaska NTOC and RTOC positions are due **October 12**.
- Late October 2018: Official ballots will be sent by EPA to the tribes.
- December 2018: Elections will close and the winners will be announced. Three-year terms begin in January 2019 through December 2021.

Visit the RTOC website to [view the list](#) of current members, encourage your tribe to nominate an excellent candidate, and vote this fall!

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## RTOC News

### 2018 Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit

The 2018 TELS Report is [posted on the RTOC Tribal Leaders Summit](#) website and has been shared on the RTOC Facebook page.

### Stay Engaged with Us

- [Follow us on Facebook](#) for the most up to date news and opportunities.
- If you wish to attend or add an agenda item to a monthly meeting, or if you have questions, comments, or suggestions for how RTOC can better serve your community — please contact the [RTOC representative for your area](#) or the Interim RTOC Coordinator, [Randi Madison](#).

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## Tribal Consultation

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

### FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances

END DATE: **March 18, 2019.**

The National Program Guidances communicate operational planning priorities, strategies, key activities and measures, and guide grant work planning with tribes, states, and territories. The following eight EPA offices issue National Program Guidances: Office of Water, Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance, Office of Air and Radiation, Office of Land and Emergency Management, Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention, Office of Environmental Information, Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Affairs, and Office of International and Tribal Affairs.

The EPA's consultation and coordination process will include several opportunities for meaningful input. As part of early engagement, the EPA's **Regional Administrators** will convene meetings with tribal, state, and territory leaders as a critical first phase to inform development of the FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidances. National Program Offices will continue to engage with the National Tribal Caucus, tribal partnership groups, and other relevant organizations, and will consider this feedback together with the results of the RAs' early engagement efforts, in developing their National Program Guidances.

The EPA will make available draft National Program Guidances on the [National Program Guidance](#) website for a 30-day external review and comment period. The review and comment period is planned for February 14, 2019 through March 18, 2019. A template will be posted on the National Program Guidance website for tribes to use to provide written comments. Two national conference calls for tribes are planned for February 26 and March 7, 2019 to discuss the National Program Guidances.

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**Tribal Consultation****Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention  
FY 2020-2021 National Program Guidance  
Early Engagement with Tribes**END DATE: **October 12.**

EPA's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention's National Program Guidance provides direction to EPA's regions with respect to chemical safety and pollution prevention programs, incorporating input from tribes and states, and other concerned stakeholders. OCSPP is conducting early engagement by meeting with the National Tribal Toxics Council and the Tribal Pesticide Program Council, and holding a meeting for all federally recognized tribes. EPA is seeking input before drafting of the National Program Guidances begins.

To learn more about OCSPP, check out their website — [About the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention](#).

Send Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention comments to **Amanda Hauff** by email to [hauff.amanda@epa.gov](mailto:hauff.amanda@epa.gov).

Send Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance comments to **Kim Chavez** by email to [Chavez.kimberly@epa.gov](mailto:Chavez.kimberly@epa.gov) and to **Michele McKeever** at [mckeever.michele@epa.gov](mailto:mckeever.michele@epa.gov)

**Idaho's Revised Site-Specific Temperature Water Quality  
Criterion for the Snake River Below Hells Canyon**END DATE: **October 19.**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination on an upcoming Clean Water Act action on the State of Idaho's revised water quality standards. The state submitted revised water quality standards to EPA in 2012. The submission changed the state's water quality criterion to protect fall Chinook spawning and egg incubation in the Hells Canyon reach of the Snake River.

EPA will either approve or disapprove the revised water quality standards. If approved, the revised criterion would serve as the temperature water quality target for several Clean Water Act regulatory processes, including National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permits, Section 401 certifications, and development of Total Maximum Daily Loads.

EPA will hold informational conference calls on **October 3** and **October 15** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join the conference calls, dial 202-991-0477 and enter conference code 8014105.

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**Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing  
Electric Utility Generating Units**END DATE: **October 30.**

On August 21, President Trump and Acting EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler announced the proposed "Emission Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Electric Utility Generating Units," also referred to as the **Affordable Clean Energy** rule.

