



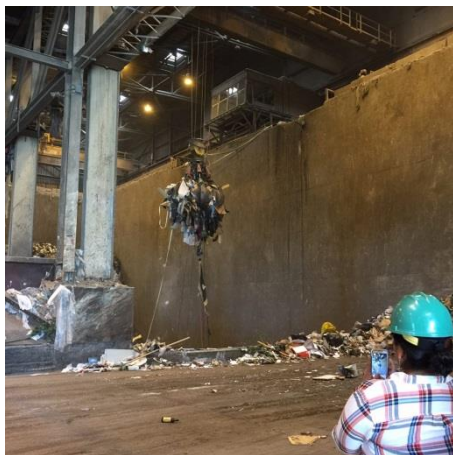
Welcome to Full Circle Newsletter

■ **Taking Recycling to the Next Level**

In May, ITEP held a special training course on developing effective and sustainable tribal recycling programs in Spokane, Washington. Over sixty tribal professionals applied for this course! Twenty were selected and attended this course, which featured lectures by Joaquin Bustamante, with the Colville Confederated Tribes, and Tracy Horst, with the Choctaw Nation. Both Tracy and Joaquin run top-notch recycling programs for their tribes, and their tips and strategies were very well received by the participants. There was also a lot of discussion and small group work, so the participants could learn from one another as well.

The same week this course was going on in Spokane, the Washington State Recycling Association was also holding their annual conference in Spokane. This gave the attendees a special opportunity to meet representatives from numerous recycling businesses, so they could learn more about the business side of recycling, various services and equipment that is available, and how to research and understand recycling markets.

In addition to classroom activities, and interacting with vendors, the participants were able to visit the Spokane Waste-to-Energy Facility, as well as their recycling and household hazardous waste operations.



As part of our solid waste training and assistance activities, ITEP runs a peer-to-peer matching program, as well as the opportunity to participate in a special on-site mentoring activity. If you are interested in learning more about source reduction strategies, or would like to participate in our mentoring projects, please contact Todd Barnell at todd.barnell@nau.edu or Julie Jurkowski at julie.jurkowski@nau.edu. We're happy to help!

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■ **Accepting Applications for the National TWRAP Steering Committee**

We are currently accepting applications from people interested in serving on the TWRAP Steering Committee. This committee is composed of ten tribal professionals, working in the fields of solid waste, brownfields, USTs, Superfund, and emergency response. Applicants must work for a federally-recognized tribe or Alaskan Native Village and be willing and able to participate in four regular meetings each year. We will be accepting up to five individuals to serve on the steering committee. Members of this committee serve as an official Tribal Partnership Group, providing two-way communication with USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response, as well as other federal agencies and tribal entities, communicating the needs and priorities of tribes.

Applications are due June 23, 2015. If you are interested in serving in this capacity please take a look at the attached fact sheet and submit the application (along with your resume and references) to todd.barnell@nau.edu or fax it to his attention at [928-523-1266](tel:928-523-1266).

■ **2015 Tribal lands and Environment Forum: A National Conversation on Tribal Land and Water Issues – Special Field Trips and Trainings On Offer**

Plans for this year's TLEF in Minneapolis are moving into high gear! A draft agenda of all the special trainings, breakout sessions and field trips has been completed and is now on our website at http://www4.nau.edu/itep/conferences/confr_tlf.asp.

This year we are offering more special trainings on Monday than ever before. We also have several terrific field trips on tap, as well. If you are interested in participating in either a Monday training or a field trip, please email Todd Barnell at todd.barnell@nau.edu and let him know which you would like to participate in.

■ **Resources of Interest**

Hopi Member Starts His Own Recycling Business

Tyler Tawahongva, a member of the Hopi Tribe, has started up his own recycling business, which has generated a lot of interest among other tribal members. To read his inspiring story, please visit: <http://www.grandcanyontrust.org/blog/recycling-rez>

Grant Opportunity: Community Health Projects Related to Contamination at Brownfield/Land Reuse Sites

The ATSDR Community Health Projects Related to Contamination at Brownfield/Land Reuse Sites purpose is to increase responsive public health actions by promoting healthy and safe environments and preventing harmful exposures related to contamination at Brownfield/Land Reuse Sites. Community health projects that address impacts of contamination at Brownfield/Land Reuse sites further ATSDR's public health mission to promote healthy and safe environments and prevent harmful exposures. These projects will have a particular emphasis on identifying health issues prior to redevelopment and/or assessing changes in community health associated with reuse plans and redevelopment. The closing date for this grant is June 22, 2015. For more information please visit:

<http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=276067>



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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.