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March

- 16** **4th Annual Northwest Conference on Climate Change, World Trade Center, Portland, Oregon.** For more information, go to http://www.elecenter.com/agenda_2009-03-16.htm
See also the article on page 2
- 16-18** **Tribal Energy Conference and Energy Trade Fair, Dallas, Texas.**
For more information, go to <http://www.atntribes.org> See also the article on page 2
- 31 - April 2** **AIAQTP - Indoor Air Quality Tribal Communities (Level 1) Seattle, WA.**
For information, call or write Lydia Scheer at 928/523-6887 or Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu
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April

- 13-15** **Tribal Hazmat Training, Richland, Washington.**
To register, please contact Ashley Vernon at 360-871-8723 or avernon@techlawinc.com
See also the article on page 2
- 21-24** **ITEP Tribal Basic Inspector Training, Denver (Lakewood), Colorado.**
For more information, contact John Mead at 928-523-2005 or Pam Malone at 928-523-1055
See also the article on page 4
- 28-30** **7th Washington Hydrogeology Symposium, Tacoma, Washington.**
For more information, go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/events/hg/welcome.htm>
See also the article on page 2

May

- 4-6** **Managing Water Resources and Development in a Changing Climate: AWRA Conference, Anchorage, Alaska.** For more information, call 907-479-8891 or go to <http://www.awra.org/meetings/Anchorage2009/index.html>.
- 11-14** **National Conference for Nonpoint Source and Stormwater Outreach, Portland, Oregon.** For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/nps/outreach2009>
- 18-21** **27th National Conference of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, Juneau, Alaska.** For more information, see the article on pages 2 and 3 or go to <http://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=691373>

June

- 1-26** **Water Resources Technician Training, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.** For more information, see the article on page 4 or call Mo Baloch at 202-208-6042 or Toni Village Center at 202-208-3956 or 208-4004. Dead line for application **April 3, 2009.**

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Fourth Annual Northwest Conference March 16, 2009

Climate change is, without a doubt, one of the most complex and significant issues that we will face in our lifetimes. Perhaps faster than any other environmental challenge, climate change has forced experts to quickly define the problem; and propose organizational, legislative and legal, regulatory and scientific solutions. It is sometimes difficult to stay fully informed about all of the developments. At the Fourth Annual Northwest Conference on Climate Change, sponsored by the Environmental Law Education Center, they have assembled an impressive lineup of knowledgeable speakers who will present the latest information on the strategies and approaches to addressing climate change. The faculty will present up-to-the-minute developments with an emphasis on practical advice and guidance. Please join us for this timely and important conference. For more information, go to http://www.elecenter.com/agenda_2009-03-16.htm

Tribal Hazmat Training

April 13-15:
Location: Volpentest HAMMER Training and Education Center
2890 Horn Rapids Road,
Room Al Alm Rm 7,
Richland, WA 99352

Tribal officials and representatives that have responsibilities in Cultural Resources, Forestry, Fisheries, Water Resources, Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Emergency Planning, Wildlife Protection, and Environmental Protection are invited to attend this FREE OSHA compliant 24-hour HazMat and Oil Spill Awareness Course taught by the EPA. Students will learn the basic skills needed to assist in responding to a hazardous materials and/or oil spill incident, including health/safety, basic chemistry, use and types of personal protective equipment, agency

responsibilities and resources. Additional skills taught will include information related to integrating tribal responsibilities into the Incident Command System as per the Northwest Area Contingency Plan. Sponsored by the US EPA Region 10 and US Dept of Interior.

For Training Information, call 509-372-3143, Training time are 830am-430pm. The cost is FREE. To register, please contact: Ashley Vernon, EPA START Contractor at 360-871-8723 or avernon@techlawinc.com

7th Washington Hydrogeology Symposium

Registration is now open for the 7th Washington Hydrogeology Symposium, to be held April 28-30, 2009 in Tacoma, Washington at the Greater Tacoma Convention and Trade Center. The Symposium provides a unique opportunity to connect with other professional hydrogeologists, geologists, and hydrologists from throughout the Pacific Northwest. Over 400 people attended the previous Symposium. Please make plans now to join us this year.

