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Work Shops and Conferences

August 13-14, Pacific Northwest Tribal Air Network Quarterly Meeting, Spokane, WA. The PNTAN meeting will be hosted by the Spokane Tribe of Indians, Jon Castillo & Co-Chair John Cox Confederated Tribes of Umatilla Indian Reservation. For additional information contact, Trudi Takes Enemy, Yakama Nation at 509/865-2029 or takes_enemy@yakama.com.

August 18-20, Region 10 RTOC Meeting, Seattle, WA. Gwen Carter RTOC Chair 208/843-7368.

August 21-22, Tribal Casino Recycling and Waste Reduction Training, Coeur d'Alene Tribal Casino and Resort Hotel. Co-sponsored by EPA Region 10 and the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN), For information call 509/235-6007 or <http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/owcm.nsf/owcm/hotissues>

September 10-12, Water Quality and Pesticides Management Workshop, Couer d'Alene, ID. For information: Lillian Wilmore 617/232-5742.

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

November 4-7, Region 10 Tribal Leader Conference, Lincoln City, OR. Chinook Winds Casino. For information: Tami 541/444-8227, Tom 541/444-8226, or Mike 541/444-8232.

November 6-10, American Indian Science and Engineering Society Conference, Tulsa OK. For additional information: 505/765-1052 or <http://aises.org>

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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NSR

EPA has announced its proposed changes to the New Source Review (NSR) program, which requires that an air pollution source install the best pollution control equipment available when it builds a new facility or when it makes a major modification that

increases emissions from an existing facility. The proposed changes would provide industry with greater flexibility to expand electricity production without having to install additional emissions controls. For more information:

<http://www.epa.gov/air/nsr-review>

Comments Air Grant Criteria

The EPA National Tribal Air Program has issued Draft Tribal Air Grants Criteria for comments prior to their being formulated into a final version as grant award guidance. Region X Tribes can request copies to be e-mailed or faxed by contacting John Sweet at Office of Air Quality: Sweet.John@epa.gov or 206/553-1331. The deadline for submitting comments to EPA is COB,

Friday, August 23, 2002. All comments should be submitted to Monica Morales, US EPA Region 8 (8P-AR), 999 18th Street, Suite #300, Denver, CO 80202-2466, or by e-mail at morales.monica@epa.gov.

Compliance Assistance

We are pleased to provide you with the Environmental Protection Agency's final Fiscal Year 2002 Compliance Assistance Activity Plan. It demonstrates EPA's commitment to help entities comply with regulatory requirements and improve environmental performance through compliance assistance (CA). The FY2002 Plan presents a "snapshot," as of

February 2002, of the CA activities that EPA intends to undertake this fiscal year and contains 455 activities and projects from seven EPA headquarters program offices and all ten regional offices.

The FY2002 Plan summarizes several aspects of EPA's planned CA activities that support or address the following: Agency strategies and plans, specific chemicals or pollutants, specific industry and government sectors, and EPA regulations such as those that have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities or have an economically significant impact of \$100 million or more on the regulated community. For more information contact Robyn Meeker, Region 10 Compliance Assistance Coordinator at 206/553-7154 or meeker.robyn@epamail.epa.gov or visit: <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/assistance/planning/index.html>

FEMA Training

FEMA Emergency Management Training for Tribal Leaders: The major purpose of conducting this training is to integrate tribal governments into the National Emergency Management system. It will be held on August 12-16, 2002, at the FEMA Institute, 16825 S. Seton Avenue, Emmitsburg, Maryland 21727. Attendees should be tribal leaders or staff involved in the emergency management programs of tribal governments. For more information visit their web site at www.fema.gov

Graywater

The most recent issue of Pipeline discusses the state of graywater use in the U.S. Graywater is generally defined as all wastewater generated from household activities, except that waste that is produced from the toilet

and the kitchen sink. As clean water resources become more valuable, the concept of separating out the graywater from the home's waste stream and using it to supplement the family's water demand is becoming increasingly appealing. The safety and legality of such a practice is discussed.

Pipeline explains small community wastewater treatment issues and technologies to the general public. Each issue features several articles about a single wastewater theme or topic, presented in an easy-to-read, nontechnical style.

Readers are encouraged to reprint Pipeline in local newspapers or include information in newsletters, brochures, and handouts. A list of contacts and resources is provided in each issue.

