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*Newsletter for Tribes*

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### Welcome to Full Circle Newsletter



#### ■ 2016 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum: August 15-18, 2016 at the Mohegan Sun

The website for the 2016 TLEF is up and running. Please visit our website at [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr\\_tlef](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef), where you can:

- Register for the 2016 TLEF
- Submit a proposal for a breakout session or training
- Reserve a vendor/exhibitor table
- Signup for the Multi-Media Meetup, a new event this year!
- View the draft agenda
- Learn more about the Mohegan Sun and transportation options
- View materials from past TLEF's

This is going to be a very exciting TLEF, and we are working on setting up some terrific field trips and other activities for you all. So be sure to check the website often.

#### ■ Upcoming Solid Waste Trainings from ITEP

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Are you looking to create or update an existing Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan for your tribe? Are you interested in creating and implementing tribal solid waste codes? Well, you are in luck! We will be offering three special courses this spring and summer you do not want to miss these trainings:

- Developing a Tribal ISWMP, plus How to Conduct a Waste Stream Characterization: This course will take place in Palm Springs, CA, April 12-14 and will feature classroom training on developing a Tribal ISWMP as well as a special in-the-field training on conducting a waste stream characterization. Spots are rapidly filling up!
- Developing and Implementing Tribal Solid Waste Codes: This course will take place in Albuquerque, NM, May 1-12, and will feature lectures by legal experts as well as specially designed small group activities designed to help you start the process of drafting effective solid waste codes.
- Developing a Tribal ISWMP: This course will take place in Alexandria, VA, June 14-16 and will provide you with the skills necessary to create a Tribal ISWMP and integrate that plan with complimentary solid waste codes.

Attendees at these courses who work for a federally recognized tribe will have their lodging, travel, and per diem covered. If you are interested in attending one of these courses, please email Roberta Tohannie at [roberta.tohannie@nau.edu](mailto:roberta.tohannie@nau.edu) soon, as these courses will fill up quickly!

### ■ ITEP's Onsite Mentor Opportunity

In the last few issues of *Full Circle* we have highlighted some of the tribes who have gone through our onsite mentoring opportunities. If you are looking to initiate a waste diversion or source reduction project, and think it would be helpful to visit another tribe that has successfully implemented a similar project, than now is your chance! In 2016 we will be selecting three tribal professionals to participate in our on-site mentoring project for waste diversion activities. If you are selected, we will match you up with a tribal environmental mentor and will reimburse you all of your travel expenses. This is an excellent opportunity to learn directly from your peers. If you have questions, or would like an application, please email Julie Jurkowski at [julie.jurkowski@nau.edu](mailto:julie.jurkowski@nau.edu) and be sure to visit our mentor website at: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Waste/waste\\_mentors](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Waste/waste_mentors).

### ■ Superfund Training

We are very excited to offer a special training and site visit opportunity to tribal professionals working in Superfund and related programs. This training and site visit will be held May 24-26 in Spokane, Washington, and will feature an all-day site visit to the Silver Valley in Idaho. We will be accepting up to thirty participants for this training and site visit, and accepted applicants who work for federally-recognized tribes will have their travel costs reimbursed. This opportunity will include the Superfund Essentials training, tribal case studies on local Superfund sites, and a roundtable discussion, in addition to the tour which will visit several sites of interest in the Silver Valley area. Spots for this opportunity are filling rapidly. If you have questions, or would like a copy of the application, please email Todd Barnell at [todd.barnell@nau.edu](mailto:todd.barnell@nau.edu).

### ■ Resources of Interest

**ITEP's Hazardous Substances Research Page**

There are a variety of hazardous substances in our communities, and in our waste streams, that can affect the health and wellbeing of our lands and waters. As part of our work with Tribal and Federal partners, we have compiled a variety of resources to assist you in identifying, understanding, and mitigating the effects of many different hazardous substances. Visit our special research page at: <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/HazSubMap/>.



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#### **Learn more...**

➡ **[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.**

➡ **[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.**