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Hello all

I hope you enjoy this edition of the OLEM Tribal Friday News Roundup, covering announcements from the past two weeks. Please feel free to share with your Regional and tribal colleagues. Note the two internal items for EPA staff only.

Have a great weekend!

Today's Friday News Roundup Includes Information on:

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OLEM Topics

1. **Registration Open for the TLEF: A Virtual Gathering!** – August 17-20, 2020. Don't Delay: Registration Ends Monday, August 3! For general registration questions, please email TLEF@nau.edu. Click Here to Visit Our Site. Click on the "click here to register" box! We've specifically chosen and built a platform that will allow you to not only learn, but also connect with your friends and colleagues like you normally do during the TLEF. And best of all, there is no registration fee this year!
    a. Two plenary sessions. We are exceptionally excited about the keynote speaker for the Opening Plenary this year. We are very pleased to welcome Dr. Robin Wall Kimmerer, the author of Braiding Sweetgrass. We will also have welcoming remarks from the heads of the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, the Tribal Waste & Response Steering Committee, and the US EPA's Office of Land and Emergency Management and the American Indian Environmental Office. As those of you who have been to a TLEF in past years know, we like to end our conference with an inspiring presentation by someone working on protecting our other relations – coming full circle as we all work in various waste and response fields. We've had Tribal professionals speak on raptor rehabilitation, fish conservation, and reintroduction of Big Horn Sheep, for example. This year we are lucky to have Jason Baldes, a Board Member of the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council, provide our Closing Plenary presentation.
    b. 21 Live Sessions by a wide variety of experts, covering solid waste, Superfund, USTs, emergency response, and multi-media topics. Each of these sessions will include live Q&A sessions so you can engage directly with the presenters.
    c. 20+ "Birds of a Feather" Live, small-group, video discussions. These special video discussion sessions will each have a particular topic – strategizing unique public engagement approaches, discussing critical issues with staff from the US EPA, addressing corrosion issues at UST facilities, learning about renewable energy possibilities at contaminated sites, to name just a few – and will allow you to network and brainstorm with your colleagues on subjects of importance to you.
    d. Virtual Multi-Media Meetup is a networking opportunity to share information and interact with tribal colleagues, technical assistance providers, and agency staff on Wednesday afternoon. You'll be able to visit virtual booths, access their materials and videos, and also chat directly with each exhibitor. If you have a project or service you would like to share with TLEF participants, please contact Jen at jennifer.williams@nau.edu for more information on how to reserve your virtual booth today!
    e. Opportunities to connect and chat with your colleagues one-on-one. Starting August 7 registered attendees can build their own profiles and then connect with colleagues, and even set up individual video chat sessions to have live one-on-one meetings! You'll also be able to participate in forums of interest to you, stay informed about daily events occurring during the TLEF, and customize your individual agenda.
    f. Special in-depth trainings the week of August 24!. We've been working with three different groups to bring you the opportunity for additional online trainings the following week. You'll be able to sign up for courses on "Indigenous Planning, Community Assets, and Brownfields"; "Environmental Health and Land Reuse" with staff from Tribes and ATSDR; and a very innovative course covering Tribal law and sovereignty by long time TLEF participant Richard DuBey and his colleagues at Ogden Murphy Wallace PLLC.
2. **Sign Up Now to Host a TLEF Virtual Exhibitor Booth!** - Tribal representatives, agencies, and non-profit organizations are encouraged to share their research, successes, and/or services with Tribal Lands and Environment Forum: Virtual Gathering (TLEF:VG) participants by hosting a virtual booth at the Multi-Media Meetup (MMM) on Wednesday, August 19 from 12-2pm PDT. Just as during our in person event, the MMM