Pipeline is printed by NSFC, a nonprofit organization funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to assist small communities with their wastewater concerns. For more information, or to order a copy of this Pipeline issue, Item #SFPLNL28, call the NSFC at 800/624-8301 or 304/293-4191.

To order by e-mail, send your name, address, phone number, and the quantity you wish to order to nsfc_orders@mail.nesc.wvu.edu.

Drinking Water Systems

The Association of State Drinking Water Administrators (ASDWA) and the National Rural Water Association (NRWA) have released a new publication entitled Security Vulnerability Self-Assessment Guide for Small Drinking Water Systems. The guide is designed to help small drinking water systems assess potentially vulnerable components and identify security measures that should be considered. To review the guide: <http://www.asdwa.org/>

[men_info/committee/cipinfo/6-02/5-31%20draft%20latest3.pdf](http://www.nrcr.com/men_info/committee/cipinfo/6-02/5-31%20draft%20latest3.pdf)

Rivers, Open Space, Trails

The National Park Service (NPS) has released application guidelines for its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program (RTCA). Through this program, the NPS works with community groups, local and state governments to conserve rivers, preserve open space, and develop trails and greenways. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2002, but may be extended; contact your regional office. For information: <http://www.nrcr.nps.gov/programs/rtca>

New Report Brownfields

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) has released a new report titled *Old Tools and New Measures: Local Government Coordination of Brownfields Redevelopment for Historic and Cultural Reuses*. The report demonstrates how local governments have paired brownfields redevelopment and historic preservation to create cultural uses for properties that meet the needs of communities. Copies of the report can be purchased for \$19.95 at [ICMA Bookstore](http://www.icma.org/bookstore)

Put Trees to Work

The National Agroforestry Center of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has produced a brochure entitled *Working Trees for Communities*, which explains different agroforestry techniques that can be used to meet communities' needs. Working

trees can be used to benefit and improve a community's environment, health and safety, infrastructure, landscape, and economy. For more information: <http://www.unl.edu.nac>

2002 Clean Air Awards

Local governments are eligible to apply for awards from EPA's Clean Air Excellence Awards Program. The program annually recognizes and honors outstanding, innovative efforts that make progress toward achieving cleaner air. Interested local governments must submit entries by September 18, 2002. For more information: http://www.epa.gov/oar/caaac/clean_award.html

Osteoporosis

Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU), in collaboration with the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board, is conducting a research study to evaluate the prevalence of osteoporosis (brittle bone disease) among American Indians and Alaska Natives.

OHSU is asking for help in reaching the American Indian and Alaska Native population to let them know about this study. Those who participate in the study will receive a free bone density test (a \$250 value) plus \$25 as partial compensation for their time. All American Indians and Alaska Native adults between 20-79 years will be eligible to participate in the project.

If you have questions regarding this study, please call, Shelia Orwoll, the Coordinator at 503/494-8485.

Smart Growth Policies

EPA has established a Smart Growth Policy Database to help provide information on, and provide examples of, smart growth policies taken by states, regions, and localities. This database highlights

numerous policies and programs that states and localities nationwide have implemented to further smart growth. For more information: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/sqpd/sqdb.cfm>

ICMA to Host Workshop

The International City/County Management Association (ICMA) will conduct the "**The Land Use/Water Quality Link**" workshop on September 25-27, 2002. The workshop is designed for land use decision makers and will help inform them about the linkages between land use decisions, growth management, water quality, and quality of life, as well as provide resources and tools to shape policies and implement land use practices that are protective of water resources. For information:

<http://www.dcr.state.va.us/watershed>

Hepatitis "C"

For those afflicted with Hepatitis C, a nonprofit organization's Web site offers information about the illness, possible treatment options and improving quality of life.

Provided by the **Hepatitis C Caring Ambassadors Program**, the information includes a section of the Web site called Hepatitis C Choices, which "will help you to understand the disease and some of the healthcare options available."

Info: www.hepcchallenge.org.

Awards Smart Growth

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently accepting applications for the first National Award for Smart Growth Achievement. This competition is open to local or state governments and other public sector entities that have successfully created smart growth. Applications are due August 30, 2002. For more information:

<http://www.epa.gov/smartgrowth/awards.htm>

Wetland Grants

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the North American Wetlands Conservation Council are currently accepting proposals that request matching funding for wetland conservation projects. Projects must meet the purposes of the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) of 1989 and request no more than \$50,000. Applications are due November 29, 2002. For more information contact Keith A. Moorehouse at 703/358-1784.