The proposed ACE rule culminates EPA's response to the Energy Independence Executive

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## **Guidelines for Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Existing Electric Utility Generating Units**

Order, which called for the Agency to review and, if appropriate, suspend, revise, or rescind the 2015 Clean Power Plan.

EPA is proposing to replace the Clean Power Plan with revised emission guidelines, create new implementing regulations for this and all future Clean Air Act section 111(d) actions, and revise the New Source Review program to allow owners/operators of EGUs to make efficiency upgrades without being subjected to costly and onerous permitting requirements.

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## **Peak Flows Management Rulemaking**

END DATE: **November 6.**

The Clean Water Act requires municipal treatment plants to comply with certain discharge requirements. Each treatment plant must obtain a **National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System** permit, requiring that the treatment plant's discharge meets the effluent limitations based on secondary treatment as defined by EPA and set forth at 40 CFR Part 133. The permit must also require achieving any more stringent effluent limitations that are necessary to meet applicable water quality standards.

EPA is requesting input from tribal governments on potential revisions to the NPDES regulations to provide a permitting framework for evaluating options for managing and treating peak flows during wet weather events at municipal treatment plants with separate sanitary sewer systems that discharge into tribal waters. The rule may also apply to tribal government owned or operated treatment plants with separate sanitary sewer systems. The aim of this effort is to establish a transparent process for permitting peak flows that will ensure continuous, flexible, and cost-effective operation of treatment plants and, protect public health and the environment.

Tribes that wish to request individual meetings with EPA should send the request in writing by **November 3**. There are two in-person public listening sessions scheduled, one will be held in Washington, D.C. on **October 16**, and another in Lenexa, Kansas on **October 24**. A virtual public listening session is scheduled for **October 30**. Tribes are welcome and encouraged to participate in these listening sessions. Details on joining the listening sessions, and information on current activities related to potential NPDES regulatory revisions are on EPA's [Peak Flows at Sewage Treatment Plants](#) website.

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## **Review and Anticipated Approval of the 2018 Puget Sound Action Agenda Update**

END DATE: **December 13.**

The [2018 Puget Sound Action Agenda Update](#) is intended to serve as the region's shared vision for Puget Sound protection and recovery. The Puget Sound Leadership Council will adopt the entire 2018 Action Agenda before submitting it to EPA for final federal approval. As required by the Clean Water Act, the EPA must review and approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the plan.

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## Grants

### **FY 2019-2024 National Brownfields Training Conferences Co-Sponsorship**

PROPOSALS DUE: **October 19.**

The National Brownfields Training Conferences provide training, research and technical assistance to communities to facilitate the inventory of brownfield sites, site assessments and remediation of brownfield sites, community involvement, and site preparation. The primary non-federal co-sponsor will use this funding to assist states, tribes, local governments, non-profits, industry, and community groups in participating in three National Brownfields Training Conferences, to be planned and held over a five-year period, beginning in 2019. EPA will be the primary federal co-sponsor.

EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement to support up to three conferences at approximately \$800,000 in grant funding per conference. Eligible entities include general purpose units of local government, states, redevelopment agencies, tribes other than in Alaska, intertribal consortia, Alaska Native regional corporations, Alaska Native village corporations, nonprofit organizations, and others. For details, check out the [FY 2019-2024 National Brownfields Training Conferences Co-Sponsorship](#) website.

### **Local Foods, Local Places**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **October 22.**

Communities are invited to apply for technical assistance to help revitalize their economy, improve health, and protect the environment. [Local Foods, Local Places](#) helps communities revitalize neighborhoods through development of local food systems. Eligible applicants include local governments, tribes, and nonprofit institutions and organizations proposing to work in a neighborhood, town, or city of any size anywhere in the U.S.

For more information and application details, visit EPA's [Local Foods, Local Places](#) website.

