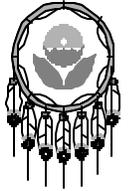


# Region 10 Tribal Newsletter



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### Work Shops and Conferences

**June 3-7, Sixth National Tribal Environmental Conference, Sparks, NV.** Primary EPA contacts: Felicia Wright 202/260-4410, Claudia Walters 202/564-6762 and Clara Mickles 202/260-7519.

**June 4-7, Water Quality Workshops for Tribal Environmental Managers, Worley, ID.** For information contact Lillian Wilmore at 617/232-5742 or [NAEcology@aol.com](mailto:NAEcology@aol.com)

**June 25-28, National Community Involvement Conference, Portland OR.** For information contact: Helen DuTeau at 703/603/8761 or [duteau.helen@epa.gov](mailto:duteau.helen@epa.gov)

**October 20-23, 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Pacific Northwest Pollution Conference, Yakima WA.** Info 503/579-1472

**Coming this Fall 2002, A 5-day training course on Sustainability for Tribal Lands. Free.** For additional information watch this newsletter or <http://www.hud.gov/local/chi/chienv2.html>

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### **New R10 Tribal Director**

Sandra L. Johnson has been selected for the Tribal Office Director position, to succeed Scott Sufficool, who's four year term ends this July. She is the current Vice Chair of the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, located on the Olympic Peninsula area. Sandy brings 18 years of experience as an elected tribal official (tribal council). In that capacity, Sandy has worked on and guided development of national, regional and local policy as it affects tribal governments. In addition to filling an elected tribal leadership role,

Sandy works as an Environmental Liaison with the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribal Natural Resources Department. She also represents the Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe as a Tribal Environmental Policy Commissioner with the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission.

In addition, Sandy was serving as an alternate on EPA's National Tribal Operations Committee (which meets with EPA Administrator, Deputy Administrator, AA's and RA's on a quarterly basis), and was selected as the Washington Tribal Representative for the Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee. Sandy is also providing leadership in increasing tribal participation with the Statement of Cooperation (Geographically-focused International Air/Watershed Puget Sound and Georgia Basin Region). Sandy sits on an EPA National Workgroup for developing Agency guidance to implement the Executive Order on Tribal Consultation. Please welcome her on board as the next Tribal Office Director.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to out-going Tribal Office Director Scott Sufficool, and wish him well in his future endeavors. Scott has accomplished many objectives during his 4 year tenure, including developing the Region 10 Tribal Strategy that outlines how we plan to incorporate addressing tribal concerns and needs in all of our program offices. Scott has consistently reminded us as we do our work, that we have statutory obligations, as well as a trust responsibility, in working with tribal governments on a partnership basis.

### **New AIEO Director**

Diane Regas announced at the April 24 Tribal Caucus meeting that Carol Jorgensen will be the new Director of AIEO. Carol currently is the National Tribal Program Manager for the USDA U.S. Forest Service. She is a Tlingit Indian from Southeast Alaska and has held extensive

positions at the state and federal government level, including stints overseas.

### **Watershed Training**

EPA has just published an updated EPA Watershed Training Opportunities booklet that describes watershed-training opportunities sponsored by the Office of Water and the watershed Academy.

The Watershed academy is a focal point in the Office of Water for providing training and information on implementing watershed approaches. This training is provided to federal, state, tribal, and local officials, as well as private practitioners of watershed management. The Watershed Academy has a Web-based training program, sponsors its own training courses, and develops training materials; it also publicizes watershed-related training materials and Web sites developed by others, including other departments in the Office of Water.

The booklet provides brief information on live training courses, Web-based training opportunities, training materials such as documents and videos, and watershed-related Web sites. The booklet is available on the EPA Watershed Academy's Web site at: [www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/wtopps.html](http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/wacademy/wtopps.html).

Copies of the booklet are also available at no charge from National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) at 800/490-9198 (document # EPA841-B-01-002)

### **Funding Greenways**

The Eastman Kodak American Greenways Awards, a partnership involving Kodak, the Conservation Fund, and the National Geographic Society, provides small grants to stimulate the planning and design of greenways in communities throughout

America. In general, grants can be used for all appropriate expenses needed to complete a greenway project, including planning, technical assistance, legal, and other costs. For more: <http://www.conservationsfund.org?article=2106>

### **Groundwater Awards**

The Groundwater Foundation, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to educating the public about the nature and value of groundwater, is now accepting nominations for its three national awards, sponsored in part by the Chevron Corporation. These awards honor community residents, educators, and public officials who create a legacy of groundwater protection through local action, education, and government service. Applications are due no later than July 14, 2002. For more: <http://www.groundwater.org>