Traffic Congestion Web Site

EPA and the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) have launched a new Web site where state, local, and other organizations can access tools and guidance for developing outreach programs that address transportation and air quality issues. The Web site seeks to inform the public about the connection between their transportation choices, traffic congestion and air pollution, and emphasizes simple, convenient actions people can take to improve air quality and reduce congestion. For more information:

<http://www.italladdsup.gog>

Climate Change Efforts

The 2001 progress report of EPA's State and Local Climate Change Program, "**Partnerships and Progress**," is now available online. The 28-page report highlights the accomplishments of states and communities across the country, which have taken

action voluntarily to assess and reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. For a hard copy contact Andrea Denny at 202/564-3467 or denny.andrea@epa.gov

POPs

President Bush has submitted the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) to the U.S. senate for its advice and consent on ratification of the treaty.

The POPs convention targets for reduction and eventual elimination of 12 toxic chemicals that persist in the environment, travel large distances via air and water and accumulate in the food chain.

For more information on POPs and the Stockholm Convention: United Nations Environment Program Web site at <http://www.chem.unep.ch/sc>

Biological Attacks

The U.S. Department of Energy's Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (Berkeley, CA) has launched a Web site to provide up-to-date information on how best to prepare for and respond to chemical and biological attacks on buildings. The site is: <http://securebuildings.lbl.gov> and will be updated as new information becomes available.

Water Quality Standards

EPA has established a Web-site, <http://www.epa.gov/ost/wqs>, that provides an online repository of water quality standards documents, which are accessible by clicking on maps or drop-down menus. The site contains EPA's compilation of state, territory, and authorized tribal water quality standards effective as of May 20, 2000 - the baseline of water quality standards in effect for CWA purposes.

Greenhouse Report

The latest version of the U.S. Greenhouse Gas Inventory, "**Inventory of U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Sinks: 1990-2000**," is now available to download online. The report provides estimates of emissions and removals of greenhouse gases for the United States. The report provides important information about greenhouse gases, quantifies how much of each gas was emitted into the atmosphere, and describes some of the effects of these emissions on the environment. Info: <http://www.epa.gov/globalwarming/publications/emissions/index.html>

Application of Biosolids

The National Academies has released a report called "**Biosolids Applied to Land: Advancing Standards and Practices**." The report discusses biosolids, which are the sewage sludge produced by wastewater treatment plants. This new report contains the Academies' recommendations on Health Affects, Chemical Standards, and Pathogen Standards. For a hard copy call 800/624-6242 or <http://www.nap.edu>

TMDLs for Non-point

On May 31, 2002, the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Clean Water Act (CWA) authorizes EPA and the states to establish total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) for waters impaired by non-point sources of pollution, such as urban runoff and agriculture. The ruling affirms an earlier decision of a federal district court that Congress intended to include non-point source pollution in the CWA's water quality standards and planning program. For more information: <http://www.epa.gov/owow/tmdl/lawsuit>

Brownfields 2002 Conference

On November 13-15, 2002, the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), EPA, and others will host the Brownfields 2002 Conference at the Charlotte Convention Center in Charlotte, North Carolina. Brownfields 2002: Investing in the Future will address the redevelopment of idled, abandoned, or underused properties, and will provide engaging discussions, forums, and opportunities for critical networking. For more information: <http://www.brownfields2002.org>

RCRA Inspector Training

Basic RCRA Inspector institute available online: This course is designed for federal, state, tribal, and local environmental inspectors with six to eighteen months experience in the RCRA program. It provides an overview of the key RCRA regulations and RCRA program, including an overview on the identification of solid and hazardous waste, waste minimization/pollution prevention activities, and the Land Disposal Restrictions program. It also provides an overview of inspection preparation, conducting the inspection, follow-up, and the legal issues associated with conducting inspections. It is designed to meet the specific needs of RCRA inspectors. The files are in WordPerfect and Microsoft Power Point. View: http://es.epa.gov/oeca/oceft/lib_files.html

Construction Sites

EPA is considering three

alternative approaches on ways to reduce water pollution associated with construction.