Symposium Goals: •Enhance scientific understanding of Pacific Northwest hydrogeology and water resources, focusing on the occurrence, movement, and quality of groundwater and surface water. •Facilitate interaction among government agencies, tribes, academia, consultants, businesses, and environmental scientists. •Foster research and technology development for the public benefit. For more information, go to <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/events/hg>

27th Annual National Conference

You are invited to attend the 27th Annual National Conference of the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society.

National Native Non-Profit Organization
Dedicated to the Conservation, Protection and

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Enhancement Of Tribal Fish, Wildlife, Habitat and Cultural Resources May 18 - 21, 2009, Centennial Hall Convention Center Juneau, Alaska.

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Sponsored by the NAFWS Alaska Region, Host Hotels: Westmark Baranof Hotel, Goldbelt Hotel, Prospector Hotel.

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Community Involvement Training Conference

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The EPA eleventh Community Involvement Training Conference will be held August 18-20, 2009, in Seattle, Washington. This dynamic conference brings together more than 450 people from EPA and its federal, state, tribal, and local partners who plan and implement environmental community involvement, partnership, stewardship, outreach, and education programs.

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The conference features plenary sessions with guest speakers, dozens of engaging and interactive information-sharing sessions, almost twenty 3- and 4-hour training sessions, and several 7-hour training sessions. It also will include field trips demonstrating the power of effective community involvement in the Seattle area, a poster session, exhibits, and a variety of networking opportunities and evening activities to add value and fun to the experience. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/ciconference>

Seventh Generation Fund Grants

The Fund directs its small grants and/or technical support, financial management and project facilitation to Indigenous communities and organizations. It is best described as holistic in nature and

Native-centered. Deadline for submitting a grant proposal are **April 1, 2009** and **October 1, 2009**.

For more information, go to http://www.7genfund.org/grant_making_guidelines.php

Mini-grant proposals for amounts of \$500 or less are accepted at any time. For more information, go to http://www.infoed.org/new_spin/spin_prog.asp?69988

Heads Up

The Nez Perce Tribe will be hosting the Annual Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Tribal Leaders Summit from September 14-18, 2009 in Lapwai, Idaho. More information to follow in coming newsletters.

DOE's Tribal Energy Program

As part of DOE's Tribal Energy Program mission to provide funding to Tribes interested in pursuing energy efficiency improvements and developing their renewable energy resources, DOE is announcing the issuance of a Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA). As building human capacity is also a goal of the program and essential to Tribal energy development, they are also offering internships to Native American students interested in renewable energy development in Indian Country.

Through a Request for Information, they are seeking information to help guide future activities of the Tribal Energy Program. More details on each of these offerings can be found at <http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/> Applications are due by **April 1, 2009**.

For a copy of the announcement document, see http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/government_grants.cfm#Tribal or the FOA summary page at <https://e-center.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/BD6B9E13038A34358525754B007FE312?OpenDocument>

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EPA Website Goes Mobile

Why not blog on important environmental issues while on the go? EPA has launched one of the first government websites tailored specifically for cell phone users:

<http://m.epa.gov> With estimates of more than 250 million cell phones in use in the U.S. --now EPA can go with you. The site has been tailored to load fast on a small screen. Services available include how to contact EPA, environmental information by ZIP code; EPA news releases; links to other mobile websites and *Greenversations* blog, including the question of the week.

More features will be added. Comment to help EPA improve – there's a feedback form right on the home page.

Drinking Water Training for Tribes and Tribal Operators

The web site <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/tribal/training.html> presents a list of training opportunities which may be of interest to tribes and tribal operators. Click on your region to learn about training opportunities that are available in the upcoming months

Water Resources Technician Training

The Tentative Date for the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Water Resources Technician Training Program is June 1 to 26, 2009 (4 weeks) at New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Applications are now being accepted. The dead line for application is **April 3, 2009**. Please send all applications to:

Mr. Mo Baloch, BIA,
Bureau of Water Resources,
Mail Stop-4655,
1849 C St., NW, Washington, DC 20240

For additional information regarding applications and qualifications, please contact Mo Baloch 202-208-6042 or Toni Village Center at 202-208-3956 or 208-4004.

Environmental Compliance Inspection Program

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a Tribal Basic Inspector Training course in Denver (Lakewood), Colorado, April 21-24, 2009. This course is designed specifically for employees of federally-recognized tribes or tribal consortia with a functioning environmental compliance program, or who are planning on developing one as part of their regulatory program.

