Welcome to the First Issue of our Newsletter!

- **Since 2002** ITEP has provided training for tribal staff interested in conducting civil environmental compliance inspections as part of our Environmental Compliance and Inspections (ECI) program. Beginning in 2006 we offered training and professional assistance in solid waste management for tribes as part of our Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP).

Over the years these programs have grown and improved because of the assistance and participation of outstanding tribal professionals such as yourself.

In an effort to improve our communication with tribal professionals throughout Indian Country we are initiating this quarterly electronic newsletter. The purpose of this newsletter is to provide you with information about upcoming training courses, share success stories from your peers working at other tribes, and pass along news of interest to tribal staff working in the fields of environmental compliance and solid waste management.

We hope that you find this, and future, issues of our newsletter helpful. We'd love to hear from you as well. Do you have a success story you would like to share? Are there particular training courses you would like to see in the future? How can we more effectively assist you?

*Feel free to contact any of us and we look forward to seeing you at future ECI and TSWEAP courses!*

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**Meet Our Staff:**

- **Todd Barnell, Program Coordinator, Senior**
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**Looking for Tribal Solid Waste Mentors**

Mentors make for great and necessary resources for anyone in need of assistance, guidance, and support. The TSWEAP Mentor Program consists of environmental professionals throughout Indian Country who possess expertise and knowledge in the areas of tribal solid waste programs.

These areas include solid waste management plan development, source reduction activities, transfer station management, landfill operations, illegal and open dump clean-up and closure, brownfields, and community outreach.

For more information or interest to be a TSWEAP mentor, contact Todd Barnell or Roberta Tohannie.
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**TSWEAP and ECI** courses are funded through grants from the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the United States Department of Agriculture. Each course features instructors from ITEP, tribal programs, and federal agencies. Course format is composed of lectures, discussion, small group activities, and when possible, field trips to sites of interest.

As part of these grant-funded training courses, ITEP will pre-pay all participants' lodging costs and reimburse participants for their per diem. All participants are responsible for paying all of their transportation costs to and from the courses. There are no fees or extra costs associated with any of the training courses.

Applications for each training course are sent out six to eight weeks prior to the course. Up to 20 participants are selected for each course.

If you are not currently on our contact list, or if you have any questions regarding training or direct technical assistance, please let us know!