continues to be a networking opportunity to share information and interact with TLEF:VG attendees in an informal, exhibit-style atmosphere. Virtual booths should offer ideas that present unique projects, original research, special studies or resources and services related to solid waste, hazardous waste, brownfields, Superfund, UST/LUST, emergency management/response, and cross-media topics. Your virtual booth will be visible to all TLEF:VG participants from August 17 through August 20, with opportunities for them to set up meetings with you throughout the week and visit you live via a Zoom room on Wednesday afternoon. At least two staff are highly recommended to attend the MMM session from 12-2pm PDT on August 19 for engaging with participants. To be a part of this year's MMM, you will create a virtual booth that includes your tribal department/organization/agency name, logo, description of your project/research/services and pictures and biographies of the people that will be staffing the booth. You can upload polls for your visitors, add search tags, brochures/documents, and links to websites and videos. Additionally, you will be able to see who visited your booth throughout the week. See https://vimeo.com/434850587 for an overview of the Pathable Exhibitor Booth and ITEP will provide instructions for uploading information to your virtual booth prior to August 1. Virtual Booth sign-ups are due July 31, but space is limited, so reserve your booth today by filling out the MMM form at https://bit.ly/TLEFVirtualBooth2020.

Emergency Response

3. **Introduction to Oil Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Regulation (SPCC) Webinar for Tribes** - July 21, 2020, 2 PM EDT. This webinar will acquaint participants with the tools and resources available to assist tribes in understanding the scope and implementation of the SPCC regulations for above ground storage of oil, the EPA inspection process, spill notification and response. The instructional material will acquaint participants with the tools and resources available to assist tribal environmental programs, elected government officials, and tribal members in understanding the scope and implementation of the EPA Oil Program and SPCC regulation and discuss the EPA inspection process. Register here.
4. **SERC/TERC Monthly Updates Newsletter** - EPA is transitioning to a new email newsletter system. As a result, all current subscribers must opt-in to continue to receive updates. If you do not sign up to continue to receive the SERC-TERC Monthly Updates, you will no longer receive these emails, beginning with the August 2020 Edition. Please sign up today by filling out this form: https://www.epa.gov/epcra/serc-terc-monthly-updates.
5. **On-line training: EPCRA Training for States, Tribes, LEPCs, Local Planners and Responders (Non-Section 313) -** This training describes the requirements of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA). It provides the implementing regulations and guidance for agencies to fulfill the responsibilities prescribed in the law, and prepares them to provide compliance assistance to facilities. To access the on-line training, click here. Participants will learn:
    a. The history of EPCRA;
    b. The requirements for state, tribal, and local agencies to prepare and protect the community from chemical emergencies;
    c. The requirements for industry to report the storage and releases of certain chemicals; and
    d. The release reporting requirements under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) as they relate to the EPCRA emergency release reporting requirements.
6. **NASTTPO 2020 Mid-Year Meeting; October 19-21, 2020; Houston, TX; possibly virtually** - The National Association of SARA Title III Program Officials (NASTTPO) is made up of members and staff of State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs), Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs), Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs), various federal agencies and private industry. Members include state, tribal or local government employees with Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know (EPCRA) program responsibilities, such as health, occupational safety, first response, environmental, and emergency management agencies. The website https://nasttpo.com/ will be updated as information is available.

Superfund

7. **2020-2021 Small Business Innovation Research Open Solicitation** - The US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), as part of its Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program, is seeking proposals from the small business community to develop novel environmental technologies in the multiple areas such as Land Revitalization - Innovative technologies that destroy PFAS in soil, sediment, water and groundwater. This

solicitation will be open to submissions until August 28, 2020. For more information, see http://www.epa.gov/sbir/sbir-funding-opportunities.

