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## U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Tribal Section Newsletter

### EPA Seeking Water Quality Input from Tribes on Reissued Army Corps of Engineers General Permits

The Corps issues Clean Water Act (CWA) permits for placing dredged or fill material in most waterways (“404 permits”), including seasonally dry creek beds or wetlands that are common on tribal lands in the West. These permits are often needed for building roads, utility lines and other structures, or even for ecosystem restoration or flood control.

The “Nationwide” Permits (NWP) are one type of 404 general permit that the Corps uses to streamline certain low-impact fill activities (for example, a quarter acre of fill or less). These NWPs are reissued every five years and currently expire in March, 2017. On June 1, 2016, the Corps published in the Federal Register its proposal to reissue the 50 existing NWPs and issue two new NWPs.

These permits must include water quality protections for everyone. On most tribal lands, EPA has responsibility under Section 401 of the CWA to evaluate and certify water quality protections for any federal permit or license, including the NWPs. As we did in 2012, EPA Region 9 is currently evaluating the proposed 2017 NWPs for conditional water quality certification of the entire NWP program (a “programmatic” approach, rather than project-by-project). We welcome input from the public, and especially affected tribes!

At the EPA Region 9 Annual Tribal Conference we provided an overview of the NWPs and our proposed approach to CWA 401 programmatic certification for tribes that do not yet have “Treatment As a State” and approved Water Quality Standards. Please see important dates below and contact Leana Rosetti with any questions ([rosetti.leana@epa.gov](mailto:rosetti.leana@epa.gov) or 415-972-3070).

#### Important Dates:

- **March 19, 2017:** New Nation Wide Permits go into effect.

### EPA’s New Webpage – Promoting International Human Rights, Rights of Indigenous Peoples and Environmental Justice

EPA’s Office of Environmental Justice has a new webpage to share information on the Agency’s efforts to promote international human rights, rights of indigenous peoples and environmental justice. It includes a list of the blog posts written for EPA’s EJ in Action Blog, on the work we and others are doing around international human rights. Please feel free to share with your colleagues and others who you think would be interested:

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/epas-role-promoting-international-human-rights-rights-indigenous-peoples-and>

### EPA’s Indian Reservations Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) for Federal Baseline Water Quality Standards (WQS) on Indian Reservations

Administrator McCarthy signed the Federal Baseline Water Quality Standards (WQS) for Indian Reservations Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPRM) on September 19, 2016. A pre-publication version of the ANPRM, as well as a fact sheet and other material, are available on the ANPRM webpage:

[www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/advance-notice-proposed-rulemaking-federal-baseline-water-quality-standards-indian](http://www.epa.gov/wqs-tech/advance-notice-proposed-rulemaking-federal-baseline-water-quality-standards-indian). Publication in the Federal Register is forthcoming.

During the public comment period, EPA intends to hold two public webinars on the contents of the ANPRM and to provide an opportunity for interested participants to ask clarifying questions. Session details and registration information will be announced on EPA's website as they become available.

### **Preventing Vector-Born-Disease – Brown Dog Tick/ Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever Seresto Collars**

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) is a tick-borne disease that is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected tick species. RMSF is a serious illness that can be fatal if not treated correctly. This bulletin discusses the use of Seresto™ collars on dogs to combat the spread of the disease. It is intended to help communities weigh the risks of both RMSF and of any proposed tick-control approach, and then decide what is best for the community.

For questions, contact Patti TenBrook in the EPA Region 9 Pesticides Office at (415) 947-4223.

[View the full fact sheet](#)



*Child's hand and wrist displaying rash of Rocky Mountain spotted fever.*



*Rocky Mountain wood tick. Photo by James Gathany.*

## **Upcoming Opportunities**

### **National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program – Fact Sheet**

This fact sheet, Building Sustainable Tribal Waste Management Programs Through Collaboration, describes EPA's Peer Matching Program, which aims to strengthen tribal capacity building and develop sustainable waste management programs.

