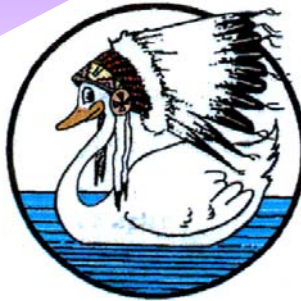


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TSWAN presents Waste Management 101 and CFC Certification

A 12-hour CFC/Freon removal certification workshop, in conjunction with a Waste Management 101 training, was offered by TSWAN in May. Larry Zirkle of Total Reclaim taught the CFC class which included hands on experience, hosted by the Muckle-shoot Tribe, who held items at their facilities for the trainings.



The Waste Management 101 class enjoyed a tour of Recovery 1, a Tacoma facility dedicated to recycling and reusing all classes of waste through many ingenious processes and creations. Not only do they market their recyclables, they create some innovative products from the recycled materials and find markets for these also. They have modified much of the equipment they use to their own purposes and created efficient workflow systems that give them many options for processing items in various ways. They have their own water reclamation and filtration system which recycles their runoff for irrigation and dust control. This was an educational tour.

Other classes included an Energy Efficiency class in which new and innovative techniques for building more energy efficient homes and offices was presented. A Recycling and Waste Reduction panel from TSWAN member tribes gave presentations on what their facilities are doing to recycle. A green building presentations provided more information on products and options being used to maximize efficiencies in new construction and renovations. CDL Wastes, Recycling and Handling of Hazardous Wastes presentation emphasized detection and testing hazardous building materials and what to do whenever you find it. This was followed by a presentation on preparing Hazardous Waste for disposal. And, the Muckle-shoot Tribe hosted a hands-on “waste sort and characterization” event at their facilities for the group.



During the final day of the classes, the attendants learned about Brownfields and their reclamation. A fascinating presentation on large scale Composting, as well as presentations on Climate Change and Greenhousing were also offered. The final class was a presentation on what E-Waste is, what and why it is hazardous with a hands-on demonstration on how to prepare it for recycling.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TSWAN, UW and WSP offering Three 16-Hour **Mobile Meth Lab ID on Tribal Lands** Trainings.

- * National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS) Certification.
 - * Travel Scholarships of \$250 are available to members of federally recognized Tribes.
 - * No Cost for Class.
- Contact TSWAN for further information and dates.

WE encourage TSWAN members to participate in this publication by submitting announcements, events and programs. Email: ksnowden@tswan.org
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TSWAN Tours Spokane & Colville Tribal Waste Management Facilities

The June meeting of TSWAN required an extra day as members toured the transfer and land-fill facilities of both the Spokane Indian Tribe, and those of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Indians. An early departure from Spokane took the entourage to the newly constructed Transfer station at Wellpinit on the Spokane Reservation. Although the tribe has their station and scales in place, they are still working on contracting with haulers willing to come the distance necessary to work with them. In the meantime, the dumping site is not controlled and open to the public so anyone can just come in and dump in any manner. This means a mixed waste stream in which refrigerants and electronic waste is dumped along with household garbage, clothing, etc. It is a worst case scenario for waste managers, with the largest hurdle being finding adequate funding to address the entire situation.



After leaving the Spokane Indian Reservation, the tour traveled to Gifford where they took the ferry across the Columbia River to Inchelium. There a delicious lunch had been prepared by a group of women known for their dedication to community service as **Heaven's Hands**.



The tour then viewed the well organized Inchelium Transfer Station and then on north to the Nespelem Transfer Station. Our tour found the Tribal Recycling Warehouse to be very orderly with much progress being made on efforts to store materials until full bales can be compacted. The recycling manager, Joaquin Bustamante, is also working with Environmental Fibers of Portland, Oregon, to store bales until full loads can be hauled, thereby capitalizing on the best price possible for recyclables. It was discussed at a presentation the next day how EFI would like to help the tribes in TSWAN work together to manage their recyclables in order to send more full loads of ONE item instead of mixed loads which do not get the premium prices. The key to this is tribes having large enough storage capacity to hold bales for the full load prices, even if getting a full load means hauling to each other, or having items picked up at several different tribe's locations. Home baked refreshments were enjoyed on a tailgate at the facility. After a stop at the Chief Joseph Monument in Nespelem, the day ended in Omak.