### **NOAA FY 2019 Marine Debris Removal Program**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **October 29.**

The NOAA Marine Debris Program supports the development and implementation of locally-driven, marine debris prevention, assessment, and removal projects that benefit coastal habitat, waterways, and NOAA trust resources. Projects awarded through this grant competition will create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources through on-the-ground marine debris removal activities, with priority for those targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium- and large-scale debris. Projects should also foster awareness of the effects of marine debris to further the conservation of living marine resource habitats, and contribute to the understanding of marine debris composition, distribution and impacts.

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## **NOAA Marine Debris Removal Program**

Eligible applicants are state, local, tribal, and territory governments whose activities affect research or regulation of marine debris, and any institution of higher education, nonprofit organization, or commercial organization with expertise in a field related to marine debris. Typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$150,000.

Check out [NOAA's Marine Debris Program](#) website and [grants.gov](#) for application details.

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### **Federal Emergency Management Agency FY 2018 Grants**

APPLICATIONS DUE: January 31.

#### **Flood Mitigation Assistance**

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**.

FEMA will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities: advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects, and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for reducing NFIP flood claim payments. The remaining funding, 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.

Details on this grants notice are on the [grants.gov](#) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal](#) website.

#### **Pre-Disaster Mitigation**

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 to states and territories, and a tribal set aside of \$15 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.

Applicants may submit a maximum of nine project sub-applications notwithstanding any project(s) submitted for the state/territory allocation or tribal set aside. In addition, any state or tribe willing to serve as the applicant for a multi-state or tribal activity may submit one additional plan or project sub-application.

Details about this grants notice are on the [grants.gov](#) website. Applicants must submit applications via the [Mitigation eGrants system on the FEMA Grants Portal](#) website.

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S**Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grants Program**

PROPOSALS DUE: **February 4.**

The U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, Inc. (Endowment) published the [2019 Request for Proposals for the Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program](#). Up to \$1.2 million is available in 2019 for projects that accelerate strategic protection of healthy freshwater ecosystems, and their watersheds.

Applicants should focus on protection and stewardship of land in the watershed, rather than restoration of degraded habitats, or projects with a strictly water quality improvement outcome. In 2019, priority will be given to proposals that maximize measurable outcomes for watershed protection.

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program is a partnership that includes the Endowment, the EPA Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds, and USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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**Tribal Clean Diesel Funding FY 2018**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **April 3.**

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting applications 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 nonroad 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.

An informational webinar about the FY 2018 Tribal DERA RFA will be held on **February 21** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join, click on the [link to webinar](#) on the Clean Diesel Tribal Grants website, and call 202-991-0477 with access code 414-9804.

For more details, check out EPA's [Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018](#) website. Questions about DERA funding may be directed to [cleandiesel@epa.gov](mailto:cleandiesel@epa.gov).

## 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.*

### **Tribal Emergency Response – Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders**

**October 9-12, White Cloud, KS**

ITEP is offering this new course in collaboration with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, and EPA Region 7. The course will foster partnerships at all levels of government, with nongovernmental organizations, and with the private sector to prepare for a unified response to disasters and emergencies. It will strengthen tribal capacity in emergency response situations by providing the foundation for tribes to determine their role in the Incident Command System, and will provide hands-on experience with various emergency response situations so that participants will be effective liaisons and advocate for preventing and responding to emergencies. It will also provide participants with an awareness of the level of training needed to act as first responders to various incidents. Details are available on ITEP's [Waste and Response Training Schedule](#) website.

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### **Tribal Wetland Working Group Training on Drones or Unmanned Aerial Services**

**October 10-11, Pendleton, OR**

The goal of this training is to discuss and demonstrate several examples of drones or unmanned aerial services used in a tribal government context. The examples used will have a specific focus on floodplains – channels, wetlands and aquatic resources. The agenda includes interactive classroom examples as well as data collection in the field, coupled with post-processing and production of an image mosaic and topographic map. There is no cost for the training and travel assistance is available.

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### **Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium**

**October 16-18, Catoosa, OK**

EPA Region 6 and the Cherokee Nation will be hosting the Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium. The theme of the symposium is *Protecting Children Where They Live, Learn, and Play*. Travel scholarships are available to employees of federally recognized tribes in EPA Region 6. For details, check out the [Inter-Tribal Environmental Council](#) website.