1. EPA would build on existing federal storm-water regulations by establishing a national effluent guideline specifying the types of runoff controls needed and criteria for how best to design them.
2. EPA would rely on site inspections and certifications relating to the proper installation of controls to improve implementation of existing regulations.
3. The third approach would rely on effective implementation of existing regulations.

EPA commented "These options provide flexibility to builders and government agencies to ensure that unique site-specific concerns such as soil type, local environmental needs and rainfall, are taken into consideration when determining how best to control construction site runoff."

After a four-month public-comment period, EPA will issue a final rule. For additional info:

<http://www.epa.gov/waterscience/guide/construction>

ALASKA

■Michelle V. Davis joins the EPA's Region 10's Tribal Program in the Alaskan office. She joins us from the Native American Fish & Wildlife Society, where she served for nine years as the Alaska Regional Coordinator. She is a member of the Tlingit Tribe, her Moiety and Clan is Eagle/Killerwhale. Michelle will be working with Tribes in the Bristol Bay and Lower Kuskokwim Region. Michelle's direct number is 907/271-3434; e-mail: davis.michelle@epa.gov.

■In May, Jennifer Curtis was selected as one of two new Tribal Coordinators to be stationed in the Alaska Operations Office. Ms. Curtis is working with Alaska Tribes and tribal organizations located within the southcentral, Kodiak Island, Prince William Sound, and Lake Iliamna regions of the state. Her background includes working in tribal environmental programs, emergency planning and management, pesticides enforcement, public safety and worker safety. Past affiliations and memberships include the Rural Alaska Sanitation Coalition, EPA Tribal Operations Committee, and Northwest Arctic Local Emergency Planning Committee. Jennifer Curtis, Tribal Coordinator, 907/271-6324 or e-mail: curtis.jennifer@epa.gov

■ Since 1991, the Alaska Cooperative Extension, 4H Fisheries, Natural Resource and Youth Development Program has been using salmon incubators and a natural resource education program to train village youth in science and math skills through fishery biology and hands-on learning. The program was at the request of fishermen along the Yukon River to help educate village youth about their fisheries, the program has grown to include over 70 communities in 31 school districts across rural Alaska.

At the center of the program is a partnership between community and school. Teachers are given training in the operation and maintenance of the incubator and encouraged to bring village members and elders into the classroom to add to their students' learning experience. The goals of the 4H Fisheries program include enhancing science and math literacy among participating youth, while reinforcing cultural values.

Two training opportunities are offered each year to program participants; a fall Teacher In-Service and a spring Community Partnership meeting. The annual Teacher In-service, now in its 12th year, provides teachers with the basics of the incubator system, information and guidance on permits and reports required to raise salmon fry, and curricula and activities that address state science and math benchmark standards and the Alaska Standards for Culturally Responsive Schools. The community partnership meeting, held for the first time last February, seeks to increase involvement of village members and elders in the classroom project by creating community teams consisting of teachers and community representatives. These teams work together on community/classroom projects that broaden the scope of the Fisheries program in their villages.

The 4H Fisheries, Natural Resource and Youth Development Program has proven itself to be an effective educational program for rural Alaska. Annual evaluations consistently show an improvement in the understanding of fishery biology and management issues, as well as increased math and science literacy for participating youth. To learn more about this program, or to see if the Fisheries program is already in your school, contact Meg Burgett at pnasb@uaa.alaska.edu or call 907/683-0885; or Peter Stortz at ffpjs@uaf.edu ,

phone:907/746-9459.

IDAHO/WASHINGTON

■ Sandra I. Johnson, Director of the EPA Tribal Operations Office, Seattle, and Doug Cole, Idaho Operations Office, met with the Shoshone-Bannock staff on Monday, July 15, 2002. The meeting was well attended by Tribal Council and staff. The following day, Sandra Johnson attended a staff meeting at the Idaho Office. She discussed her agenda for the Tribal program, gave them some of her background, and was able to meet each person attending the meeting and gain a better

understanding of the involvement Idaho staff accept in Tribal work.

WASHINGTON

■ Samish Tribal Chairman Kenneth Hansen signed a Tribal Environmental Agreement (TEA) on June 26, 2002. Samish becomes the 8th Tribal government in Washington and the 28th Tribal government in Region 10 to develop and sign a TEA with EPA Region 10.