### **PowerPoint Presentation**

Smart Growth America has created the "Introduction to Smart Growth" PowerPoint Presentation, providing a general overview of the new approach to growth, development and community quality of life. The presentation was designed to help communities effectively communicate the objectives of smart growth, and can be customized to meet a community's needs through the addition of local photographs, statistics, and other smart growth information. For more: <http://www.smartgrowthamerica.org>

### **Energy Department Guidelines**

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) released its "Energy Design Guidelines for High Performance Schools: Hot and Dry Climates," which is the first in a series of guidelines to help elementary and

high (K-12) schools save millions of dollars on their annual energy costs. DOE hopes that these guidelines will help schools reduce operating costs and improve the learning environment. For more: <http://www.eren.doe.gov/energysmartschool>

### **Tribal Website?**

A cooperative agreement between the General Services Administration (GSA) and the Department of the Interior's (DOI) Indian Affairs e-Government initiative will allow Federally recognized Indian tribes to participate in a program that will provide a domain name suffix identifying the tribe on the World Wide Web as a government entity. "This has been an idea bantered around for quite some time, for it to happen now affirms President Bush's policy of treating American Indian tribes as sovereign governments," Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs Neal McCaleb said.

The General Services Administration is the government agency that grants the [.gov](http://www.gov) domain name suffix to government entities. Suffixes are used to identify the function of a specific organization such as [.com](http://www.com) representing a commercial venture, [.org](http://www.org) for organization, usually a non-profit, and [.gov](http://www.gov) meaning a Federal government entity. A tribe's domain name suffix will include a dash, the letters [nsn](http://www.nsn) and the [.gov](http://www.gov) designation. The [nsn](http://www.nsn) acronym stands for native sovereign nation, when combined with [www](http://www) and the tribe's name it will look like,

[www.tribesname-nsn.gov](http://www.tribesname-nsn.gov)

President Bush's Management and Performance Agenda sets e-Government as a top priority. The Office of the Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs seeks to utilize e-Government technologies to transform its business and enhance its relationship with tribes and individual Indians. Designating Federally recognized tribes on the web as government entities is the first step in implementing e-Government that will provide pertinent information about Native American programs and agencies, to be fully capable of business transactions, and to provide individual services over the Internet on a twenty four hours, seven days a week basis to Indian Country.

A tribe will need to apply to the Office of Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs to receive the domain name suffix. The process includes a letter application, tribal resolution, or minutes of the meeting giving authority to the person making the written request. A tribe can also register at [www.gov-registration.gov](http://www.gov-registration.gov). For an example of an application and web content guidelines contact Paul Marsden, e-Government Officer at 703/390-6308.

**Protect America's Waterways**

EPA recently announced a new initiative to protect, preserve, and restore waterways across the country. The Administration's 2003 budget for EPA proposes \$20 million in grants for community-based watershed approaches. These funds would support efforts in up to 20 local watersheds and technical assistance for other communities.

The initiative will focus on high-value watershed resources where strong and diverse partnerships exist, and where clear objectives are aimed at cleaner water. The initiative will

support innovative use of programs like pollutant trading, watershed permits under the Clean Water Act, enforcement, local education, and other creative approaches.

EPA will seek the views of Congress, states, local governments, agricultural groups, environmental groups, industry, and watershed practitioners in designing and implementing this initiative. A Federal Register Notice announcing a 60-day comment period will be issued soon.

For more information, visit <http://www.epa.gov/owow/watershed/initiativefs.html>. Or, call Bevin Reid, EPA, 206/553-1566 or 800-424-4372, or e-mail [reid.bevin@epa.gov](mailto:reid.bevin@epa.gov).

**Waste Water Treatment**

EPA Office of Water has developed a fact sheet that highlights EPA-funded programs that provide financial assistance, technical assistance, and training to small communities to construct and operate wastewater treatment facilities. Programs include the following: \*Alaskan Native Villages Sanitation Grant Program \*Clean Water Tribal Grant Program \*Colonias Program \*National environmental training Center for small Communities \*National Onsite Demonstration Program \*National Small flows clearinghouse \*Operator Onsite technical Assistance Program 104(g) \*Rural Community Assistance Program \*Small Communities Outreach and Education Network.

Contact information and hotlines are provided. This four-page fact sheet may be useful to local and state officials, managers, general public, researchers, state regulatory agencies, planners, public health officials, operators, contractors,

developers, and finance officers. The cost is 70 cents plus shipping.

To order, call the NSFC at 800/624-8301 or 304/293-4191, and request Item #WWFSGN157. You also may e-mail [nsfc\\_orders@mail.nesc.wvu.edu](mailto:nsfc_orders@mail.nesc.wvu.edu)

**Solid Waste Training**

The National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities (NETCSC): West Virginia University has developed three comprehensive training packages for those working in the solid waste field. These courses address the training needs of solid waste and recycling professionals working with small communities or Tribes. The three packages are: Reducing Commercial & Industrial solid Waste; Economics & Marketing of Recyclables; and Managing Groups & Conflict for Solid Waste Officials. Each package contains a trainer's guide, participant's manual, and master transparency copies. To order and for more information contact Craig Mains at NETCSC 800/624-8301.