[www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/fact-sheet-epas-national-tribal-waste-management-peer-matching-program](http://www.epa.gov/tribal-lands/fact-sheet-epas-national-tribal-waste-management-peer-matching-program)

### **California Water Plan: Tribal Advisory Council Orientation Webinar Online**

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) has convened a Tribal Advisory Council (AC) for California Water Plan Update 2018 (Update 2018). The purpose of the Tribal AC, as a forum of California Native American Tribes and Tribal organizations, is to advise and inform DWR on the preparation of Update 2018.

More information about Update 2018 is posted on line at <http://www.water.ca.gov/waterplan/cwp/update2018/index.cfm> and information about the Tribal AC can be viewed at [www.water.ca.gov/waterplan/tribal/tac/index.cfm](http://www.water.ca.gov/waterplan/tribal/tac/index.cfm).

## **BIA Student Internship Job Announcements**

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Office of Trust Services (OTS) is continually seeking scientists and technicians in a range of STEM-related disciplines to protect, conserve, utilize, and manage Indian forest and agricultural lands and resources, including water and power.

BIA is recruiting for several internship positions working across various Agriculture and Rangeland Management or Forestry and Wildland Fire Management programs. **Students can intern with the BIA or with a tribal related program.**

All of our intern job vacancies announcements are posted to USAJOBS and can be found at [www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads](http://www.usajobs.gov/StudentsAndGrads).

## **USDA News & Events from the USDA Office of Tribal Relations**

### **Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants**

The Water & Waste Disposal Technical Assistance & Training Grants help qualified non-profits provide technical assistance and training to (a) identify and evaluate solutions to water and waste problems; (b) assist applicants in preparing applications for water and waste disposal loans/grants; and (c) assist associations in improving operation and maintenance of existing water and waste facilities in eligible rural areas.

### **Solid Waste Management Grants**

Solid Waste Management Grants help reduce or eliminate pollution of water resources through funding for organizations that provide technical assistance or training to improve the planning and management of solid waste sites. Applications may be submitted [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov).

### **New Request for EPA Proposals – FY 2017 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Guidelines**

**Community-wide Applicants:** Applicants applying for both hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding may request a combined total up to \$300,000; however the request for hazardous substances funding or petroleum funding cannot exceed \$200,000 for any one individual type of grant funding. For example, an applicant may apply for \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding and \$100,000 in petroleum funding.

**Assessment Coalition Applicants:** Applicants may apply for up to \$600,000 in hazardous substances funding and/or petroleum funding.

### **Cleanup Grants (funded over three years)**

Applicants can apply for up to \$200,000 per brownfield site and can submit up to three separate, site-specific cleanup proposals.

### **Guidelines and Resources:**

[FY2017 Brownfields Assessment Grant Guidelines](#)

[FY2017 Brownfields Cleanup Grant Guidelines](#)

[FY2017 Summary of Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Guideline Changes](#)

[FY2017 Assessment Guideline Checklist](#)

[FY2017 Cleanup Guideline Checklist](#)

[Frequently Asked Questions](#)

[Grants.gov Tip Sheet for Applicants](#)

### **Webinars to Assist in Preparing Assessment and Cleanup Proposals**

Please visit [www.epa.gov/brownfields/apply-brownfields-grant-funding](http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/apply-brownfields-grant-funding) for the final date.

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## **Centers for Disease Control ATSDR Funding Opportunity**

The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry's (ATSDR) new Partnership to Promote Local Efforts To Reduce Environmental Exposure (APPLETREE) Cooperative Agreement Program funding opportunity announcement is live on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov)! This program advances ATSDR's primary goal of keeping communities safe from harmful environmental exposures and related diseases. Specifically, the APPLETREE Program gives awardees the resources to build their capacity to assess and respond to site-specific issues involving human exposure to hazardous substances. Here is the direct link: [www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=284858](http://www.grants.gov/view-opportunity.html?oppId=284858).

