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## Work Shops and Conferences

- \***February 10-13, 2004** Introduction to Air Quality Management INTRO Flagstaff, AZ
- \***February 18-20, 2004** Ozone Monitoring OZONE Las Vegas, NV
- \***February 24-27, 2004** Environmental Education for Air Quality Professionals ENV ED Flagstaff, AZ
- \* Information about these workshops: Lydia Scheer at 928/523-6887 or [Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu](mailto:Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu)
- June 17-20, 2004, 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Protecting Mother Earth Conference, Bear Butte, South Dakota.** For information 877/436-2121 or [www.ienearth.org](http://www.ienearth.org)

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### **ATNI Winter Conference:**

February 9-12, 2004, Host  
Hotel: Embassy Suites Hotel  
Portland Airport, 7900 NE 82nd  
Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97220,  
Reservation 1/800/362-2779

### **Cleaning up Mold**

Cleaning up mold has emphasized the use of bleach. The new recommended procedures reduces the use of bleach for the following reasons. 1-Bleach reacts with organic mater to form substances, which can cause cancer. These substances are the holoforms, and example of which is chloroform. 2-Chlorine fumes

are hazardous and 3- some people tend to depend on bleach instead of discarding molding materials.

Suggested procedures: 1- vacuum surfaces with a HEPA vacuum cleaner first, if possible. A HEPA filter captures mold spores and other fine particles. A vacuum cleaner exhausted outside works as well. The vacuuming removes most of the loose organic matter. 2 - use detergent and water for general cleaning. Rinse well. 3 - Concrete surfaces can be cleaned with detergent and water. If a heavier duty cleaners is needed. Use trisodium phosphate (TSP) (one cup of TSP to two gallons of warm water) and rinse well. Protect skin and eyes. Note that bleach is no longer recommended for concrete surfaces.

There are two methods for structural wood framing. Sand and vacuum at the same time. Use a sander/vacuum combination. The second method is to clean the wood with bleach. Sponge with a clean, wet rag and dry quickly. Wood that is very moldy should be replaced.

Clean the surface of drywall with a damp rag using baking soda or a bit of detergent. Do not allow the drywall to get to wet. Moldy drywall is best cut out and replaced with new drywall.

### **Reporting for IGAP Changed**

Effective immediately, **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)/Women Business Enterprise (WBE) Utilization Reporting on EPA Form 5700-52A for the Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (IGAP)** has been changed from quarterly to yearly. All reports must be submitted by Oct. 31 each year. If your grant ends anytime during the year, final reports must still be submitted within 90 days after the end of the project period. If you have any questions on this, please contact Marie McPeak, Region 10 MBE/WBE Coordinator at 206/553-2894.

### **TASWER**

The Tribal Association for Solid Waste and Emergency Response (TASWER) amended

their By-Laws at the 2003 TASWER National Conference in Reno, Nevada to increase board member representation for Alaska from one seat to two seats. If you are a TASWER member tribe, and you are interested in representing Alaska TASWER membership tribes, please submit your contact information and a brief biography to: John Aquino, Executive Director, Tribal Association for Solid Waste & Emergency Response, 1001 Connecticut Avenue, Suite 400 Washington, DC 20036-5504 or e-mail: [jaquino@taswer.org](mailto:jaquino@taswer.org). If you would like further information, you can also contact: Daniel Ellanak at 907-680/2218 or 907/680-2245.

### **Cap SO<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions**

EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt has signed a proposal to cut sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) emissions from power plants, which contribute to both ozone and particulate pollution. The Interstate Air Quality proposal calls for utilities to utilize a cap and trade program based on EPA's Acid Rain Program to achieve emissions reductions in the most cost effective way. For more: <http://www.epa.gov/interstateairquality>

### **EPA Fifteen Pollutants**

Pursuant to section 304(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), EPA is announcing the availability of updated national recommended water quality criteria for the protection of human health for fifteen pollutants. The criteria are based on EPA's 2000 methodology for deriving human health water quality criteria and supercede

criteria for these chemicals that the Agency published before this notice. For more:

<http://www.epa.gov/edocket>

### **Water Quality Funding**

The EPA is soliciting initial proposals from states, tribes, local governments, universities, non-profits, and other eligible entities interested in applying for federal Water Quality Cooperative Agreements (WQCA) under Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act (CWA). EPA intends to award grants to eligible applicants for unique and innovative projects that address the requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) program with special emphasis on wet weather activities. Initial proposals are due February 17, 2004. For more: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=686>

