Welcome to the Full Circle Newsletter!

ITEP Welcomes Our New Director

On April 1, 2011, ITEP welcomed our new Executive Director, Ann Marie Chischilly. We are all very excited to have such an experienced and dedicated person take the helm of our organization.

Ann Marie was born and raised in the town of Shonto on the Navajo Nation in northern Arizona. She attended the University of Arizona, where she received a duel degree in English and Political Science, then went on to St. Mary’s University School of Law, were she was awarded her Juris Doctor Degree. In 2000 she attended Vermont Law School and graduated with a Masters of Law Degree in Environmental Law.

Ann Marie has extensive experience working with tribal communities on a variety of issues. She has worked with the Pasqua Yaqui Tribe of Arizona on gaming issues and worked for the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona as an environmental

Meet Our Staff:

- Todd Barnell, Program Coordinator Senior, TSWEAP and TWRAP
  Tod joined ITEP in 2002. In 2006 he developed TSWEAP and TWRAP two years later. Prior to joining ITEP Mr. Barnell worked for The Nature Conservancy and has been a field researcher on ecology and climate projects.
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- Jennifer Williams, Program Coordinator Senior, TWRAP Alaska
  Jen joined ITEP in 2001 and has worked on a variety of issues affecting Alaskan Natives, including air quality, solid waste, environmental education, and hazardous substances. She oversees TWRAP’s Alaskan projects.
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- John Mead, Program Coordinator Senior, TWRAP
  John has been with ITEP since 2002 and he has worked in the fields of wastewater, compliance, and waste management. He currently assists with coordinating the Tribal Lands and Environment Forum as well as trainings.
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specialist. From 2000 until recently she worked for the Gila River Indian Community as a Senior Assistant General Counsel, providing legal representation for the community on water rights claims and other environmental concerns.

Ann Marie and her family are very excited to be back in northern Arizona, and here at ITEP we are all thrilled to have such a dynamic new leader to assist us in our work helping tribal communities throughout the country in their efforts to protect their lands and people.

- Upcoming Training Courses by ITEP

The response for our 2011 training courses has been overwhelming. Our first course of the year, the popular Source Reduction Strategies for Tribes, took place in January, in San Diego, California. We received 67 applications for 20 spots within just a few weeks of the application going out. We recently made some changes to this course, incorporating a field trip to a nearby tribal facility that has initiated some exciting source reduction strategies into their day-to-day operations. We will be continuing this training course, so if you were unable to attend this course keep your eyes open for future offerings on our website.

We also offered a new course that you have been requesting for some time now. The first Tribal Transfer Stations course took place at the Pueblo of Isleta, just south of Albuquerque, New Mexico in March. We want to thank the Pueblo for their generous hospitality and offering us a tour of their transfer station as part of this course. For this course we received 73 applications within a few weeks of the application being disseminated. We are currently looking into securing additional funding so that we may be able to offer the course a second time later this year, due to the high demand.

Over the next few months we will be offering our Addressing and Managing Illegal Dumps course in Portland, Oregon and our Tribal Environmental Code Development course in Denver, Colorado. Both of these courses were filled within just a few days of the applications being made available.

For those in Alaskan Native villages we will be offering the Tribal Solid Waste Management for Rural Alaska course in Anchorage, Alaska, May 24-26. This course will focus on identifying and dealing with hazardous substances in Alaskan Native villages. For more information on this course please contact Jennifer Williams at Jennifer.Williams@nau.edu.

We have also received numerous requests from tribes to offer HAZWOPER training, so that tribal professionals can receive their HAZWOPER certifications. Currently we are looking into offering just such a course later this year. We have also been hearing from many of you that you would like to see an additional Source Reduction Strategies course offered that includes a field trip to a tribal facility. We are currently looking into developing this course so stay tuned!

We are very grateful for all the tribal instructors who have worked so hard to assist us in providing these course – and for all of you who have attended them. We realize that many of you have been unable to attend particular courses of interest since they have filled up so quickly. Therefore, if you haven't already, please consider attending our Tribal Lands and Environment Forum, August 23-25, in Green Bay, Wisconsin. This Forum will have numerous breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips on a variety of waste and response related issues. Please visit our website at www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/twrap_tlf11.asp for more information.

Additional courses are under development for 2011, so please check our website at www4.nau.edu/itep/waste/ periodically for updated information.

Please Click HERE for more resources about the 2010 Forum.

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Learn more...

- **Tribal Waste and Response Assistance Program (TWRAP)**
  TWRAP is a program focused on assisting tribes with all waste management, brownfields, USTs, contaminated sites, and response programs. This program is funded by the USEPA's Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response.

- **Tribal Solid Waste Education and Assistance Program (TSWEAP)**
  TSWEAP's focus is providing training and assistance to tribes working on solid and hazardous waste management. It is funded through a grant with the Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

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