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## Harmful Algae Identification Workshop

**October 24**, Port Orchard, WA

EPA Region 10 is hosting a harmful algae identification workshop at the Region 10 Manchester Laboratory. The workshop may be of interest to tribal environmental program staff and managers. The workshop will be interactive, including lectures/discussion and a microscopy section with Barry Rosen from USGS (attendees encouraged to bring samples), a tour of the Manchester Laboratory's new toxin analytical capability (ELISA and LC MS/MS), and a possible breakout group to discuss monitoring approaches.

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## Developing and Implementing Tribal Solid Waste Codes

**November 6-8**, Denver, CO

ITEP, Indian Health Service, and EPA are offering this course for tribes to create or improve solid waste codes, and enforce them. Course participants must be employees of federally recognized tribes that have completed integrated solid waste management plans, but lack operable solid waste codes or ordinances.

Each tribe that completes the training will receive legal and technical support by phone, email, web-based meetings, as well as one-on-one assistance in developing and implementing their codes and ordinances (for up to one year following the completion date). Check out ITEP's [Waste and Response Trainings Schedule](#) for details.

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## Region 10 GAP Grant Training Webinars

EPA Region 10 is hosting a series of webinars with the goal of improving grant recipient understanding of grant requirements and common environmental topics. Details will be shared as the specific dates and instructions are determined on how to join each webinar.

**OCTOBER 30 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time - GAP Notice of Funding Availability.**

This webinar will provide an overview of the FY 2020 NOFA and what applicants need to know when applying for GAP grants.

Join the webinar on EPA's [Region 10 IGAP Training Adobe Connect](#) website. For audio call 1-866-299-3188 and enter conference code 907-271-5083.

**NOVEMBER 2018 - Environmental Science — Contaminants Basics.** This webinar will discuss assessment of environmental contaminants and the link to EPA -Tribal Environmental Plans and Quality Assurance Program Plans (QAPPs).

**DECEMBER 2018 - Indirect Costs.** This webinar will discuss EPA's new policy on indirect costs and how it affects tribes in Region 10.

**FEBRUARY 2019 - Grants.Gov Workspace.** This webinar will feature an online demonstration of Grants.gov application procedures.

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## Pop Quiz Answer from Page 1

**Children spend a lot of time playing on the ground.  
What environmental hazards does this expose them to?**

A. Asthma triggers. B. Higher levels of pollutants. C. Chemicals in carpets and floors.

**D. All of the above.** When children play on the ground, they more easily inhale chemicals from carpeting and floors, as well as floor and carpet cleaners. Carpets and hardwood floors can be reservoirs of chemicals, lead dust, dust mites, allergens, and mold. Vacuuming and cleaning floors and toys often can help reduce exposures.

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 3 Idaho Revised Site-Specific Temperature Water Quality Criterion for Snake River Below Hells Canyon Informational Call.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
To join, dial 202-991-04 and enter conference code 8014105
- 3 Faster Cleanup and Faster Reuse at PCB and RCRA Corrective Action Sites Webinar.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/RCRAExpert>
- 9 – 12 Tribal Emergency Response: Working Effectively with Response Agencies as First Responders.** White Cloud, KS  
[http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_waste](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste)
- 10 Stress and Environmental Contamination: Tips and Tools from ATSDR.** Webinar at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://clu-in.org/conf/tio/NARPMPresents41/>
- 10 – 11 Tribal Wetland Working Group Training on Drones or Unmanned Aerial Services.** Pendleton, OR • Matthew J. Baerwalde • 425-363-2008 • [mattb@snoqualmtribe.us](mailto:mattb@snoqualmtribe.us)
- 11 National Fish Conference Call.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
Sharon Frey • 202-566-1480 • [frey.sharon@epa.gov](mailto:frey.sharon@epa.gov)
- 15 Idaho Revised Site-Specific Temperature Water Quality Criterion for Snake River Below Hells Canyon Informational Call.** 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
To join, dial 202-991-0477 and enter conference code 8014105
- 16 Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time • [www.leonetwork.org](http://www.leonetwork.org)
- 16 – 18 Tribal Children's Environmental Health Symposium.** Catoosa, OK • [itec.cherokee.org](http://itec.cherokee.org)
- 18 Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time  
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 23 Rural Alaska Road Dust Working Group Quarterly Meeting.** Webinar at 10:30 a.m. Alaska Time. To join, call 206-800-4483, and enter code 3222120.  
<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/alaskadustgroup>
- 23 – 25 EE2018 — E-Enterprise for the Environment National Meeting.** Addison, TX  
<https://www.ee2018.net>

