

## Upcoming Events:

**Tribal Plan and Project Review (TPPR) meetings**  
every 3rd Tuesdays of each month

**Conduct a roadside cleanup for the upcoming Tribal Fair & Rodeo.**  
Call EPO for more info.

**Trash bags available for Community Cleanups at our office**  
Mondays-Fridays 8am to 5pm



EPO staff at their biweekly radio show at KNNB. **"Environmental Hour"** is every other Mondays at 9:00am to 10:00 am.

Many homes on the Reservation are placing their household trash in a shelter-like structure in their yards. Many of these trash attract flies, mosquitoes, snakes, dogs, and other insects that may bring unwanted sickness to your family members. Storing trash in your yard also creates a nuisance to your neighborhood.

The Tribal Solid Waste Ordinance states that no person shall dump or dispose of any household solid waste on any lands or at any place within the Reservation other than at the Tribal Landfill. No person shall burn household trash or any waste.

If you store trash in your yard, be aware that you are in violation of the Tribal SW Ordinance. You are required to properly dispose of your household garbage. The Tribal Public Works Department provides residential weekly services. You can also start recycling in your homes to help keep your waste down not only in your trash bins but also at the Tribal Landfill.

Call PW or EPO for more information.

**Public Works Department**  
(928) 338-1504

**Tribal Landfill hours**—Mondays through Thursdays from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm. CLOSED on Fridays. Be sure to tie down your load.

**Stago Pit** accepts all green waste and construction waste. Do not take your trash to the site.

Residential weekly services available. Call PW for more information.

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# The Green Times....

QUARTERLY WMAT ENVIRONMENTAL NEWSLETTER



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### EPO Programs

- ⇒ Environmental Policy Program
- ⇒ Air Quality Program
- ⇒ Solid Waste Regulatory Program
- ⇒ Underground Storage Tanks Regulatory Program
- ⇒ Brownfields—Tribal Response Program
- ⇒ CARP Program



## Updates from EPO....

### \*\*\*Tribal Earth Day Week\*\*\*

Tribal Earth Week was held on April 17-21, 2017 in conjunction with the annual National Earth Day (April 22). The EPO staff coordinated several school presentations at East Fork Lutheran Mission Kindergarten class, Head Start classroom #104, and Seven Mile Elementary third grade classroom. The Environmental Assistant talked to the children about recycling and littering and provided a hands-on art activity—"Every Day is Earth Day" sign craft kit.



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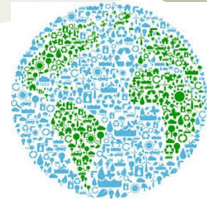
### \*\*\*USEPA RTOC Region 9\*\*\*

Brenda P. Begay, Environmental Manager, has been elected by Tribal leaders of the Central Arizona Tribes (WMAT, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Chemehuevi, Fort McDowell, Salt River Pima Maricopa Community, Tonto Apache, and Yavapai-Prescott ) to represent on the USEPA Region 9 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC). Mrs. Begay will represent on the Central AZ RTOC committee for the October 2017 to September 2019 term.

The RTOC is a working committee of EPA and Tribal Environmental Personnel to provide support for Tribal Environmental Programs in Region 9 (AZ, NV, CA), assist communication and information exchange between Tribes and EPA, among others. Good luck to Brenda on this great opportunity!



# Environmental Outreach and Activities



## Tribal Earth Week 2017 activities:



EPO staff with Head Start Classroom #104 making earth day signs.

I pledge to use my reusable bags at the store.  
I pledge to teach my lil guy to use the potty to reduce the use of pampers - & fatten my pocket.  
Bpusher

I pledge to grow my community...  
(Lillian Pailzote)



Tyrrell Valesquez

1st Place Winner for Adult Category and OVERALL WINNER for 2017 Recycled Art Contest.

I pledge to cut down on my use of Aluminum cans and plastic bottles by not drinking soda  
Clayton Harvey

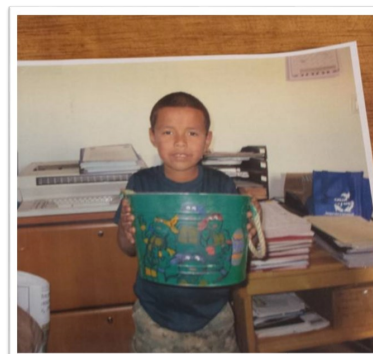
EPO set up a "Earth Day Pledge" board at the office building during Tribal Earth Week. All building staff & their family members were eligible to participate. Winners received a \$20 WME Theatre gift card.

Winners for this year's Earth Day Pledge are Lisa Perry (THPO) and Lillian Pailzote.



Turner Brooks

3rd Place Winner for Adult Category



Sheridan Goklish

1st Place Winner for Elementary Category



Gwen Numkena

2nd Place Winner for Adult Category

# Air Quality News—Wildland fire smoke



## Smoke impact from summer wildfires

Arizona is one of the hottest and driest places in the US and these conditions make Arizona prone to wildfires. Smoke from wildfires is made of mixture of gases and fine particles burning from trees and other plant materials. Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system, and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases.

**Use common sense.** If it looks smoky outside, it is probably not a good time for outdoor activities. Do not let your kids play outdoors during these times. Stay indoors and keep your windows and doors closed.

**Do not add to indoor air pollution.** Do not smoke in your house.



## UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS PROGRAM



The Tribal UST Program monitors the Reservation-wide UST facilities; provide technical support to facilities in order to stay in compliance with the Federal Underground Storage Tank regulatory requirements.

The Fort Apache Indian Reservation has 10 operating UST facilities that include tribal and small businesses:

- Tribal owned businesses—7 sites
- Private businesses — 3 sites

### What is a Underground Storage Tank (UST)?

An underground storage tank (UST) is a tank and any connected piping underground like a fuel tank at a gas station. Federal regulations require owners and operators of USTs to have proper corrosion protection, spill and overfill protection, a leak detection system, and financial assurance for liability.

If the USTs are not in compliance or upgraded, the tanks may leak into the ground water, surface water, or surrounding soil causing harm to the public health and safety of the people and the environment.

### Program goals:

- Identify tank owners and provide technical assistance and training for owners and operators.
- Assist and support USEPA on compliance inspections and other UST activities.



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