8. **Most Common Game Animals in the US and Information on Intakes, Habitation, Hunt Frequency, and Human Consumption** - July 13, 2020, 3:00 PM-4:30 PM EDT (19:00-20:30 GMT). This webinar will describe the process and results from a research project, completed through an internship with the US EPA, concerning an issues that arises when assessing risks from contamination at Superfund sites. This research project analyzed what are the most common game animals for hunting and fishing in the US, and their respective intakes (fodder or prey, water ingestion, and soil ingestion) and information on human ingestion rates by persons hunting or fishing. A summary of this effort along with the resulting paper will be highlighted in this webinar. For more information and to register, see https://clu-in.org/live.
9. **Power and Pollinators: Pollinator-Friendly Landscapes for Solar Facilities** - July 15, 2020, 1:00PM-2:30PM EDT (17:00-18:30 GMT). Are you interested in learning how to beautify your solar site and promote pollinator habitat? The Power and Pollinators webinar will examine how planting for pollinators on RE-Powering sites benefits cleaning up contaminated sites while beautifying communities. Planting for pollinators can help protect caps, control runoff, and provide habitat for struggling pollinator communities. The webinar explores the relationship between solar installations, contaminated lands and landfills, and pollinators. The Commonwealth of Virginia will discuss how the solar power industry has an extraordinary opportunity to impact the landscape by encouraging native plants at solar facilities. Solar facilities located on brownfields, landfills and other contaminated lands present a unique opportunity to benefit the local community by cleaning up the property and redeveloping the site according to the community's goals. The Commonwealth will highlight the Virginia Pollinator-Smart Solar Program which is designed to provide incentives and tools for solar industry to adopt a native plant strategy to meet soil and water control regulations, community needs, and the needs of our biosphere. Consultants VHB and Fresh Energy will share their knowledge and expertise of this growing trend and benefits to communities, developers and pollinators. EPA will present case studies and expertise related to renewable energy on underutilized lands. For more information and to register, see https://clu-in.org/live.
10. **PFAS Fate, Transport and Treatment** - July 23, 2020, 12:00PM EDT (16:00 GMT). SERDP and ESTCP will host this webinar on approaches to better characterize PFAS fate and transport in the subsurface, as well as a novel technology for PFAS treatment. First, Dr. Linda M. Abriola (Tufts University) will discuss experimental, mathematical modeling and decision tool development efforts to better understand the processes controlling PFAS fate and transport in the subsurface. Second, Dr. Timothy Strathmann (Colorado School of Mines) will summarize his research efforts to develop a novel technology to treat PFAS in water and other high moisture content wastes. For more information and to register, see please visit https://serdp-estcp.org/Tools-and-Training/Webinar-Series/07-23-2020.
11. **Collaborating with Colleges and Universities for Redevelopment Opportunities** - July 29, 2020, 2:00PM-3:30PM EDT (18:00-19:30 GMT). The College/Underserved Community Partnership Program (CUPP) provides a creative approach by partnering and delivering technical assistance from local colleges and universities to small underserved communities at no cost to the communities. EPA Region 4 has successfully collaborated with colleges and universities to assist communities in pursuing redevelopment opportunities and plans at sites in the Region. This webinar will share best practices and lessons learned as well as share the perspectives of the partnered colleges and universities. For more information and to register, see https://clu-in.org/live.
12. **Federal Facilities Online Academy, August 3 & September 14, 2020 -** This voluntary training program has been developed for EPA RPMs, project managers from other federal agencies, State government, and Tribal groups who work on federal facility Superfund cleanups. Please consider participating in all 12 courses, 11 Webinars and 1 In-Person Training, to obtain a certificate upon completion of the entire Federal Facility Academy series. For more information and to register for upcoming sessions or view archived sessions, see https://trainex.org/offeringslist.cfm?courseid=1819.

Solid/Hazardous Waste

13. **Online Training Course: Developing Small-Scale Transfer Stations on Tribal Lands** - EPA is offering a free online training course "Developing Small-Scale Solid Waste Transfer Stations on Tribal Lands." The course will consist of four real-time, interactive webinars. It will be held 10 am - 12 pm (PDT) on Tuesdays and Thursdays from July 28-August 6, 2020. Instructor: Larry Sweetser, with over 30 years of experience resolving solid and household hazardous waste program issues and specializing in assisting California rural counties. This training course is

organized by EPA Regions 9 & 10, with the support of Booz Allen Hamilton. Dates & Times: 10am – 12pm PDT, Tuesday, July 28, Thursday, July 30, Tuesday, August 4, Thursday, August 6. Audience: Course participants must be employees of Federally Recognized Tribes or Tribal Consortia. This course is intended for environmental directors, public utilities directors and staff, and solid waste program directors and technicians. Multiple staff from the same organization are encouraged to participate. Registration: Space is limited to foster more interaction and discussion. It is available on a first come, first serve basis for those who fully answer the registration questions. Participants are asked to commit to attending all four sessions. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion for the training. Click here to register: http://www.cvent.com/d/57qmp0. Questions: Contact Jenny Stephenson at stephenson.jenny@epa.gov. Training Objectives:

a. Evaluate different options for transfer stations or community convenience areas/drop-off sites serving smaller populations
b. Right size a transfer facility for your needs with interactive discussions
c. Understand siting concerns and resource needs for conceptual design, site preparation, construction, and operation of small transfer stations or community drop-off sites