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- 30 **Alaska Regional Response Team Meeting.** Anchorage, AK • <https://alaskarrt.org>
- 30 **Peak Flows Rulemaking Virtual Listening Session.** 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/peak-flows-sewage-treatment-plants>
- 30 **EPA Region 10 GAP Notice of Funding Availability Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/r10-igap> • For audio call 1-866-299-3188 and enter conference code 907-271-5083
- 31 **Water Reuse and Reclaimed Water Webinar.** 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time  
<https://www.epa.gov/water-research/water-research-program-webinar-series>

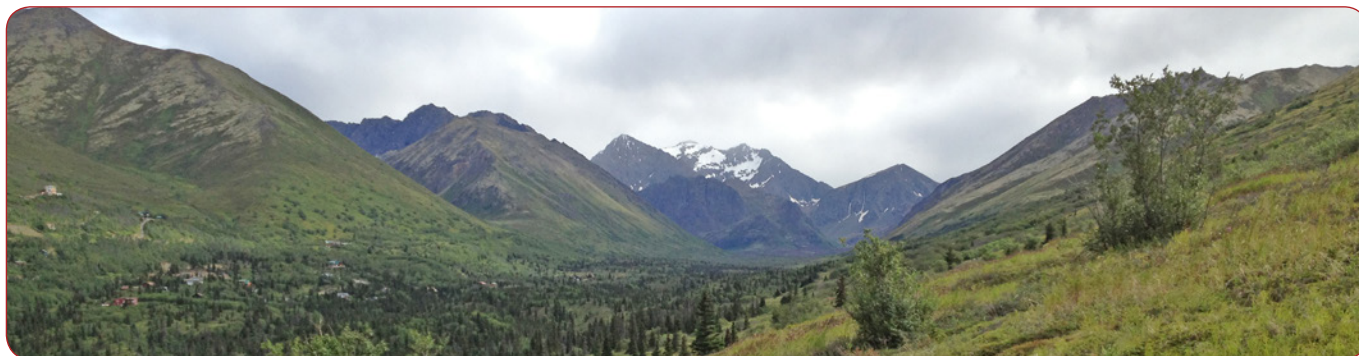
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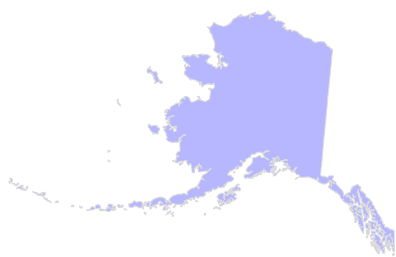
- 7 – 9 **Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities** (for tribes in lower 48). Sioux City, IA  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 15 **Region 10 RTOC Conference Call.** 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time  
<http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 20 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
<http://www.leonetwork.org>
- 27 – 30 **Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management.** Anchorage, AK  
<http://www.atcemak.com>
- 27 – 30 **Clean Air Act and Permitting.** Las Vegas, NV  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)

## December

- 11 – 14 **Air Quality in Alaska.** Fairbanks, AK  
[https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 18 **Alaska LEO Network Monthly Webinar.** 2:00 p.m. Alaska Time  
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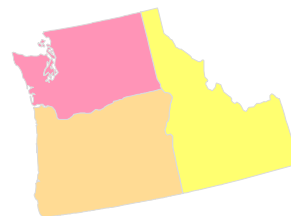
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To report a possible environmental violation, submit information online to the EPA at <https://echo.epa.gov/report-environmental-violations>.

