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Alaska Water Issues Paper

The **National Tribal Water Council** is developing a statewide paper on Alaska Tribal experiences and knowledge for Alaska's unique water issues to be presented in September nationally.

Contact Joneal Hicks, Cheesh-Na Tribe this month, jhicks@cheeshna.com to provide your contribution. Or to discuss the issues, you may contact him at 907-822-3503.

Please provide your input, and be heard!

NEWS

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September

- 13-18 EPA Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit, "25 Years of Indian EPA Policy Act: Building Tribal Environmental Capacity & Beyond".** Nez Perce, Lewiston, ID.
For information, call: 208-843-7368.
- 29-31 National Tribal Leaders Summit, Washington, DC.**
Purpose: Elected tribal government leaders will meet with the new EPA Administration.
For information: call Teresa Kuklinski at 202-564-0246 or Dianne Briggs at 202-564-0279.

October

- 13-16 Native People's Circle of Hope - Sixth Annual "Roots Of Strength" National Conference for Native cancer survivors, Family Members, Caregivers and Medical Providers, Cherokee Casino and Resort-Tulsa, Oklahoma.** For more information, go to:
<http://www.nativepeoplescoh.org/index.htm>
- 29-30 American Indian Science and Engineering Society, National Conference and Career Fair, Portland, OR.** For information:
<http://www.aises.org/Events/NationalConferences/2009NationalConference>

November

- 2-4 National Forum on Contaminants in Fish, Portland, OR.**
More information will be posted at: <http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/fish/forum/>
- 2-6 November GAP Training for Alaska Tribes, Anchorage, AK.**
See page 5 for more information.
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For information: <http://www.brownfields2009.org/en/page.overview.2009.aspx>
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See page 5 for details or go to <http://www.anthc.org/cs/dehe/sustops/atcem.cfm>

Environmental Grants

The Office of Compliance (OC), within EPA's Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (OECA), is soliciting proposals for states and **tribes** to strengthen their ability to address environmental and public health threats, while furthering the art and science of environmental compliance. Projects under this Solicitation Notice will be used to build and expand the capacity and ability of the states and tribes to operate their environmental compliance and enforcement program. These funds cannot be used for the actual implementation of the compliance program. This year, EPA is soliciting pre-proposals for the following focus areas:

- (1) Permit Compliance System (PCS) Modernization and ICIS-NPDES;
- (2) Indian Country Compliance Assurance and Enforcement Circuit Riders;
- (3) Improving Flow of State Data to the Airs Facility System (AFS);
- (4) State Environmental Compliance and Enforcement Training; and
- (5) Demonstration of Better Use of Technology in Compliance Monitoring Activities.

The total grant award to be funded is \$1,828,000 and will be awarded to selected proposals in the range of \$50,000 - \$200,000.

Applications are due by **July 13, 2009** and must be submitted via email to: MultimediaCapacity_grants@epa.gov

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Clean Water Act Web Trainings

During the summer of 2009 through spring 2010, EPA will host a series of web trainings related to the Clean Water Act. Topics to be addressed will include:

Introduction to the Clean Water Act, July 16, 2009, 1:00pm-3:00pm Eastern
Introduction to Section 106 of the Clean Water Act, Summer, 2009 (final date to be determined)
Introduction to Section 319 of the Clean Water Act.

This web training will be held in four sessions:
Session 1: July 22, 2009, 1:00-2:30 Eastern,
Session 2: August 12, 2009, 1:00-2:30 Eastern,
Session 3: September 9, 2009, 1:00-2:30 Eastern,
Session 4: Early spring 2010, 1:00-2:30 Eastern.

For descriptions of each web training as well as information on how to register, please see: <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/CWAwebcasts.html>

The first training, Introduction to the CWA will be July 16. You can sign up for this training now by going to: <http://www.epa.gov/water/tribaltraining/2009/tevent0919.html>.

Important Update Regarding the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program.

EPA is correcting information about the Climate Showcase Communities Grant Program that was provided in the June, 2009 edition of the Region 10 Tribal Newsletter. The newsletter provided incorrect dates for the solicitation period. The solicitation period has ended; applications were due on July 22. Additional information about the grant is available at www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-programs/state-and-local/showcase.html

The 2009 Appropriation Bill provides \$10 million for the Office of Air and Radiation to initiate a new, competitive grant to assist local communities in establishing and implementing their own climate change initiatives. The goal of this program is to implement replicable programs, projects and approaches, which demonstrate reductions in greenhouse gases by providing grants of \$100,000 to \$500,000 to 30-40 communities across the United States. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Denny, who is the lead for the Climate Showcase Communities Grant, at 202-343-9268 or denny.andrea@epa.gov or Julie Rosenberg, at 202-343-9154 or rosenberg.julie@epa.gov

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Tribal Fish and Wildlife Grants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service issued a request for grant proposals from federally recognized Tribes for projects that will conserve fish and wildlife resources on **tribal** lands. The Tribal Wildlife Grants program funds projects on a competitive basis that benefit habitat, fish and wildlife, including species that are not hunted or fished. This grant request is for fiscal year 2010. Proposals and grant applications must be postmarked by **September 1, 2009**.

