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Summer Newsletter

News

Lori Lewis Retires from EPA on June 30, 2016

After facilitating over 2,000 meetings as our regional facilitator, Lori Lewis happily retired on June 30. Lori has co-facilitated with tribal co-chairs more than 60 Regional Tribal Operations Council (RTOC) meetings.

What she had to say about RTOC: “I always felt that I added value,” she says, “But recently, a participant told me, in front of a group of 100, that when I rang the bell to let them know the meeting was starting after break, it reminded her (unpleasantly) of when the nuns rang the bells at boarding school. I said I had never been confused with a nun before, but it made me reflect on the need to be conscious of what each individual brings to the meeting and how my actions affect their ability to participate.”

She will be missed dearly, but she will still do facilitating and coaching, she says, “but also more biking, more reading, and more TRAVEL.”



Photo by Sara Bartholomew

Grants

Senator Boxer Grant Newsletter – Support to the National Tribal Water Council

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s Office of Water (OW) is requesting applications to conduct, coordinate, and promote the acceleration of research, studies, training, and demonstration projects that will support the participation of the National Tribal Water Council (NTWC or “Council”) and tribes to prevent, reduce, and eliminate pollution to waters, and protect drinking water in Indian country. The successful applicant will maintain, support, and facilitate the operations of the NTWC, and assist in developing and completing products in coordination with the NTWC on the quality of tribal water resources, watersheds, drinking water, and wastewater sanitation from tribal perspectives.

Current Close Date for Applications: August 11, 2016

Expected Number of Awards: 01

Estimated Total Program Funding: \$1,100,000

CDFA Number: 66.424 – Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants - Section 1442 of the Safe Drinking Water Act; 66.436 – Surveys, Studies, Investigations, Demonstrations, and Training Grants and Cooperative Agreements - Section 104(b)(3) of the Clean Water Act

Trainings/Meetings

U.S. EPA Region 9 – Vector Borne Diseases Workshop

The U.S. EPA will be conducting an in-depth workshop on developing, funding, and implementing Integrated Pest Management Plans and Vector-Borne Disease prevention programs. Tribal environmental and public health professionals in high-risk areas for the Zika Virus (see risk map in the flyer) are highly encouraged to attend. Participants will develop specific capacities around:

- Knowledge of Vector Borne diseases (risk assessment, transmission, and spread) and the federal agencies working on these health crises
- Developing and implementing outreach and education programs and solid-waste clean-up projects to prevent the spread of Zika and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- Using GAP funding to build capacity in Vector Control Management

When: August 8, 2016

Where: U.S. EPA San Francisco Regional Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

RSVP to: Mariela Lopez (lopez.mariela@epa.gov)

Summer Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting

The Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) is a working committee of EPA and Tribal personnel co-chaired by an EPA representative and a Tribal representative. EPA designates its RTOC representatives through internal mechanisms. All Tribes within Region 9 are considered members of the RTOC. Tribal representatives to the RTOC are selected through government-to-government communication, by Tribal leaders in various geographical areas within Region 9.

When: August 9-11, 2016

Where: U.S. EPA San Francisco Regional Office, 75 Hawthorne Street, San Francisco, CA 94105

Find more info and register here: <https://www.epa.gov/tribal/regional-tribal-operations-committee-region-9>

Registration Information for EPA STAR Tribal Grantee Meeting

Join us for the U.S. EPA Science to Achieve Results (STAR) Tribal Grantee Progress Review Meeting where we will receive research progress updates from the grantees awarded under the 2013 Request for Applications, Science for Sustainable and Healthy Tribes. EPA researchers will also share their work and present dynamic tools that can be applied to improve tribal health and wellbeing. Grantees, EPA and other partners will discuss opportunities for future solicitations, collaboration and cross-linkages in efforts to improve tribal health and wellbeing research.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/us-epa-star-tribal-grantee-progress-review-meeting-tickets-21786972421>

Date: Sept. 20-21, 2016

Time: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Research Triangle Park, NC

For those unable to attend the meeting in person, presentations will be livestreamed as a webinar via Adobe Connect.

WaterSmart Conference in Las Vegas this October

<https://www.watersmartinnovations.com/>

Save the date for WSI 2016 – October 5-7 in Las Vegas

Water professionals from around the globe will meet in Las Vegas this (?) to share their expertise and experiences in urban water efficiency at the 9th annual WaterSmart Innovations Conference and Exposition, October 5-7 at the South Point Hotel and Conference Center.

Recognized as the world's preeminent urban water efficiency conference and exposition, WSI is presented by the Southern Nevada Water Authority in conjunction with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's WaterSense Program, the Alliance for Water Efficiency, the American Water Works Association, and other leading national and international organizations.

The room rate at the South Point for WSI participants is \$80 per night plus room tax (12 percent).

Last year, WSI drew more than 1,000 professionals from 39 states and the District of Columbia, as well as Australia, Canada, Denmark, India, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Mongolia, The Netherlands, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda and the United Kingdom.

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) is excited to announce new online training courses!

You can access these online courses at your convenience by creating a free user account. Start now by visiting [Create New Account!](#) After setting up your own unique login and password, you can enroll in the selected course at anytime. Other benefits of these online courses include: returning to work on current courses where you left off, connecting with other environmental tribal professionals through discussion forums, and accessing resources, videos, and certificates from previously completed courses.

Boost your professional credentials; earn continuing education units (CEUs), and obtain certifications!

The following self-paced, online courses are currently available:

- Quality Assurance Fundamentals (1.2 CEUs)
- Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency and IAQ in Alaska (0.8 CEUs)
- Introduction to Brownfields (0.4 CEUs)

These online courses contain assignments, activities, quizzes, videos, tribal examples, discussion forums, and additional resources. While they are self-paced, each course provides the opportunity for individual interaction with subject matter experts. For example, the QA Fundamentals course includes assignments on assessing objectives and QA requirements specific to participants' needs and is applicable to all environmental monitoring projects.

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