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## Top News

### October is Children's Health Month



#### Protecting Children Where They Live, Learn and Play

EPA celebrates Children's Health Month! Across the country, the Agency hosts and participates in activities and events to raise awareness about children's environmental health. This year's theme, *Protecting Children Where They Live, Learn and Play*, highlights EPA's commitment to work with communities to ensure safe and healthy environments for all children.

Children can be more affected by pollution than adults - they're smaller and their bodies are still developing. Children eat, breathe, and drink more relative to their body mass than adults do, increasing their exposure risk. Children crawl and play close to the ground often putting their hands, toys and other items into their mouths making them more likely to come into contact with dirt, dust, and toxins.

Learn [what you can do to protect children from environmental risks](#). Download a daily calendar of [Children's Health Month Tips](#) and see how many tips you can follow in 31 days! For more information, check out EPA's [Children's Health Month](#) website.

## Waters of the United States Rulemaking Outreach

EPA and the Department of the Army are proposing a rule to re-define the **Waters of the United States** under the Clean Water Act. The agencies will hold public meetings to hear from stakeholders on recommendations to revise the definition.

A teleconference for the general public will be held on **November 21** at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. It is one of ten teleconferences for various stakeholder groups. [Register online](#) for the listening session for the general public by **November 14**.

Written comments on the Step 2 rulemaking may be submitted to the docket on or before **November 28** via the [Federal eRulemaking Portal](#), identified by **Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2017-0203**. Please note that this docket is separate from the one associated with the Step 1 proposed rulemaking.

More information about the rulemaking, including a complete schedule of the outreach meetings, and the *Federal Register* notice can be found on EPA's [WOTUS Rulemaking website](#). CONTACT: Karen Gude • [CWAwotus@epa.gov](mailto:CWAwotus@epa.gov)

## Compost Autumn Leaves and Yard Waste



This autumn, instead of bagging leaves, leave them along with any cut grass or yard waste to decompose and return to the soil, helping your lawn to stay healthy and divert waste from landfills. Check out EPA's [composting website](#) for other ideas.

## The Messy Impact of Trash in Our Waters Video

Common trash from consumer goods makes up most of the marine debris in our waterways and oceans. Trash in our aquatic environments negatively impacts local economies, recreational opportunities, and human health.

EPA's [Trash-Free Waters](#) program is reducing the volume of trash entering U.S. waterways by working with communities, businesses, researchers, and citizens to come up with innovative strategies.

Watch EPA's video, [The Messy Impact of Trash in Our Waters](#).



## Water Quality Standards Variance Building Tool

EPA's [Water Quality Standards Variance Building Tool](#) can help states, territories, and authorized tribes learn about Clean Water Act water quality standard variances and when best to apply them. The tool explains how WQS variances can provide water quality improvement opportunities before downgrading a water body's designated use.

The tool also allows users to draft sample language for a potential variance, which can be used to begin stakeholder discussions. States, territories, and authorized tribes are neither required to use the tool, nor does using the tool guarantee EPA approval of WQS. Check out the [Water Quality Standards Variance Building Tool](#) online.



**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Alaska Operations Office**

## Alaska News

### Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee Seeks Alaska Nominations

**NOMINATIONS DUE: October 13.**

EPA is seeking nominations from federally recognized tribes in Alaska for two Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee positions, Alaska Position 1 and Alaska Position 2. The RTOC is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives. The mission of the RTOC is to protect and improve tribal health and environmental conditions for federally recognized tribes consistent with EPA's Indian Policy, trust responsibility, environmental laws, policies, and guidance.

The RTOC holds up to four in-person meetings per year. Typically, these meetings are held in Seattle, WA, with one hosted by a tribe within Region 10. The RTOC also holds monthly conference calls and assigns workgroups and subcommittees for special tasks. The position offers an opportunity to affect EPA's relationships with tribes. Representation on the RTOC requires a significant time commitment in coordination with other tribes, and issue formation and discussion.

To be eligible for these RTOC positions, the nominee must be an elected tribal official or staff willing to serve a three-year term starting January 1, 2018. Tribes are encouraged to submit nominations by downloading and completing the online [RTOC Nomination Form](#). For more information on RTOC, see page X of this newsletter.