### **Smart Growth**

New Smart Growth Report Identifies 100 More Policies for Implementation The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) and the Smart Growth Network have released "Getting to Smart Growth II: 100 More Policies for Implementation," the newest primer in the ongoing series of smart growth publications. The publication serves as a road map for states and communities that have recognized the need for smart growth but are unclear on how to achieve it. It provides 10 policy options to achieve each of the 10 Smart Growth Principles. <http://www.smartgrowth.org/sgn/join.asp?res=800>

### **One-Stop Federal Grants**

The federal government has launched a single, comprehensive

Web site that will contain information about finding and applying for all federal grant programs. The Web site, "Grants.gov", makes it easier for organizations to learn about and apply for federal grants. For more: <http://www.Grants.gov>

### **Watershed Handbook**

The Chesapeake Bay Program has recently published "The Community Watershed Assessment Handbook," a simple and straightforward watershed assessment tool that is intended to direct community groups and local governments in conducting a comprehensive environmental assessment. The purpose of the handbook is to outline a basic process for assessing your community's current and anticipated future watershed conditions. To download the 71 page handbook go to: <http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=685> then go to [here](#).

### **Water Utilities Contamination Threats and Incidents**

EPA is making available the interim final "Response Protocol Toolbox: Planning for and Responding to Contamination Threats to Drinking Water Systems." The Toolbox is designed to help the water sector effectively and appropriately respond to intentional contamination threats and incidents. Organized in modular format, the Toolbox will be of value to drinking water utilities, laboratories, emergency responders, state drinking water programs, technical assistance providers, public health and law enforcement officials. For more:

<http://www.lgean.org/html/whatsnew.cfm?id=683>

### Water and Wastewater

The infrastructure that provides us with drinking water and treats our wastewater is aging. Much of it was constructed in the period following World War II and will be reaching the end of its useful life in the next 20-40 years. Communities are challenged to ensure that they can keep pace with the infrastructure needs of the future. EPA has developed Web pages that describe and provide information about the "Four Pillars of Sustainable Infrastructure." For more: <http://www.epa.gov/water/infrastructure/index.htm>

### Pill Flusher

Used to be the best way to dispose of old or leftover medicine was to flush it down the toilet. That way kids and animals wouldn't come in contact with it and inadvertently become poisoned. But that's not true anymore, and environmental scientists are warning people "Do Not Flush."

Antibiotics, hormones, painkillers, antidepressants, and an array of other medications are now finding their way into the nation's waterways - raising disturbing questions about potential health and environmental effects, according to the *Associate Press* article, "Flushing Drugs No Longer Recommended."

Besides individuals who flush prescriptions, nursing homes dispose of anywhere between \$73 million and \$378 million worth of drugs each year. Some are incinerated, but many are just flushed.

The EPA is studying whether to develop formal recommendations

for what to do with old or leftover drugs.

Studies have linked hormone exposure to reproductive side effects in fish that make fish change sex. Scientists also worry about environmental exposure to antibiotics because they fear microbes may become drug resistant and eventually become "super germs"

Until there's labeling, though, environmental experts offer this advice: 1. Take all of a prescribed medication unless there's a good reason not to, such as bad side effects. 2. Trash is better than the toilet. Take proper precautions against children or pets accidentally ingesting them, such as breaking up capsules and crushing tablets then putting the remains back in the original container. Tape the container, and then double bag it before tossing. 3. Check to see if there's a local household hazardous waste collection site. 4. The FDA suggests asking pharmacies to take old medication back.

### Old Greeting Cards?

St. Jude's Ranch for Children (non-sectarian) in Texas and Nevada helps abused children. To do this, they need to raise money! Well, they found a great fund raiser. They recycle greeting cards! So, if you do not know what to do with all your old holiday cards. **1.** Be sure to cut off the front of the cards..they only use the "picture part" **2.** Do not send any card fronts with personal notes written on them **3.** The cards should be of a size that can be trimmed to fit a 5" x 7" card back **4.** They accept all occasion greeting cards, Christmas, Hanukkah, Easter, Birthday, etc.

Mail them to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude Street, Boulder City, NV 89005. For more: <http://stjudesranch.org>

### Federal Funding Catalog

The Catalog of Federal Funding Sources for The Watershed Protection Web Site is a searchable database for financial assistance sources (grants, loans, cost-sharing) available to fund watershed protection projects. To select funding programs for particular requirements, use either of two searches: One is based on subject matter criteria, and the other is based on words in the title of the funding program.

Criteria searches include the type of organization (e.g. non-profit groups, private landowners, states, businesses), type of assistance sought (grants or loans), and keywords (e.g. agriculture, wildlife habitat).

Searches result in a listing of programs by name. Click on each program name to review detailed information on the funding source.

[cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund](http://cfpub.epa.gov/fedfund).