**Brownfields Training**

ICMA has published "Getting the Job Done: Strategies and Lessons Learned in Facilitating Brownfields Job Training," to help local governments face challenges in brownfields redevelopment job training. The report examines the role of local government in establishing job-training programs in coordination with brownfields redevelopment efforts.

<http://bookstore.icma>

[org/obs/showdetl.cfm?DID=7&Product\\_ID=776&CATID=4](http://www.epa.gov/obs/showdetl.cfm?DID=7&Product_ID=776&CATID=4)

### **Brownfields**

On January 11, 2002 new Brownfields Legislation or also known as an amendment to CERCLA was enacted. This legislation expands the brownfield activities EPA can support and will result in increased funding for grants and other programs. EPA is currently working to understand and implement all the new program changes, which is an opportunity for you to let us know your ideas and concerns.

Examples of how Tribes may benefit from the new Brownfields legislation:

- The expanded definition of a Brownfields site may more closely describe the types of sites of concern in Indian country.
- The potential to address indoor hazardous substances/contaminants and pollutants, including bio-hazards, may allow tribes to address a common problem of decaying BIA school buildings with high potential re-use.
- Ability to address petroleum releases for cleanup in some circumstances.
- Re-use opportunities for mine-scarred lands.
- The opportunity to develop and implement tribal response programs.
- Opportunity for tribes to create inventories of Brownfields sites.
- New, more flexible authorities for Brownfields training and research.

These programs are going to be in place by the 2003 Fiscal Year with plans for the various application guidelines to be available in the late summer/early fall. Feel free to contact them with questions on funding opportunities, how the new legislation could affect your activities, or how you would like to participate.

For information: Susan Morales, 206/553-7299, or e-mail: [morales.susan@epa.gov](mailto:morales.susan@epa.gov); Tamara

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Visit the EPA Brownfields web site at:

<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>  
For more information & text of the legislation: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/bf/sblbra.htm>

There will be a panel at the Sixth National Tribal Environmental Conference, Sparks, NV, June 3-7.

### **Brownfields Web Site**

EPA has launched a new Web site to promote the cleanup and reuse of brownfield properties across the nation that are regulated by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). Called the RCRA Brownfields Prevention Initiative Web site, it will provide easy access to useful information about the reuse of brownfield properties where hazardous waste was generated, treated, stored or disposed. The new Web site includes information on success stories, upcoming events, pilot programs, as well as general information about the initiative and other EPA laws and regulations. For more: <http://www.epa.gov/swerosps/rcrabf/index.html>

### **EPA's Fine Particle**

The D.C. District Court has rejected all remaining challenges to the EPA's 1997 protective ambient air standards, which toughened federal standards for smog and set a standard for soot equal to 2.5 micrometers in diameter. This decision clears the way for EPA to move ahead in partnership with state and local governments to develop and implement programs that meet

these fine particle and ozone standards. For more: <http://www.epa.gov/oar>

### **Training on Public Health**

On August 5-9, 2002, the National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities (NETCSC) is hosting its third annual Environmental Training Institute for Small Communities, titled Public Health and Environmental Quality - Small Communities in the 21st Century, in Morgantown, West Virginia. The sessions will address financial, managerial, and regulatory issues critical for managing small drinking water and wastewater systems. The conference will help small community decision makers provide high-quality drinking water and adequate water treatment to citizens. For more: <http://www.nesc.wvu.edu/netcs>

### **Financial Ombudsman**

The Region 10 Grants Administration Unit is pleased to announce that Paul Steele, an accountant from the EPA Finance Unit, has joined the staff for a four-month detail. During his detail, Mr. Steele will act as a "Financial Ombudsman." and will be available to help grantees with administrative and financial questions related to their assistance agreements. This support may include, for example, information on how to request payments under the Electronic Funds Transfer or ASAP systems, how to fill out a Financial status Report, general advice on how to establish

accounting systems, recommendations on record keeping systems, etc. Mr Steele has an exceptional background for the Financial Ombudsman role, having served as an accountant with EPA for eleven years, and teaching accounting in his spare time. Mr. Steele can be reached at 206/553-0311 or [steele.paul@epa.gov](mailto:steele.paul@epa.gov) with your inquiries.

We hope you will take advantage of this limited time opportunity to have your financial and administrative grants management questions answer by Mr. Steele. Questions regarding programmatic aspects of your assistance agreement should continue to be directed to your EPA project officer.