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*Region 10 RTOC Members*

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**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency**

**Idaho, Oregon, Washington News**

**Idaho NPDES Program Application**

PUBLIC COMMENT END DATE: **October 10.**

EPA Region 10 sent letters to all tribal governments in Idaho providing an update on EPA’s review of the Idaho National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program application that was submitted in 2016. The letters notified tribes in Idaho about EPA’s public review process and invited tribal governments to initiate tribal consultation on EPA’s review and approval action. Last month, EPA held meetings with tribal leaders and staff in conjunction with public hearings in 5 Idaho cities.

The NPDES permit program addresses water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants to waters of the U.S. Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, EPA’s NPDES permit program authorizes state governments to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program.

The public comment period runs through **October 10.** To learn more, including how to submit comments, check out EPA’s website on [Idaho’s NPDES Program Authorization](#).

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**New Tribal Solid Waste Liaison**

**Rick McMonagle** was recently hired to fill the Tribal Solid Waste Liaison position in Region 10. Rick is assigned to work with tribes in Idaho, Oregon, and Washington to provide technical assistance and training on all facets of sustainable solid and hazardous waste management.



He will directly support tribes with individual waste management concerns, provide information on resources, and assist with program development.

Rick has more than 25 years of experience working to protect land and water, and in building more sustainable communities. He was the first Executive Director of Friends of the Mississippi River in St. Paul, Minnesota and at the Kinnickinnic River Land Trust in River Falls, Wisconsin. He raised his two daughters on a farm in the Upper Midwest and has lived in both urban and rural areas across the country.

Rick is working in EPA’s Oregon Operations Office in Portland. He can be reached at 503-326-6363 or [McMonagle.Richard@epa.gov](mailto:McMonagle.Richard@epa.gov).

# RTOC News



*The Region 10 Regional Tribal Operations Committee is a partnership between EPA and elected tribal representatives to further tribal environmental objectives at the regional level, serve as a liaison between the EPA and tribes regarding information exchange, and provide assistance to the National Tribal Operations Committee.*

## Nominate an Alaska RTOC Representative Today!

DEADLINE: **October 13** • [Download RTOC's Nomination Form](#)

## We Are Hiring!

Two positions available for full time employees of the Region 10 Tribal Consortium, a 501(c)3 organization known as the RTOC. Brief descriptions follow.

### Tribal Environmental Leaders Summit Coordinator

Coordinates all aspects of planning, development, organization and execution of the RTOC's Tribal Leader's Summit. Reports to the RTOC Coordinator.

### RTOC Coordinator

Oversees all aspects of the planning, development, organization and execution of the RTOC meetings, coordination with EPA staff, outreach to tribes and communication regarding the mission and work of the RTOC to tribes within EPA Region 10. Reports to RTOC Tribal Caucus Co-Chairs. Positions are grant funded and available from September 21 until filled. Full job announcements stating descriptions, qualifications and salary are available on the [Region 10 RTOC website](#).

## Upcoming Meetings

Conference Calls **October 19** and **November 15**

In-person meeting at EPA Region 10, Seattle, WA - **December 12-14**

## 2018 Tribal Leaders Summit

Save the Date! • **April 11-13, 2018**

Next year's summit will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho!

For a summary of this year's conference, download the [2017 Tribal Leaders Summit Report](#).

## Stay Engaged with Us!

- RTOC [Meeting Minutes are available online](#).
- Check out [Region 10 RTOC Facebook](#) for the latest news, training, and funding opportunities.
- Follow [Region 10 RTOC on Twitter](#).
- [Submit meeting discussion topics](#).

Contact **Randi Madison**, RTOC R10 Communications Specialist, **509-703-4219** • [communications@region10rtoc.net](mailto:communications@region10rtoc.net) if you wish to join our monthly teleconference and/or have environmental topics to raise.

## Tribal Consultation

The following tribal consultation opportunities may be of interest to tribes in Region 10. A full list of consultation opportunities is available in EPA's [Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System](#).

### **Proposal to Withdraw Proposed Determination for Bristol Bay Pebble Deposit under Clean Water Act Section 404(c)**

END DATE: **October 17.**

The EPA is proposing to withdraw its July 2014 Clean Water Act Proposed Determination that would, if finalized, have imposed restrictions on the discharge of dredged or fill material associated with the potential Pebble Mine in Alaska's Bristol Bay watershed. EPA agreed to initiate a proposed withdrawal process pursuant to policy direction from EPA's Administrator, and as part of a [May 2017 settlement agreement](#) with the Pebble Limited Partnership, that resolved litigation from 2014.

