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## U.S. EPA Pacific Southwest Tribal Section Newsletter

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### Two New Online Courses Available from NAU and ITEP

Northern Arizona University (NAU) and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) offer tribally focused professional development training to new and seasoned professionals through interactive online courses. Upon completion, participants will receive a certificate equivalent to the continuing education units (CEUs) identified for each course. Visit [itep.scholarlms.com/catalog/](http://itep.scholarlms.com/catalog/) to view available courses. Newly available online courses include:

- **Tribal Strategic Planning: Developing of Your EPA-Tribal Environmental Plan**
- **Partnerships and Community Outreach**

This course provides tribal environmental professionals with tribal-specific tools and resources to engage their community and other stakeholders in the development and implementation of their tribal work plans. Registration for this online course is \$150. This course carries 0.5 continuing education units (CEUs) and requires approximately five hours of total learning time.

#### ***Why is ITEP charging for these online courses and others are free?***

ITEP offers both free and for-fee courses, which are determined by current funding sources. The online courses described above are for-fee and have paid instructors to ensure your individual questions are answered in a timely manner. Free courses, listed below, have been developed with federal grant funding and are facilitated by ITEP staff that work with volunteer subject matter experts to field questions.

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### **FYI: Databases of Tribal Codes and Ordinances**

EPA has received inquiries asking if EPA maintains a database of tribal codes and ordinances for use when developing your tribal environmental department's legal capacity. EPA does not maintain such a database at this time. However, EPA Region 9's Tribal Section is aware of several educational institutions that do maintain these resources (links on the next page).

National Indian Law Library (NILL): [www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.html](http://www.narf.org/nill/triballaw/index.html)

Tribal Institute: [www.tribal-institute.org/lists/codes.htm](http://www.tribal-institute.org/lists/codes.htm)

Universities: [lib.law.washington.edu/content/guides/indian](http://lib.law.washington.edu/content/guides/indian)

- [lawlibguides.lclark.edu/c.php?g=139883&p=916746#s-lg-box-2739354](http://lawlibguides.lclark.edu/c.php?g=139883&p=916746#s-lg-box-2739354)
- [thorpe.ou.edu/](http://thorpe.ou.edu/)
- [guides.ou.edu/c.php?g=113878&p=739846](http://guides.ou.edu/c.php?g=113878&p=739846)

## Upcoming Opportunities

### Smithsonian Tribal Scholar Fellowships

*Next Deadline is February 1:* The Native American Awards Community Scholar falls within the Native American Awards Program which supports applicants, who are formally or informally affiliated with a Native American community or tribe, to visit the Institution to undertake projects on a Native American subject and utilize the Native American resources of the Institution. One of the goals of the program is for the Community Scholars to take the knowledge they gain through their research and share it with their community. View opportunity at: [www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/native-american-community-scholars-awards/](http://www.smithsonianofi.com/fellowship-opportunities/native-american-community-scholars-awards/).