If you are interested in applying for this course, please do not hesitate to contact John Mead, Program Coordinator Senior at: 928-523-2005 or Pam Malone, Program Coordinator at 928-523-1055

ITEP will be paying for up to 20 participants' lodging costs, as well as reimbursing them for their per diem. You are responsible for the costs of your travel, including the shuttle from and back to the Denver International Airport.

AIAQTP - Indoor Air Quality Tribal Communities (Level 1)

Course Dates: March 31 - April 2, 2009, Seattle, WA. Course Description: This entry-level course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality (IAQ) problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, IAQ assessment in homes and schools, and tips for solving IAQ problems. There is hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment tool. Information: Lydia Scheer, 928/523-6887, Lydia.Scheer@nau.edu

Columbia River Basin Report

The first comprehensive look at toxic contamination in the Columbia River Basin has been released by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The Columbia River Basin State of the River Report for Toxics compiles data on four widespread contaminants: Mercury; Dichlorodiphenyltrichloroethane (DDT) and its breakdown products; Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and Polybrominated diphenyl ether (PBDE) flame retardants.

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The report also highlights important federal, state, tribal and local efforts already underway to reduce toxics in the Basin. It concludes with six broad Toxics Reduction Initiatives intended to improve understanding about the health of the Basin and strengthen coordination for efforts to reduce toxics. The report can be viewed at <http://www.epa.gov/region10/columbia/sorr.html>

Sponsor: USDA Rural Development:

The objectives of the Solid Waste Management Grant Program are to (a) reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources in rural areas and (b) improve planning and management of solid waste sites in rural areas. Rural areas are defined as any area not in a city or town with a population in excess of 10,000, according to the latest decennial census of the United States. Tribes, academic institutions and nonprofits are eligible. The grant focuses on landfill assistance as well as helping communities reduce the solid waste stream. For more information go to: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/SWMG.htm>

Renovate, Repair, and Paint

Headquarters has made \$25,000 available to any tribe that wants to take on the new Renovate, Repair and Painting Rule. This rule requires renovators working on houses built before 1978 to be certified renovators by 2010. If any tribe is interested EPA will work with them to tailor a grant to their needs (i.e.=DITCA instead of TAS authority). Please contact your GAP coordinators with this opportunity. This information has already been sent to Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and The Northwest

For information: Laurie Fay @ 206-553-1541 or Email: fay.laurie@epa.gov

Region 10 Invites IGAP Grantees to Submit Your Success Stories

Region 10 is pleased to announce it will be producing a booklet of IGAP success stories this year, showcasing Tribal accomplishments in 2008. These stories will also be featured on our Tribal Program website.

We are seeking descriptive, first-person stories: your own words, your own voice.

EPA will select the stories to be published from those received by April 20, 2009. If you would like to submit an article on how IGAP funding has benefited your Tribe, please follow these guidelines:

- Stories should be approximately 300 to 400 words in length.
- Include specifics where applicable, such as number of pounds, truckloads, etc.
- Artwork and photos are encouraged (before and after photos are great) and should include captions and credits.
- Deadline: **April 20, 2009**

We are also looking for stories from circuit riders, and inspiring quotes from Tribal leaders.

If you have any questions about what might be appropriate to submit, or would like to see an example from a previous edition, please don't hesitate to contact Jeanie Sedgely at the Tribal Trust & Assistance Unit in Seattle at 206)-553-6113, tollfree at 1-800-424-4EPA or write to sedgely.jeanie@epa.gov

Need Help with IGAP Grant?

This web-based training is designed to help non-profit recipients of EPA grants and cooperative agreements (grants or grant agreements) manage their grants in a manner that assures EPA meets this vision. For more information, go to <http://www.epa.gov/ogd/training/index.htm>



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Got News?

The Region 10 Tribal Newsletter invites you, our readers, to submit ideas and articles for consideration and to share your successes and challenges. Photographs are also welcome. Please submit articles to: Don Creek, EPA, 811 S.W. 6th Ave., Portland, OR 97204 or e-mail creek.don@epa.gov.

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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)	800-424-8301
Oregon	800-452-0311		