14. **Waste Assessment Training for Tribes -** EPA is excited to announce a new webinar highlighting best practices for conducting assessments of the waste that is being thrown out in your community. This webinar is open to all tribal representatives. The training will be held as a 2-day webinar of four hours each on August 3- 4, 2020. Understanding the type and amount of waste that is being disposed of in your area is a vitally important topic to enable you to protect the health of your community and environment. This information will provide ways to improve current waste management methods, reduce waste, refine collection processes, reduce costs, and collect metrics to build and improve your solid waste program. Training topics include analysis of waste streams, methods for planning and conducting a waste sort, collecting metrics and interpreting results, updating waste management collection and disposal systems, and funding and assistance resources. Who Should Attend? Tribal Environmental Directors, Tribal Response Professionals, Utilities and Solid Waste staff. To register, please visit the following link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6675447033162122 40. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Blackburn at blackburn.lizi@epa.gov or 913-551-7899.

Listservs and Newsletters

15. **EPA's Contaminated Site Cleanup Information (CLU-IN) website and newsletter** - provides information about innovative treatment and site characterization technologies while acting as a forum for all waste remediation stakeholders. Check out the site: https://clu-in.org/ and sign up for their newsletter: https://clu-in.org/techdirect/.
16. **ORCR SMM listserv -** Join to get webinar announcements and updates. To subscribe, fill out the form here: https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/TQZ64SH/smm.
17. **ORCR Solid and Hazardous Waste listserv -** Join to receive updates from EPA. To sign up, fill out the form here: https://lp.constantcontact.com/su/HcXGiWT/solidhaz.
18. **SERC/TERC Monthly Updates newsletter -** The purpose of the SERC-TERC Updates is to identify and share new policies, guidance, and training resources that may be useful to the State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs) and Tribal Emergency Response Commissions (TERCs). To subscribe, fill out the form here: https://www.epa.gov/epcra/serc-terc-monthly-updates.

Coronavirus

19. **EPA approves first surface disinfectant products tested on the SARS-CoV-2 virus** - Throughout the COVID-19 public health emergency, the EPA has worked to provide the American public with information about how to safely and effectively kill the novel coronavirus, SARS-CoV-2, on surfaces. Last week, EPA approved two products, Lysol Disinfectant Spray (EPA Reg No. 777-99) and Lysol Disinfectant Max Cover Mist (EPA Reg No. 777-127), based on laboratory testing that shows they have now been tested directly against SARS-CoV-2. All products on EPA's List N meet the agency's criteria for effectiveness against SARS-CoV-2. When using an EPA-registered disinfectant, follow the label directions for safe, effective use. Make sure to follow the contact time, which is the amount of time the surface should be visibly wet. Read the agency's infographic on how to use these products. Additional information on EPA's coronavirus efforts: https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus.

20. **COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for Field Activities (applicable to tribal inspectors operating with an EPA inspector credential)** – EPA issues the final Interim consolidated Agency "COVID-19 Health & Safety Guidelines for Field Activities." These Health and Safety (H&S) Guidelines for Field Activities provide safety and health protocols to assess and manage any COVID-19 exposure risk for our employees involved in field work, and are posted on the EPA website at: https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-documents-field-activities. EPA field staff and their supervisors in the Regions and programs should use these Guidelines to help them plan for and address COVID-19 risks to our staff, the public and facilities. The Guidelines include Appendix A for "Civil Inspections, On-site Compliance Monitoring, Compliance and Technical Assistance," Appendix B for "Conducting Superfund Site, RCRA Corrective Actions, Oil, and Emergency Response Work," and the COVID-19 Job Hazard Analysis/Job Safety Analysis Template. While these Guidelines are primarily directed at EPA field staff (**including any inspectors from States and Tribes operating with an EPA inspector credential),** you may share them with your States and Tribes, if they are interested. We are working on a webinar to provide an overview of the H&S Guidelines for Field Activities. While not required training, we recommend staff and field staff managers attend the webinar. The webinar will likely be offered several times in late July and August. If you have questions on the Guidelines, you may contact your local Safety Health and Environmental Management program (SHEMP).

