



Welcome to Full Circle Newsletter

■ **TWAR Steering Committee in Washington DC for their Annual Meeting**

The Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee (TWAR SC) was in Washington DC the week of February 17 for their annual meeting, where they met with senior US EPA Office of Land and Emergency Management (OLEM) staff, including Peter Wright, OLEM Assistant Administrator, Barry Breen, Principal Deputy Assistant Administrator, and Steven Cook, Deputy Assistant Administrator, as well as the directors of all the OLEM media-specific offices. In addition to meeting with their US EPA colleagues they also began work on their 2020 Priority Document, which is provided to senior US EPA managers as well as the National Tribal Caucus and the chairs of other Tribal Partnership Groups (TPGs). The annual Priority Document is one of the largest undertakings of the TWAR SC, and reflects priorities and issues that they see out in the field, as well as those they hear about from their colleagues at other Tribal Nations across the country. This document is also taken very seriously by senior US EPA management, and has led the Agency to undertake specific tasks and changes to address the priorities.

We greatly appreciate the phenomenal members of the TWAR SC, who dedicate so much of their time and passion – in addition to all the critical work they do for their own Tribes. To learn more about their work and to view past Priority Documents and other materials, be sure to visit their website at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/twarsc/Home/Index>. You can also see who is currently serving on the TWAR SC as well as their contact information, so you can reach out to them directly about issues you are seeing in your own work. They do want to hear from you!

We will be sending out an application in March for new members of the TWAR SC. So if you are interested in serving on this important TPG keep your eyes on your inbox!

■ **Upcoming Trainings and a Webinar on Protecting the Sacred in an Environmental Cleanup**

We've been quite busy planning for several courses going on this spring, as well as a special webinar. Our **Composting Strategies and Tribal Food Security** and **Tribal UST Boot Camps** have completed filled up, but we do still have some slots open for our **Implementing and Managing Tribal Recycling Programs** in Mobile, Alabama, April 28-30. You can check out our trainings at http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_waste.

We also have a special webinar coming up in March. We are very pleased to have Nora McDowell, Fort Mohave Topock Project Manager, speak on Protecting the Sacred in an Environmental Cleanup – the Fort Mojave Indian Tribe and the Topock Remediation Project., **March 24 at 10am PDT / 11am MDT / 12pm CDT / 1pm EDT.**

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■ **Full Circle Network**
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Ms. McDowell has worked with her colleagues at the Hualapai Tribe, Chemehuevi Tribe, Colorado River Indian Tribes, Cocopah Tribe, and Quechan Tribe, going through design reviews for the Groundwater Final Remedy at the Topock Superfund site. She will discuss how the Tribes have been engaged in this process over many years, how they have interacted with a variety of federal, state, and private entities, and how they have worked together as the Keepers of the River. To register for this webinar please visit <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4769049626510775563>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

■ **Webinars, Resources and Other News of Interest**

Webinar: Superfund and Brownfields Funding Vehicles for Tribes - Mar 23, 2020, 1:00 - 2:30 PM EDT. The webinar will provide information about potential tribal funding vehicles to help address contaminated land as well as to build capacity within tribes for environmental response including:

1. Brownfields Funding Opportunities
2. Superfund Subpart O Funding Opportunities
3. Superfund Community Involvement Funding Opportunities

Among the topics covered will be what makes tribes eligible for each of the kinds of funding vehicles, what kinds of activities can be fund by each, and how Superfund and Brownfields funding interact (or don't). The webinar should provide tribal environmental professionals with a greater understanding of different potential funding vehicles that may support their work at impacted sites and should assist them in discussing funding options with their EPA regional counterparts. For more information and to register, please visit: [https://clu-in.org/training/#Superfund and Brownfields Funding Vehicles for Tribes 20200323](https://clu-in.org/training/#Superfund_and_Brownfields_Funding_Vehicles_for_Tribes_20200323).