### Five-Star Restoration

The National Association of Counties, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation and the Wildlife Habitat Council, in cooperation with the EPA, the Community-Based Restoration Program within NOAA Fisheries and other sponsors (e.g., Office of Surface Mining), are pleased to solicit applications for the Five-Star Restoration Challenge Grant Program. The Five-Star Restoration Program provides modest financial assistance on a competitive basis to support

community-based wetland, riparian and coastal habitat restoration projects that build diverse partnerships and foster local natural resource stewardship through education, outreach and training activities. In 2003, 56 projects received grants of on average \$10,000 out of approximately 240 applications received.

How to apply: The Five Star Restoration Challenge Grant program is open to any public or private entity. Applicants should complete the application at:

<http://nfwf.org/programs/5star-rfp.htm>

Applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2004. Projects will be evaluated to the extent by which the following guidelines are met (which can be found on the web site.) Applicants will be notified of their awards in late May.

#### **FY 04 Tribal Guidelines**

We are continuing to wait for senior management concurrence on the Guidelines on Awarding Section 319 Grants to Indian Tribes in FY 2004. Some additions to the 2004 Guidelines include clarifying that the Guidelines serve as a notice of request for proposals for base and competitive grant funds; that tribes performing activities outside of a reservation on waters pertaining to waters of the reservation may do so on condition that any necessary access agreements are obtained and coordinated with the state as appropriate; and that base grant funds can be used in part to develop watershed-based plans. Revised milestone dates are as follows:

Date for Tribes to be eligible for a 319 grant January 7, 2004

Tribes submit base grant work

plan to Region February 18, 2004

Tribes submit competitive proposals to Region February 18, 2004. Region comments on base work plan to Tribes February 25, 2004. Region forwards competitive proposals to HQ February 27, 2004. Review Committee discusses competitive proposals March 12, 2004. Review Committee forwards ranking scores to HQ April 7, 2004.

HQ notifies Regions/Tribes of proposal selections April 14, 2004

Tribes submit final grant application to Region May 7, 2004 If you have any questions, please call 202/566-1198.

#### **EPA 5-Year Water Plan**

Information about the EPA Office of Water's National Water Program plan, part of the agency's recently adopted *Strategic Plan* for 2004-2008, is accessible at [www.epa.gov/water/waterplan](http://www.epa.gov/water/waterplan).

The water plans's key components are part of the larger plans's goals for Clean and Safe Water (Goal 2) and Healthy Communities and Ecosystems (Goal 4), according to an Office of Water press statement, EPA this fall will begin working with state and tribal agencies to develop detailed implementation plans, as well as establish state and regional commitments, for fiscal year 2005 based on the planning document.

#### **CAFO**

The EPA Office of water recently made available a guide to help livestock operations owners and managers comply with the revised Clean Water Act regulations for concentrated animal feeding operations. *The Producers' Compliance Guide for*

*Concentrated Feeding Operations* (EPA821-R-03-010) includes information on: 1- EPA's development of the regulations, 2-determining whether a particular live stock facility is subject to the regulations, 3-applying for a permit, 4-permit requirements, 5- EPA's compliance assurance process, and 6-how to contact appropriate permitting officials in each state.

The guide is available at [cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/compliance.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/afo/compliance.cfm), and EPA plans to make printed copies available in its regional offices and at state agricultural agencies. Printed copies also will be available from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications. Multiple copies may be ordered by calling 800/490-9198, or single copies can be obtained by calling 202/566-1729.

#### **NEPA/TEPA Clinic**

We would like to announce the first offering of the "Tribal Environmental Review Clinic" (TERC), to be held in Seattle, March 15-18, 2004 for Tribes in Washington, Oregon and Idaho . The three-day, interactive training will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and options for a Tribal Environmental Policy Act (TEPA), from the perspective of both advocacy and compliance.

The tribe-to-tribe approach includes hand-on clinics for writing codes and agreements, expert tribal legal panels, and an in-depth exploration of tribal case studies. EPA is collaborating with Tulalip to

conduct Day 2 of the clinic, providing a dialogue with the Council on Environmental Quality and interactive sessions with regional federal agency NEPA staff. The TERC is a collaborative project of the Tulalip Tribes, a 16 member National Tribal Advisory Panel, and other tribal and NEPA experts from across the country. Future clinics are planned for Alaska tribes in the fall of 2004, and other regions of the country thereafter. Registration opens January 15th. Space is limited, so we encourage you to register as early as possible. (Depending on response to the workshop, it may be necessary to limit the number of participants within a given tribe, to allow access to other tribes throughout the region)

To see the preliminary agenda, and to register for the TERC, please go to:  
[http://www.tulalip.nsn.us/TERC%20Web%20Pages\\_files/TERC%20Web%20Pages\\_files/Home%20Page.htm](http://www.tulalip.nsn.us/TERC%20Web%20Pages_files/TERC%20Web%20Pages_files/Home%20Page.htm) If you have any questions, please email [TERCinformation@comcast.net](mailto:TERCinformation@comcast.net) or call Judy Patrick at Tulalip Natural Resources, at 360/651-4472.