National Issues

21. **Supreme Court decision on *McGirt v. Oklahoma* case** – In a landmark decision, the Supreme Court says that for purposes of the Major Crimes Act, land throughout much of eastern Oklahoma reserved for the Creek Nation since the 19th century remains a Native American territory. For all you wonks out there, the SCOTUS blog has a whole page dedicated to this case, with opinion summaries, analysis, educational seminars, links to the full decision, and other excellent materials: https://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/mcgirt-v-oklahoma/
22. **Presidential Message on the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Policy of Indian Self-Determination -** https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefings-statements/presidential-message-50th-anniversary-federal-policy-indian-self-determination/#:~:text=In%20his%20message%2C%20President%20Nixon,and%20respecting%20Tribal%20decision%2Dmaking.
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Other Program Areas

25. **National Tribal Water Council June 2020 Newsletter** (see attached)
26. **National Tribal Water Program Updates E-Newsletter - July 2020 -** To access, click here.
27. **Native Voices June 2020 Newsletter** (see attached)
28. **Webinar - Keys to Success: Water Recycling in Tribal Communities -** July 15, 2020, 1:00-3:00 PM (Eastern), 10:00-Noon (Pacific). Interested in developing a water recycling project? Not sure what it involves? This training is for you! This free training webinar will help tribes learn what it takes to be successful in developing and implementing wastewater reuse and stormwater capture and use projects. The training is a product of the recently issued national Water Reuse Action Plan (Action 2.2.15: Conduct Outreach and Training with Tribes to Build Water Reuse Capacity). Registration: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3743473562177610254. Telephone Number: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP). You'll need to register to join the computer portion of our meeting anyway, and this will simply help ensure we get the presentation to attendees before the meeting. If you have questions, please contact Dave Smith at smith.davidw@epa.gov or (415) 238-4139. We look forward to seeing you! This interactive training will be presented by:
    a. Dr. Bruce Macler (US Environmental Protection Agency, Pacific Southwest Region)
    b. John Flores (Director, Environmental Dept., San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians)
    c. Dave Smith (US EPA, Water Reuse Action Plan Development Team)

    Among the issues we'll address are:
    d. Why should tribes recycle water?
    e. How can wastewater be recycled, and how can stormwater be captured for use?
    f. How have tribes already had success with reuse projects?

g. How do we ensure reuse protects human health and water resources?
h. What are the key steps in developing and implementing successful reuse projects?
i. What support do tribes need to help pursue water reuse projects?

29. **2020 ECOS STEP Meeting: Partnering on PFAS** - July 29 and 30, 12:30-4:45 p.m. Eastern. ECOS invites you to attend the 2020 ECOS State Environmental Protection (STEP) Meeting, Partnering on PFAS! The virtual policy summit, planned for July 29 and 30, will feature panels and lightning round presentations on an array of PFAS topics, culminating in moderated breakout discussions to maximize audience participation. See the draft agenda, registration, and additional details here: https://www.ecos.org/event/2020-state-environmental-protection-step-meeting-partnering-on-pfas/. Note: ECOS will distribute Zoom Meeting information to registered participants ahead of the meeting. Registration is non-refundable.
30. **EE2020 Webinar on Machine Learning & Predictive Analytics -** Date: July 9, 2020, Time: 1:00-2:30 PM Eastern. Register: https://www.eenationalmeeting.net/july-2020. The July 9 webinar will focus on applications for machine learning and predictive analytics in environmental protection. Visit the website to register and to find a more detailed agenda and information on our featured speakers. For registration questions, please email: krakouskas@ecos.org. The webinar will include:
    a. Information about the basics of machine learning and predictive analytics;
    b. Case studies in using predictive analytics to help agencies target resources for environmental inspections where they can do the most good; and
    c. An interactive discussion on machine learning, implementation challenges, use cases, and collaborative development opportunities for the environmental protection community.

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