The maximum award for any one project under this program is \$200,000. For more information and to obtain a copy of the grant application kit, or to find a regional Tribal grants contact, please visit <http://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican>.

Additional information about this and other grant programs is available at <http://www.grants.gov>.

Tribal Management Grant Program

The Program is a national competitive discretionary grant program established to assist Federally-recognized Tribes and Tribally-sanctioned Tribal organizations in assuming all or part of existing Indian Health Service (IHS) programs, services, functions, and activities (PSFA) through a Title I contract and to assist established Title I contractors and Title V compactors to further develop and improve their management capability. The deadline is **August 7, 2009**. For more information, go to: <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2009/E9-8641.htm>

Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission Director Selected

PORTLAND, Ore. – Babtist (Paul) Lumley, a member of the Yakama Indian Nation and 23-year veteran of American Indian policy, is returning to the Columbia Basin after a five year absence to serve as the executive director for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission.

Lumley, 45, has been serving as the executive director of the National American Indian Housing Council in Washington, D.C. for the past two-and-a-half years.

Leaders of CRITFC's member tribes – the Warm Springs and Umatilla tribes, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, and the Nez Perce Tribe – selected Lumley to become the ninth executive director in the commission's 32-year history after assessing a field of impressive candidates. He will take the reins at CRITFC July 1, 2009.

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Nez Perce Tribe Wins Clean Air Excellence Award

On May 13, the EPA honored the Nez Perce Tribe's Air Quality Program as one of 15 recipients of the Clean Air Excellence Award. This year's award recipients were selected from 125 applicants from across the United States and represent achievements in five categories: clean air technology, community action, education/outreach, regulatory policy innovations, and outstanding individual achievement. "Each year, our Clean Air Excellence Award winners offer amazing new examples of how we keep our air safe and clean," said EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson. "This year's winners have built on that tradition of innovation to show what is possible in protecting human health and the environment."

The Nez Perce Tribe Environmental Restoration and Waste Management Division's Air Quality Program is a model program that has developed and implemented a number of significant innovative air quality programs that go beyond applicable laws and regulations. An example of this leadership is the Nez Perce Tribe's smoke management program. This program promotes community awareness of air quality concerns in connection with agricultural, open, and forestry burning.

The Nez Perce Tribe's smoke management program has been in place since 2002 in a voluntary capacity, and has achieved compliance through collaboration. The voluntary nature of the program allowed the regulated community to prepare for the Federal Air Rules for Reservations (FARR) implementation in 2005. The ERWMAQ Program has continued to provide leadership in smoke management and to collaborate with the EPA, the State of Idaho, and other regional stakeholders to revise policies as necessary.



Climate Literacy Booklet

In an effort to improve understanding of climate science, a group of government agencies has combined efforts to produce "Climate Literacy: The Essential Principles of Climate Science." The guide was organized by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, parent agency of the climate center, along with the departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Energy, Health and Human Services, Interior, State, Transportation and the EPA. The booklet is available online at: <http://www.noaa.gov/climateliteracy.html> or <http://www.climatescience.gov>

Drinking Water State Revolving Fund - Announcement of the New State Allotment Percentages for the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Program for Fiscal Years 2010 through 2013

EPA is announcing the revised Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (DWSRF) allotments that will be provided to the states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Territories, American Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Villages if the President's budget request for Fiscal Year 2010 is enacted. These allotments reflect the results from EPA's most recent Drinking Water Infrastructure Needs Survey and Assessment, which was released on March 26, 2009. The revised allocation percentages affect DWSRF Program appropriations for the four years from Fiscal Years 2010 through 2013.

Each state will receive a minimum of 1% of the national allotment funds available to states as required by Congress. The President's budget request for FY 2010 includes an increase in the minimum funding to be made available to American Indian and Alaska Native water systems from 1.5% to 2.0% of the total funding appropriated for the DWSRF. The President also requested an increase in the minimum funding to be made available to United States Territories from 0.33% to 1.5% of the total available to the States, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Information about the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund program can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/dwsrf.html>

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Create an Oral History of Fishing

A new handbook published online by NOAA Fisheries Service gives teachers, community groups, and the public a detailed roadmap of how to design and conduct oral history projects that celebrate the people, history and culture of our nation's coastal and Great Lakes fishing communities. The idea for the handbook grew out of NOAA's Fisheries Service Local Fisheries Knowledge Project conducted in Ellsworth and Jonesport High Schools in Maine from 2003 to 2006. NOAA worked with the Rural School and Community Trust and local educators to design an oral history curriculum for students who documented the fishing and maritime history of their Downeast communities. The handbook includes sections on how to start projects, build community partnerships and integrate projects into existing curricula, among other topics. The handbook is available online at: <http://www.voices.nmfs.noaa.gov>