EPA is consulting on the proposed withdrawal with federally recognized tribal governments of the Bristol Bay region and with Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act Regional and Village Corporations with lands in the Bristol Bay watershed. EPA published a [Federal Register](#) notice that initiated the withdrawal process.

The public comment and consultation period closes on **October 17.**

Check out EPA's [Bristol Bay website](#) to learn more.

CONTACT: **Brittany Bennett** or **Palmer Hough** • [BristolBayPD@epa.gov](mailto:BristolBayPD@epa.gov)

### **EPA's Draft FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan**

END DATE: **October 31**

EPA is initiating consultation and coordination with federally recognized tribes on EPA's [Draft FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan](#). The Plan communicates the Agency's priorities, the measurable environmental and human health outcomes the public can expect over the next four years, and the long term blueprint for achieving those results. It also serves as the basis for Agency-wide program planning, and informs annual budget development and decision making. The Plan covers important areas of interest that impact tribes.

Tribes may also participate in the public review and comment period that runs concurrent with the tribal consultation period. The final Plan will be issued to Congress in February 2018 along with the FY 2019 President's budget – both of which will be available on EPA's [Planning, Budget and Results](#) website.

There will be two national conference calls for tribes to discuss the Plan. Leadership from EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer and Office of International and Tribal Affairs will be present on both calls. The Tribal Consultation calls will be held **October 17** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time, and **October 24** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time. To join the conference calls, dial 1-866-299-3188 and enter access code 202-564-4855.

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# Grants

## G R A N T S

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration FY 2018 Marine Debris Removal Grants

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 1.**

Projects awarded through this grant competition will create long-term, quantifiable ecological habitat improvements for NOAA trust resources through on-the-ground marine debris removal activities with priority for those targeting derelict fishing gear and other medium and large-scale debris. Projects should also foster awareness of the effects of marine debris to further the conservation of living marine resource habitats and contribute to the understanding of marine debris composition, distribution, and impacts.

Typical awards will range from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Funding for this grant competition comes through the NOAA Marine Debris Program as appropriations to the Office of Response and Restoration, National Ocean Service. Learn more on [NOAA's Marine Debris Program](#) website.

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### 2017 School Bus Rebate Program



APPLICATION DEADLINE: **November 14.**

Need help paying for that new school bus or upgrade? EPA is offering an opportunity to receive up to \$20,000 per vehicle to replace older school buses, and up to \$6,000 per vehicle for retrofits. Older school buses without emission reduction retrofits emit significant amounts of harmful exhaust, so participating in this program will help improve the health of students and other members of your community.

Regional, state, or tribal agencies – including school districts and municipalities, or private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an aforementioned entity are eligible.



Please visit EPA's [Clean Diesel Rebates website](#) for all the details and the application form.

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## **Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency Grants FY 2017 Flood Mitigation Assistance**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 14.**

The **Flood Mitigation Assistance** Program makes federal funds available to state, local and tribal governments to reduce or eliminate the risk of repetitive flood damage to buildings and structures insured under the National Flood Insurance Program. In FY 2017, the FMA Program will prioritize proposals that address community flood risk by setting aside \$70 million for this purpose.

Federal Emergency Management Agency will seek to fund two types of community flood mitigation activities.

1. Advance assistance for flood mitigation design and development of community flood mitigation projects and mitigation projects that address community flood risk for the purpose of reducing NFIP flood claim payments.
2. The remaining funding - at least \$90,000,000 - will be used for FMA technical assistance, mitigation planning, and mitigation projects reducing risk to severe repetitive loss and repetitive loss properties.

Applicants may submit a maximum of one advanced assistance and one community mitigation project sub-application.

## **FY 2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation**

APPLICATIONS DUE: **November 14.**

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation program makes federal funds available to state, local, and tribal governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from future disasters.

FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories, and a tribal set-aside of \$10 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives.

Learn more about both opportunities on [FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Assistance](#) website.





## FY 2018 Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grants

DUE DATE: November 16.

EPA's Brownfields Program provides funds to empower states, communities, tribes, and nonprofits to prevent, inventory, assess, clean up, and reuse Brownfield sites. A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Grants may be used to address sites contaminated by petroleum and hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants (including hazardous substances co-mingled with petroleum). Two separate EPA Brownfields funding opportunities are available.