### Climate Change

EPA, in partnership with the National Park Service and U. S. Fish and wildlife Service, has released an award-winning outreach kit for teachers and interpreters, including rangers at national parks and wildlife refuges, to use when talking with the public about how climate change might affect wildlife and public lands.

The kit, portions of which are online at: [www.epa.gov/globalwarming/publications/outreach/orwkit.html](http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/publications/outreach/orwkit.html), contains four components: 1)-A video for showing at visitor centers (narrated by actor Tom Skerritt); 2)-a CD-ROM with case studies on national parks, refuges and other wildlands in four regions of the United States: fact sheets, interactive activities, visual aides a slide show for presentations to large audiences, and a Quick Time movie or a ranger giving a sample trail talk about climate change at Glacier National Park. 3)-A hand-held wheel that enable people to calculate their household greenhouse gas emissions and explore how they can reduce those emissions and explore how they can reduce those emissions. 4)-A set of 12

baseball card-sized trail cards showing how individual wildlife species and ecosystems might be affected by climate change.

The kit received a 2001 Bronze anvil Award of Commendation from the Public Relations Society of America. To order the full Climate Change, Wildlife, and Wildlands outreach kit, contact Karen Scott Gibbons at EPA 202/564-3482 or [gibbons.karen@epa.gov](mailto:gibbons.karen@epa.gov)

### Poison Control

The American Association of Poison Control Centers has recently launched a new national toll-free telephone hot line for poison emergencies 24 hours a day, seven days a week - **800-222-1222**.

The poison center can answer questions about household products, chemicals at work or in the environment, drugs (prescriptions, over-the counter, herbal, illegal or animal medicines), snake bites, spider bites, plants and mushrooms.

You can call the hot line for poison-prevention information and for stickers to post the new hot line number in your home.

### Positions

Water Quality Specialist  
Department of Natural Resources,  
Umatilla Indian Reservation,  
Pendleton, Oregon. Bachelors or  
higher degree in Geology,  
Hydrology, or Environmental  
Sciences or related field with two  
years work experience.

Application: Paul Quaempts,  
Personnel Manager, Confederated  
Tribes of the Umatilla Indian  
Reservation, P.O. Box 638,  
Pendleton, OR 97801.

### ALASKA

Join environmental educators from around Alaska at the 2002 Alaska

Environmental Education Conference to be held November 7-10 in Anchorage. Alaska Natural Resource and Outdoor Education (ANROE) association is excited to sponsor this gathering of educators and has received financial support from National Audubon Society and the Alaska Conservation Foundation. It will be a great time to recharge your EE batteries, connect with old friends, meet new folks, hone your skills and learn how to promote and advocate environmental education in Alaska.

Planning efforts are moving ahead with the assistance of a great team of educators, but much work is still to be done. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of this first time effort for ANROE. If you would like to share your ideas about this upcoming conference, or volunteer to help out on one of the planning committees, please contact Eric Wade at [admin@anroe.org](mailto:admin@anroe.org) 907/376-2561 or Nathan Spees at [spees.Nathan@epa.gov](mailto:spees.Nathan@epa.gov) Dates, locations, agendas and special events will be posted on the ANROE website ([www.anroe.org](http://www.anroe.org)) as they become available, so watch for new developments as they happen.

If you would like to submit a proposal for a presentation at the conference, fill out the online survey at the following address <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=94472106064> or contact us and we can fax you a hard copy.

## OREGON

■ On April 30, 2002, the Coquille Indian Tribe and EPA signed a Tribal Environmental agreement (TEA). A picture was taken of both Edward Metcalf, chairman of the Coquille Indian Tribe and Dan Opalski, Director of the EPA Oregon Operations Office signing the TEA. For the sake of volume (Kb) in the .pdf version of this newsletter, it has been taken out. You may view it on our Tribal Office website under Monthly newsletter, html version.

■ On April 27<sup>th</sup> the Cow Creek Band of Umpqua Tribe of Indians celebrated their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of their federal restoration. During this 20 year period, Cow Creek have been the

“first” for several things, two of which are, the first tribe to negotiate a gaming compact with the state of Oregon and have the first tribal-owned and operated utility in the Northwest (the Umpqua Indian Utility Cooperative).

Congratulations.

■ April was also the time of the fourth meeting of the Oregon Tribal Environmental Forum (OTEF) at Coos Bay. The meeting was hosted jointly by the Coquille Indian Tribe and the Confederated Tribes of Coos Lower Umpqua & Siuslaw. There were 20 attendees and the topics covered included grants, Oregon Senate bill 1010, wetland issues, Brownfield redevelopment, and Endangered Species Act to name a

few.

■ Portland State University broke ground, on April 5, 2002, for an 11,000 square foot Native American Student and Community Center. The center is scheduled to open in 2003.