Applications are due **January 9, 2017 at 11:59 pm**. For more information please contact, Libby Vianu at (415) 947-4319.

## **Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance: Developing and Implementing a Tribal Recycling Program**

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a “**Developing and Implementing a Tribal Recycling Program**” course in Palm Springs, California, January 24-26, 2017, for employees of federally-recognized tribes.

### **COURSE SUBJECT MATERIAL**

- Overcoming Common Obstacles to Recycling Projects
- Conducting a Waste Audit and Choosing Your Approach
- Creating an Economically Sustainable Program
- Building Your Team and Foundation
- Effective Program Management
- Understanding the Markets
- Innovative Outreach and Engagement Strategies
- Digital Storytelling
- Planning for the Future
- Tour of 29 Palms Band of Mission Indians' Recycling Center AND Morongo Band of Mission Indians' recycling activities at their tribal facilities
- Small group activities throughout the course

For more information, please contact Julie Jurkowski, Senior Program Coordinator:

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## **Tribal Community-Based Social Marketing Training Guide: Strategies to Promote Sustainable Behaviors**

Join us for a U.S. EPA [Webinar](#) on:

**Wednesday, January 25, 2017**

**1:00 - 2:30 pm CST**

[Register](#) now! Go to: [attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4646242948085153538](http://attendeegotowebinar.com/register/4646242948085153538)



Tribes: Are you looking for innovative ways to promote sustainable behaviors? Then start with Community-Based Social Marketing!

The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa partnered with the EPA Region 5 to create a [Tribal Community-Based Social Marketing \(CBSM\) Training Guide](#). This training guide provides an overview of how to use the CBSM process to increase sustainable behaviors in tribal communities. CBSM combines marketing techniques with community engagement and has proven to be far more effective in leading to sustainable behaviors than just providing information. Some features of the CBSM Training Guide\* include:

- **PowerPoint** overview of CBSM that you could use to educate your team or other stakeholders you would like to involve in designing a CBSM project;
- **Checklists** for when and how to use specific CBSM strategy tools;
- **Case study** on how the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College increased its recycling rate by 41% using the CBSM process; and
- **Recycling Toolkit** that provides step-by-step templates for conducting the CBSM process to promote recycling behavior, based on Fond du Lac's experience.

**In this webinar, you will learn:**

- **An overview of the CBSM process;**
- **How the Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College increased its recycling rate by 41% using the CBSM process;**
- **How to use the Tribal CBSM Training Guide; and**
- **How to receive peer mentoring to develop your own CBSM project through the EPA National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program.**

#### **Speakers**

Shannon Judd  
Environmental Education Outreach Coordinator  
Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

Dolly Tong  
Tribal Solid Waste & Pollution Prevention Coordinator  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5

Tonya Hawkins  
Coordinator for the [EPA National Tribal Waste Management Peer Matching Program](#)  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

\* To download each separate Training Guide component in its original format, open the zip file at:  
[www.fdlrez.com/RM/CBSMGuides.htm](http://www.fdlrez.com/RM/CBSMGuides.htm)

#### **Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) for the Drought Response Program**

**Deadline for Applications: February 14, 2017.** Applicants under this FOA may request funding to develop a new drought plan or to update an existing drought plan. Applicants may also request technical assistance from the Bureau of Reclamation for the development of elements of the Drought Contingency Plan. Applicants may request up to \$200K in federal funds. There is a cost-share waiver available under exceptional/limited circumstances (see C.2. in the FOA). Drought Resiliency Projects increase flexibility for water managers through system modifications and improvements, and development of alternative water supplies, among other projects to mitigate the impacts of future drought.

Planning Funding: [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=29012](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=29012).