ITEP's Tribes and Climate Change Program Offering New Course - "Climate Change 202: Developing Or Updating a FEMA Tribal Hazard Mitigation Plan"

This new course begins October 2020, and will run for 12 months. The deadline to apply is April 2, so visit <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Trainings> to apply and learn more.

EPA Proposes Additional Amendments to the Regulations for Coal Combustion Residuals

- On Feb. 20, 2020, EPA announced further proposed revisions and flexibilities to the regulations for the management of coal combustion residuals (CCR), commonly known as coal ash, from electric utilities. EPA is proposing a number of revisions and flexibilities to the CCR regulations, the last in a set of four planned actions to implement the WIIN Act, respond to petitions, address litigation and apply lessons learned to ensure smoother implementation of the regulations. Specifically, EPA is proposing the following revisions:

1. Procedures to allow facilities to request approval to use an alternate liner for CCR surface impoundments;
2. Two co-proposed options to allow the use of CCR during unit closure;
3. An additional closure option for CCR units being closed by removal of CCR; and
4. Requirements for annual closure progress reports.

EPA is seeking comment on this proposal during a 45-day public comment period, during which a public hearing will be held. For more information, see: <https://www.epa.gov/coalash>.

Waste Dive Recycling: An Online Source of Recycling (and More) News

In these uncertain times with recycling markets and operations, Waste Dive is one online source of information and news you may find helpful. They have several new reports out, and also track recycling news from around the country. You can visit their website (and sign up for various newsletters) here: <https://www.wastedive.com/topic/Recycling/>

March 16 Training on Developing a Disaster Debris Management Plan – US EPA is now offering a live webinar option to attend the March 16 training in Chicago on Developing a Disaster Debris Management Plan. The webinar is available by registering at: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/8109160343161863435>. See updated announcement with webinar link. Developing a Disaster Debris Management Plan, Monday, March 16, 2020. 1:00 – 5:00 pm CDT during the week of the Tribal Environmental Program Management (TEPM) Conference in Chicago. Debris management is an integral part of emergency management, especially in response to increased extreme weather or other disasters. Having a disaster debris management plan in place is crucial to implementing effective debris response and recovery. See attached agenda for details. To register to attend the in-person training, email Dolly Tong at tong.dolly@epa.gov.

UST Corrosion and Leak Prevention Webinar Invite March 25, 2020 - The Native American Environmental Protection Coalition (NAEPC) and Steel Camel will be providing a Free 40 minute Webinar on How To Solve Corrosion and Leak Prevention on March 25, 2020 it will start at 11:00 am PST and 2:00 pm EST. If you are interested in attending this webinar, please fill out attached registration form and return via email to [hrubio@napec.com](mailto:h Rubio@napec.com) or fax to 951-894-5202 by Friday, March 20, 2020. This webinar will cover the following topics

- a. How to Reduce Petroleum Contaminated Water
- b. Why Rubber Gaskets Don't Work Well
- c. 40 CFR Part 280- Water Removing Rules
- d. Why Water is So Damaging to UST Systems
- e. Corrosion Control

ITRC ONLINE TRAINING CLASSES

Registration: <http://www.clu-in.org/live/>

Cost: Sponsored by ITRC and EPA at no cost for the participant.

Associated Documents: <http://www.itrcweb.org/Guidance>

More Information: <http://www.itrcweb.org/Training>

Note: All dates/times are subject to change; check www.itrcweb.org for changes.

2020 online training schedules are available on the Training page of the ITRC website at <http://www.itrcweb.org/training>

The Recovering America's Wildlife Act (RAWA, <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/3742>?) is an amendment to the Pittman-Robertson Act that has potential to bring \$97.5 million annually to tribal wildlife management programs. To learn more, visit: <https://nafws.org/the-recovering-america-s-wildlife-act>, or contact the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society (Elveda Martinez, President, at elvedamartinez@yahoo.com; Julie Thorstenson, Executive Director, at JThor@nafws.org; or Garrit Voggeser, Tribal Partnerships Director, at voggeser@nwf.org)