Green Schools Toolkit

Green Schools Toolkit is a web-based resource designed to provide K-12 schools with resources specifically geared for school designers and builders, energy and facility managers, superintendents and boards of education, as well as teachers, students and parents. For more information, go to: <http://www.southface.org/web/resources&services/schools/energystarschools.htm>

Tips to Save Energy and Fight Climate Change this Summer

EPA has published a list of energy-saving tips for the home and office to reduce energy bills, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions this summer. State, local, and tribal governments can implement these tips in their buildings and share them with residents and businesses. For more information, go to <http://www.lgean.org/news.cfm#4307>

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Summer Dangers

Skin cancer from UV radiation is the most common of all cancers in the United States. More people will be diagnosed with skin cancer this year than breast, prostate, lung, and colon cancer combined. UV radiation is a carcinogen whether it comes from the sun or an artificial light source.

There is a misperception that people of color are not at risk of getting skin cancer. While the risk for people of color is not as high, skin cancer, including melanoma, affects all skin types. Skin cancer is often detected in people with darker skin after it is too late, so it is important that people of color are safe in the sun and see a doctor if they notice any changes with their skin.

As part of the Don't Fry Day campaign, EPA is also targeting the 10 states with the highest number of new melanoma cases by releasing state-specific skin cancer fact sheets for Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Washington. Additionally, Salt Lake County, More information on Don't Fry Day: <http://www.skincancerprevention.org/Events/DontFryDay/tabid/113/Default.aspx> More information on EPA's SunWise program: <http://www.epa.gov/sunwise/>

MyEnvironment

The MyEnvironment search application is designed to provide a cross-section of environmental information based on the user's location.

The desired location is keyed in from the EPA "My Environment". MyEnvironment can be found at: [Http://www.epa.gov/myenvironment](http://www.epa.gov/myenvironment) You can use a variety of locational search terms, such as zip code, street address, county name, water body name, National Park name -- or any place name that you might see on a roadmap.

The top part of the page contains a map with the EPA regulated facilities for that area (and air and water monitoring stations will be added soon) and the bottom part includes the following set of information (pertinent to that specific geography, or to the county or state--depending on the lowest level of aggregation for which those data are available).

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Human Health Module Online

The Water Quality Standards Academy Online (WQSA Online) has posted its first Basic Course Supplemental Topics Module, Human Health Ambient Water Quality Criteria. The new online module introduces concepts used in the development of human health ambient water quality criteria (AWQC), as well as the methods for deriving these criteria. Similar to the Key Concepts modules, the Supplemental Topics Modules present text-based information across a sequence of pages that include links to further information and resources and then a brief quiz at the end.

Because these modules are supplemental, they are not associated with the Certificate of Completion earned by completing the Key Concepts modules.

To access the module please go to:
<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/academy/supp/health/>

For more information on WQSA Online contact Bryan "Ibrahim" Goodwin at 202/566-0762.

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The National Water Quality Monitoring Council (NWQMC)

The NWQMC is proud to host its Seventh National Monitoring Conference-Monitoring From the Summit to the Sea-to be held in Denver, Colorado from April 25-29, 2010.

The conference will focus on the many facets of water quality and quantity monitoring for improved understanding, protection, and restoration of our natural resources and communities. The conference is a centerpiece forum for communication that generally attracts 500-800 water practitioners from all backgrounds-including governmental organizations, volunteers, academia, watershed and environmental groups, and the private sector-to exchange information, develop skills, and foster collaboration and coordination.

Please refer to the attached "Call for Abstracts" for specifics on themes and potential topics of interest. The on-line abstract submission system will be up and running. For additional information as it becomes available go to:

<http://acwi.gov/monitoring/conference/2010/index.html>

Salmon Restoration

The Obama administration is restoring \$50 million for a special Pacific salmon fund that pays for habitat restoration and other work in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho. Rep. Norm Dicks, D-Wash., said Thursday that the money was left out of the administration's original budget proposal through an oversight, but at the urging of members of Congress from the Northwest and California, Commerce Sec. Gary Locke will be sending Congress an amendment.

The budget had included \$60 million for a new endangered species restoration fund, but now \$50 million of that will be dedicated to salmon restoration in Washington, Oregon, California and Idaho.

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To Report Spills and Accidents

Note these emergency numbers to call in the event of hazardous material spills or accidents.

Alaska	800-478-9300	Washington	800-258-5990
Idaho	800-632-8000	National (EPA)	800-424-8802
Oregon	800-452-0311		

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