### **Water/Wastewater Security**

For information about EPA's water and wastewater security programs, access:  
[www.epa.gov/safewater/security](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/security)

### **EPA Water Efficiency**

The EPA unveiled plans to develop a national program to promote the use of water-efficiency toilets and appliances. The program, to developed with private- and public sector partners, would be voluntary and "market-based," according to EPA Office of Water

Administrator G. Tracy Mehan III, who announced the plan.

The program would inform consumers and businesses about the advantages of using water-efficient products, promote the manufacture of such products, and encourage distributors, retailers, and water utilities to promote their use.

For an overview of EPA's current Water Efficiency Program: [www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/index.htm](http://www.epa.gov/owm/water-efficiency/index.htm). For more information contact John Flowers at 202/564-0624 or Valerie Martin at 202/564-0623.

### **Vegetation Landfill Waste**

Landfills can use native vegetation rather than artificial liners to keep water from reaching buried waste, according to a report published by the Interstate Technology & Regulatory Council (ITRC; Washington, D.C.), *Technology Overview Using Case Studies of Alternative Landfill Technologies and Associated Regulatory Topics* (ALT-1)

ALT-1 includes case studies involving solid waste, hazardous waste, or mixed waste alternative landfill cover projects. It documents alternative landfill cover projects. For more information Roseanne Black at 540/557-6101.

### **EPA Water Protection**

The EPA has developed a document outlining its strategy for setting watershed-based standards and criteria over the next 6 years. The report, "*Strategy for water Quality Standards and Criteria: Setting Priorities to Strengthen the Foundation for Protecting and Restoring the Nation's Waters*" is the product of a review of the

existing water quality standards and criteria within the context of all clean water programs.

The review focused on clean water goals, mandates and authorities, and EPA's current strategic goals for clean water and other strategic planning efforts. The review also focused on major needs of the current water quality standards and criteria programs. These include water quality monitoring total maximum daily loads (TMDLs), Nation Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) permits, nonpoint source programs, oceans and wetland programs, and source water protection.

A pdf version of the strategy is available for viewing and downloading from EPA's web site at: [www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/strategy](http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/standards/strategy)

### **Recent "TAS" approvals:**

**WATER (CWA 319 Program):** Three tribal governments became eligible for the Clean Water Act Section 319, nonpoint source program. EPA approved the "Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State" (TAS) applications for the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, Siuslaw (OR), Nooksack Tribe (WA) and the Sauk-Suiattle Tribe (WA) in January 2004. Fourteen tribal governments in Region 10 are now approved for direct participation in the CWA 319 nonpoint source program.

**WATER (CWA 303/401 Program):** EPA Region 10 recently approved the "Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State" (TAS) application for program authority in the Tribal Water

Quality Standards Program by the Makah Tribe in December 2003. EPA Region 10 had previously approved TWQS Program Authority by the Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe in September 2003. This is the 8th and 9th Tribal Water Quality Standards Program Authority Approval for Region 10. Five Tribal governments have had their Tribal Water Quality Standards Approved by Region 10 that are now effective under the Clean Water Act, plus the Colville Confederated Tribes have water quality standards that are federally-promulgated.

AIR (CAA Program): EPA Region 10 recently approved the "Treatment in a Manner Similar to a state" (TAS) application by the Tulalip Tribes (WA) to operate certain programs authorized by the Clean Air Act. Tulalip is the

second tribal government receiving this authority (Shoshone-Bannock in Idaho is the other tribal air program that is authorized to operate certain air programs under the Clean Air Act Section 105 authorities).

#### WASHINGTON

■ Region 10 has a part-time position available (20-28 hours per week) as a Brownfields Coordinator in the EPA Washington Operations Office. The announcement is open to all U.S. Citizens under Reg 10-DE-2004-0018 at the EPA EZ-Hire Job website. For information, contact Dave Croxton at 206/553-6694 for questions about the position; or contact Bev Camenga at 206/ 553-1210 for information about the application process.

■ Environmental Protection Specialist, GS-028-9/11/12, Office of Environmental Cleanup, Brownfields Site Cleanup Unit 1, Lacey, WA. Permanent Part Time 20-28 hours per week Contact Dave Croxton at 206-553-6694 if you have questions regarding the position and Bev Camenga at 206/553-1210 if you have questions regarding the application process. This vacancy is open to all U.S. Citizens. If you have competitive status, you should apply to merit promotion announcement Reg 10-MP-2004-0020 being advertised concurrently.