The tour returned to Nespelem Longhouse the following morning for the June Meeting of TSWAN, hosted by the Confederated Tribes of Colville Indians. Programs on the Tribal Recycling Facility and a recycling program started in the Inchelium School District were presented. Tribal updates were provided by the member tribes present. Lunch was provided by the Colville Tribal Planning, Solid Waste Enforcement and Recycling Programs. Joaquin Bustamante, Phillip Barnaby and Eddy Hanway and the helping hands of Anna "Panda" Francis Jack, served a delicious lunch, including some traditional native faire like camas roots, and bitterroot with huckleberries.

Presentations in the afternoon included one by Jerry Hebert from Northwest Indigenous Energy Coop in Poulsbo, WA regarding their portable Cool Plasma Gasification technology which will convert waste products into viable energy, like electricity. Richard Roberts of Environmental Fibers International [EFI Recycling] out of Portland, OR gave a presentation on the various ways they have available to work with tribes on their recycling programs. He encouraged the members of TSWAN to work together to get the most return on their recyclables. For more information on their business, their webpage is: www.envirofiber.com.



Gifts generously donated by area businesses, as well as shirts, packs and windbreakers provided by the Colville Confederated Tribes, were given to all present.

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Snoqualmie Nation Hosts Meth ID Training

The Snoqualmie Tribe’s Environmental and Natural Resources Department continues to work with The Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network (TSWAN). Through TSWAN, we have participated in meetings and trainings intended to assist Tribes with Solid Waste issues unique to Indian country. One such training is the Meth Lab Awareness Training in March, 2010. This Training was hosted jointly by the Snoqualmie Tribe and TSWAN and was taught by the University of Washington and the Washington State Patrol. The Meth Lab training was offered to Snoqualmie Tribal Staff who work in the field and may come into contact with meth labs or meth waste. The training was also offered to Tribal staff throughout the region. Staff from tribes in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Alaska attended.

Submitted by Cindy Spiry



On the Calendar

In conjunction with UW and the WSP Drug Task Force, TSWAN has been presenting a certified training, **Identification of Mobile Meth Labs on Indian Lands**, for several years now. The July, 2010 class in Yakima is currently full, but there will be two more classes offered. One will be held in Spokane on October 5 & 6th. There are \$250 travel scholarships available to apply against your submitted travel receipts. The class itself is free and focuses on recognition of and retreat from meth labs, with resources on who to call for assistance. The final class in this series will be presented in 2011, with time and place yet to be announced.

September 28th, the Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde will host TSWAN members at a one day grant writing workshop at Spirit Mountain Lodge and Casino, Grand Ronde, Oregon. They will then host the TSWAN meeting September 29th and 30th.

The final 2010 TSWAN meeting will be held in November, with time and place to be announced.

For information on any of these events, please contact TSWAN’s Executive Director, Kami Snowden at 509-235-6007.

TSWAN Executive Board

Interested in learning more about TSWAN and what it can do for your tribe? Want to hear it from a tribal member who is directly involved in our organization? Please feel free to contact any of our Executive Board pictured at right.

We assist our Member Tribes, working to solve their solid waste management issues in Indian Country. Our nationally recognized Integrated Waste Management System Template is available to our membership to help your tribe implement a customized IWMP. Membership is FREE.

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"We, the members of the Tribal Solid Waste Advisory Network, have gathered together to combine our voices to pursue natural resource, cultural and environmental protection for our Communities through solid waste management."

Excerpt TSWAN by-laws

For information on how to become a member Tribe of TSWAN, contact Kami Snowden, TSWAN Executive Director, (509) 235-6007 or write to P. O. Box 505, Cheney, WA 99004. A membership packet will be sent to you. You can also find membership information on our website.

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TSWAN September, 2010 Meeting

Hosted by: The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde

When: September 29th and 30th, 2010

Where: Spirit Mountain Hotel and Casino
27100 SW Salmon River Hwy, Grand Ronde, Or 97347

Time: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

The meeting will be preceded by a Grant Writing Workshop, September 28th, at the Spirit Mountain Hotel and Casino listed above.

**TSWAN MEMBERS, please call Elaine Welk,
509-701-0772 for ROOM RESERVATIONS!**

Others may call 888-668-7366 for reservations in the TSWAN block.

September 2010

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