Project Funding: [www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290104](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=290104)

## 2017 Tribal Exchange Network Conference

Viejas Casino & Resort, Alpine, California

February 28 – March 1, 2017

*(Post-conference workshop sessions are being planned for March 2, 2017!)*

*The Tribal Exchange Network Conference provides tribal professionals, and those working with tribes, an opportunity to meet and learn about current initiatives, funding, and technical topics related to the [Exchange Network](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org). Come and share your experiences or to learn from and network with other tribal professionals! For more details, please visit the website at: [www.tribalexchangenetwork.org](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org).*

### CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & SCHOLARSHIP REQUEST

Click [HERE](#) to submit your registration for the Conference (if you are unable to open the Registration Form, contact [ITEP](#) for an alternate copy). A limited number of scholarships are available for tribal attendees to cover eligible travel expenses. More details and the request form are included in the registration process. **The deadline to request a scholarship is January 13, 2017.**

### PRESENTERS AND POSTERS

**Presentation abstracts and poster requests are currently being accepted!** As presentation times are limited, we encourage all presenters to also bring a poster or additional information to share during the Poster Session & Sponsor Reception. Please note: presentations from for-profit entities will not be considered for the conference agenda sessions. Become a sponsor for presentation or workshop opportunities before the conference! **Click [HERE](#) to submit an abstract for a presentation or poster** (if you are unable to open the Registration Form, contact [ITEP](#) for an alternate copy).

### SPONSORSHIPS AND EXHIBITORS

Interested in highlighting your products or services and affirming your commitment to tribal environmental protection? Become a sponsor or exhibitor! **For details, pricing and printable version of the form click [HERE](#) [PDF] OR click [HERE](#) to submit your request online.**

### AGENDA

Click [HERE](#) to download a DRAFT Conference Agenda – updates will be posted periodically. If you have suggestions for topics or presentations, please contact [ITEP](#). Visit [www.tribalexchangenetwork.org](http://www.tribalexchangenetwork.org) for travel details and other updates regarding the Conference.

*Please share this announcement with others who might be interested in attending.*

*To stay notified of updates related to the Tribal Exchange Network Conference, sign up for our [email listserv](#)!*

## FEMA Announces Notice of Funding Opportunity on Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks

On December 7, 2016—The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced a Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) for the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks \(CCTA Program\)](#).

The FY 2016 CCTA Program provides \$35.94 million to local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions for improving their ability to prepare for, prevent, and respond to complex coordinated terrorist attacks in collaboration with the whole community.

The FY 2016 CCTA Program intends to enhance resilience and build capacity for jurisdictions to address complex coordinated terrorist attacks that may occur across the nation. Following a competitive process, selected local, state, tribal, and territorial jurisdictions will receive funding specifically to build and sustain capabilities to enhance their preparedness for complex coordinated terrorist attacks, to include the following components: identifying capability gaps, developing and/or updating plans, training to implement plans and procedures, and conducting exercises to validate capabilities.

Awards will be made on a competitive basis to applicants who present an ability to successfully meet the requirements described in the NOFO. FEMA encourages interested jurisdictions of various types, sizes, and capabilities to apply.

The application period will remain open until **February 10, 2017**. The [FY 2016 CCTA Program Notice of Funding Opportunity \(NOFO\)](#) is online at [www.fema.gov/grants](http://www.fema.gov/grants) as well as on [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov). The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number is 97.133.

A series of webinars have been scheduled to assist potential applicants with understanding the FY16 CCTA Program's objectives and priorities, application requirements and review process, timeline, and grant application systems and provide an opportunity to ask questions. If you have any questions, please contact FEMA's Intergovernmental Affairs Division at (202) 646-3444 or at [FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-IGA@fema.dhs.gov).

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- [FY 2016 CCTA Program FAQs 20161206 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [FY 2016 CCTA Program Fact Sheet 20161206 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [Fiscal Year 2016 Program to Prepare Communities for Complex Coordinated Terrorist Attacks NOFO FINAL 20161207.pdf](#)