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Tribal Lands and Environment Forum: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Resources

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Minneapolis, Minnesota

Registration is Now Open
Session Proposals Now Being Accepted
Exhibitor/Vendor Tables Now Available

■ Registration is Now Open for the 2015 TLEF

We are very excited to announce that registration for the 2015 TLEF is now open. As those of you who have attended our past forums know, this event will be packed with a variety of special trainings, breakout sessions, and field trip opportunities. A series of training sessions will be offered on Monday, August 17, the opening plenary, featuring special guest speakers, will occur on Tuesday, August 18, and over 60 breakout sessions will take place Tuesday through Thursday. You can now register for the 2015 TLEF by visiting our website at : http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp. (Please be aware there is a \$50 registration fee.)

■ This Year's Forum Now Includes Tribal Water Programs

This year we are very excited to welcome a new audience to the TLEF—tribal professionals working in tribal water programs, as well as their federal colleagues. We will still be offering a wide variety of trainings and breakout sessions focused on tribal solid/hazardous waste, brownfields, Superfund/Federal Facility, UST/LUST, and emergency response programs. We are very much looking forward to fostering cross-media collaboration between those working on land and water resources!

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■ **Now Accepting Proposals for the 2015 TLEF**

Do you have a case study you would like to share? Do you want to announce a new resource that would benefit tribal land and/or water programs? We are now accepting proposals for trainings and breakout sessions. We will be offering up to seven half or all day training courses on Monday, as well as nine 90 minute breakout periods, with seven concurrent tracks. Please visit our website (simply click on the “proposal” tab) at: http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp to access the online form. We look forward to hearing from you!

■ **Vendor/Exhibitor Tables Now Available for the 2015 TLEF**

At this year’s forum we will have a terrific space for our vendors and exhibitors—right near the morning coffee service, the plenary ballroom, and several of the breakout rooms. If your tribe, consortia, agency, non-profit, or company would like to reserve space at this year’s forum, please visit our website (just click on the vendor/exhibitor tab) at: http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp. Here you will find an online application to reserve your table. Please be aware that there is a charge of \$120 for each vendor/exhibitor spot. This allows us to cover the charges associated with offering each vendor/exhibitor one table, two chairs, access to wi-fi and electricity.

At our first TLEF in 2010 we had 212 tribal professionals, staff from various federal agencies, and personnel from many private companies. This increased to nearly 350 individuals just three years later. With the inclusion of tribal water programs at this year’s forum we are anticipating upwards of 550 attendees - so this is a great opportunity for you to highlight your organization’s work!

■ **Lodging and Transportation Information for the 2015 TLEF**

Minneapolis is a major airline hub, which should simplify travel issues for our attendees. The city also has a very efficient light rail system that will take you directly from the airport to the downtown area.

ITEP is currently finalizing negotiations with the hotel where the forum will take place. We anticipate that you will be able to make your hotel reservations, at a special forum rate, by early March. As soon as the special hotel reservation website is up and running we’ll let you know.

Remember to visit our website often, as we will be continually updating it with information on forum events!



Wild rice on Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe land in Minnesota



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➔ **[Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program \(TWRAP\)](#)**

TWRAP is a program focused on assisting tribes with all waste management, brownfields, USTs, contaminated sites, and response programs. This program is funded by the USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

➔ **[Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program \(TSWEAP\)](#)**

TSWEAP's focus is providing training and assistance to tribes working on solid and hazardous waste management.

➔ **[National Tribal Toxics Council \(NTTC\)](#)**

The NTTC is a USEPA Tribal Partnership Group that is focused on providing Tribes with an opportunity for greater input on issues related to toxic chemicals and pollution prevention.

➔ **[Navajo Nation Environmental Workforce Development Program \(NNEWDP\)](#)**

The NNEWDP provides training to members of the Navajo Nation so they may secure employment in the fields of environmental cleanup and remediation.