Although federally recognized tribes of Alaska are not eligible for the competitive Brownfields funding (with the exception of the Metlakatla Indian Community), Alaskan tribes may work with other eligible entities in the application process. In addition to local governments, land clearance authorities, regional councils, etc., the Alaska Native Village and Regional Corporations are eligible entities to apply for the following competitive Brownfields opportunities.

### 1. Assessment Grants (funded over three years)

- **Community-wide or Site-Specific Applicants.** Applicants may apply for up to \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding or up to \$200,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Community-wide Applicants.** Applicants seeking **both** hazardous substances funding and petroleum funding may request a combined total up to \$300,000, but the request for hazardous substances funding or petroleum funding cannot exceed \$200,000 for any one individual type of grant funding. For example, an applicant may apply for \$200,000 in hazardous substances funding and \$100,000 in petroleum funding.
- **Assessment Coalition Applicants.** Applicants may request up to \$600,000 in hazardous substances funding and/or petroleum funding.

### 2. Cleanup Grants (funded over three years)

Applicants may request funding to address either a single Brownfield site or multiple Brownfield sites within each proposal. An applicant may request up to \$200,000 in each proposal. An applicant can submit up to three cleanup proposals.

To assist applicants with understanding the guidelines, EPA will host the **EPA National Assessment, RLF and Cleanup Guideline Webinar** on **October 5** at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Time. [Join the webinar](#) online, and for audio, call **1-866-299-3188**, and enter access code **202-566-1817**.

Check out EPA's [Brownfields grants](#) website to learn more about these opportunities.



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## 2018 Healthy Watershed Consortium Grants

DUE DATE: **February 1.**

The Healthy Watersheds Consortium is a partnership between the U.S. Endowment for Forestry and Communities, EPA, and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. The Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program aims to accelerate strategic protection of healthy, freshwater ecosystems and their watersheds.



A webinar on October 19 at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time will provide an overview of priorities for 2018. Visit the [Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Program](#) website to learn more, register for the webinar, and find proposal development resources.

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## 2017 Indoor Air Quality Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network, hosted by the Tulalip Tribes, connects tribes, tribal consortia, government, non-profit advocates, and researchers to promote just, healthy, and safe living environments for American Indian and Alaska Native communities. THHNW compiled a [2017 Guide on Indoor Air Quality Funding Opportunities for Tribes](#). The guide also includes tips for preparing a competitive funding proposal. If you are interested in applying for one of the funding opportunities listed in the guide, you can contact THHNW for more information and free technical assistance.

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## Training & Scholarships

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### Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management

**November 14-17, Anchorage, AK**

The Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management, organized by the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, is an annual gathering that brings together tribes, non-profits, and state and federal organizations, for a week of environmental conversations. The discussions focus on finding and implementing solutions to address the unique environmental concerns facing Alaskan communities. This year, the conference involves three days of sessions focused on a range of broad environmental health topics and one day of technical trainings. For details, visit [ATCEM's website](#).

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## EPA Grants Award Process Webinar

**October 10** at 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time

EPA's Grants Award Process Webinar is intended for grant applicants and recipients. The webinar will cover topics related to finding and applying for grants, as well as the basics of managing an award. You do not need to register. If you wish to attend, just click on [Grant Award Process Webinar](#) a few minutes before the webinar starts. Check out EPA's [Grants Award Process Webinars](#) website to learn about other upcoming opportunities and access previously recorded webinars.

## Air Quality and Indoor Air Quality in Alaska Native Villages (Level 1 course)

**October 10-13**, Nome, AK

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is hosting an air quality course addressing both outdoor and indoor air quality issues. This training will be highly interactive, including presentations, small group work, and a hands-on building assessment to practice identifying indoor air quality problems. Tribal environmental, housing, and health staff are encouraged to consider attending. For more information, check out [ITEP's Air Quality Training](#) website.

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## Mine Financial Assurance Training



**October 11-12**, McCall, ID

The Mine Financial Assurance Training class hosted by the Nez-Perce Tribe and National Tribal Mining Workgroup is a free, two-day training with two levels of information concerning hardrock mine financial assurance.

Day 1 will provide an overview and update on current hardrock mine financial assurance principles and practice and is intended for regulators, scientists and engineers, and others to become familiar with the concept and means by which hardrock mine financial assurance is based, estimated, and administered.

Day 2 of the Mine Financial Assurance Training will provide a more in-depth review of the actual methods by which financial assurance costs are estimated in the U.S. using the Standard Reclamation Cost Estimator, Process Fluid Cost Estimator, Long-Term Monitoring and Maintenance and other spreadsheet models, and is intended for anyone who might review financial assurance cost estimates.

Limited travel support is available. Check out the [National Tribal Mining Workgroup](#) website and register for the [2017 Mine Financial Assurance Training](#).

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### **Online ITEP Courses Available**

ITEP and Northern Arizona University offer tribally focused, professional development training to new and experienced professionals through interactive, online courses. The new online courses include *Tribal Strategic Planning: Ensuring Successful Development of Your ETEP* and *Partnerships and Community Outreach*. View ITEP’s online [catalog of available courses](#).

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### **Department of Energy Technical Assistance**

Federally recognized tribes (including Alaska Native villages), tribal groups, communities, and tribal energy resource development organizations can apply annually to receive on-request technical assistance for planning and implementing renewable energy and energy efficiency projects. The intended result is a tangible product or specific deliverable designed to help move a project forward.

Assistance is provided by the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, at no cost. Each request will be evaluated based on scope and available budget. Current projects funded by DOE grants receive priority.

Types of on-request assistance include the following:

- Energy planning.
- Housing, building energy efficiency and resilience.
- Project development.
- Village power.
- Policy and regulation.

Apply online for [DOE Office of Indian Energy Technical Assistance](#).



# Calendar of Events

## October

- 10** EPA Grants Award Process Webinar. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://www.epa.gov/grants/epa-grants-award-process-webinars>
- 10 – 13** Air Quality & Indoor Air Quality in Alaska Native Villages (Level 1). Nome, AK • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_air](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air)
- 11 – 12** Mine Financial Assurance Training. McCall, ID • <http://www.ntmw.org/2017-mine-financial-assurance-training.html>
- 17** EPA Draft FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Tribal Consultation Call • 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Call 1-866-299-3188 and enter access code 202-564-4855
- 17** EPA Sustainable Materials Management on Tribal Lands Webinar • 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time • <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1471528474194685185>
- 19** Region 10 RTOC Conference Call. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 19** Healthy Watersheds Consortium Grant Webinar. 11:00 a.m. Pacific Time Peter Stangel • 404-915-2763 • [peter@usendowment.org](mailto:peter@usendowment.org)
- 24** EPA Draft FY 2018-2022 Strategic Plan Tribal Consultation Call. 11:00 a.m. PDT • Call 1-866-299-3188 and enter access code 202-564-4855

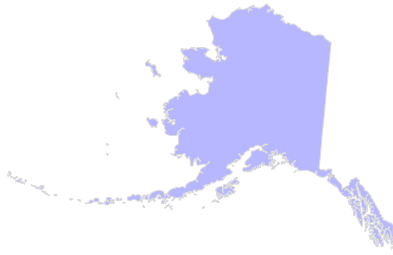
## November

- 6 – 8** Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools for Lower 48 Tribes (Level 2) Albuquerque, NM • [https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training\\_aq\\_iaqtc](https://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_aq_iaqtc)
- 14 – 17** Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management. Anchorage, AK • <http://www.atcemak.com>
- 15** RTOC Conference Call. 1:00 p.m. Pacific Time • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>
- 21** WOTUS Outreach General Public Webinar. 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time • Register by November 14 • <https://www.epa.gov/wotus-rule/outreach-meetings>

## December

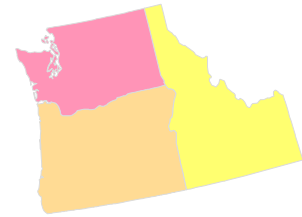
- 12 – 14** RTOC In-Person Meeting. Seattle, WA • <http://region10rtoc.net/meetings>

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### Got News?

The Region 10 Tribal Newsletter invites you, our readers, to submit ideas and articles for consideration and to share your successes and challenges. Photographs are also welcome as separate files in jpeg or other graphic format. Please submit articles and pictures to:

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## REPORT SPILLS AND ACCIDENTS

NOTE THESE EMERGENCY NUMBERS TO CALL IN THE EVENT  
OF HAZARDOUS MATERIAL SPILLS OR ACCIDENTS:

ALASKA .....	800-478-9300
IDAHO.....	800-632-8000
OREGON .....	800-452-0311
WASHINGTON.....	800-258-5990
NATIONAL (EPA) .....	800-424-8802



To report environmental violation  
tips and Complaints to the EPA:

<https://go.usa.gov/xNs7B>.