

Carl Artman Confirmed as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

On March 5th, 2007, the United States Senate confirmed President Bush's nomination of Carl Joseph Artman to be the next Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs, replacing former Assistant Secretary Dave Anderson who resigned two years ago. Assistant Secretary Artman is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin and previously served as Associate Solicitor for Indian Affairs at the Department of the Interior.

Mr. Artman participated in the recent NCAI Executive Council Winter Session and spoke to Tribal leaders about his plans. His priorities include improving government-to-government consultation and listening more closely to Tribal leaders. He listed public safety and education as other top priorities for his office and the Secretary of Interior. He pledged to work closely with Tribal leaders and tribal organizations. At the NCAI Executive Council Winter Session, Tribal leaders urged Mr. Artman to be independent and serve as an advocate for tribal governments within the Administration.

Mr. Artman also previously served as Chief Counsel of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin. Artman has extensive experience in Indian affairs, including land-to-trust, land claims, taxation, gaming and education. He also worked as a legislative assistant for Rep. Michael Oxley from 1991 to 1994 and served as director of federal affairs for the Oneida Nation of Wisconsin from 1994 to 1995. His business experience includes serving as general counsel and vice-president of Business development at CorAccess Systems, LLC, in Denver. He also served as chief legal counsel for Qubit Technology. Artman earned a LLM in Natural Resources and Environmental Law from the University of Denver School of Law, a master's degree in business administration from the University of Wisconsin in 1999, a J.D. degree from Washington University Law School in 1991, and a bachelor's degree from Columbia College in 1987.

FCC Comment Period Extended to April 23, 2007 for Migratory Bird Matter

The FCC has extended the deadline to file comments and reply comments in response to the Notice of Proposed Rule Making that was released to the public on November 7, 2006. The deadline is now extended by 90 days to April 23, 2007, and May 23, 2007, respectively. The full title of the November 7th NPRM is: "In the Matter of Effects of Communications Towers on Migratory Birds," with FCC Docket Number FCC 06-164. The Migratory Bird NPRM seeks comment on possible rules to address the effects of communications towers on migratory birds. The Commission has stated that it is committed to consulting with federally recognized Indian Tribes to the extent practical prior to implementing any regulatory action or policy that may affect Tribal governments, their land, and resources. Accordingly, the Commission seeks comments from Tribes and other parties on the questions that are raised in the Migratory Bird NPRM.

For further information concerning the Migratory Bird NPRM, please contact Louis Peraertz, Special Counsel, via e-mail at Louis.Peraertz@fcc.gov or via telephone at the Commission's Washington, D.C. Headquarters at 202-418-1879.

EPA Offers Financial Help for Community Projects to Reduce Risk of Toxic Exposure

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

(Kansas City, Kan., Feb. 6, 2007) - The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency today announced that money is available to support community-based partnerships to reduce toxic risks in local communities.

EPA will award about \$2.7 million in cooperative agreements at two levels through the Community Action for a Renewed Environment (CARE) program. Level 1 cooperative agreements will help establish community-based partnerships and set priorities for reducing toxic risks in a community. EPA anticipates awarding eight to 10 cooperative agreements under Level 1, ranging from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Level 2 cooperative agreements are for communities that already have undertaken a comprehensive process to assess multimedia toxic risks, formed a broad-based collaborative partnership, have identified risk reduction priorities and are ready to implement risk reduction strategies. EPA expects to award six to eight cooperative agreements, ranging from \$150,000 to \$300,000.

A range of community groups may apply, including county and local governments, tribes, non-profit organizations and universities. EPA will conduct three conference calls, Feb. 20 and 26 and March 1, for prospective applicants to ask questions about the application process.

The CARE program, which began in 2005, helps build broad-based local partnerships for reducing risks from toxic pollutants that

helps build broad-based local partnerships for reducing risks from toxic pollutants that come from numerous sources. Additional information about CARE, projects awarded in 2005 and 2006, and how to apply are on EPA's Web site at <http://www.epa.gov/care>. The CARE Request for Proposal can also be found at: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?oppId=12472&mode=VIEW>. The EPA Region 7 contact is Kathleen L. Fenton in Kansas City, KS. She may be reached at (913-551-7874, e-mail fenton.kathleen@epa.gov or toll-free at 1-800-223-0425.

Announcement for two public hearings regarding the proposed Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) under the Clean Air Act

The United States Environmental Protection Agency submitted an announcement for two public hearings regarding the proposed Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) under the Clean Air Act for certain Trust lands of the Forest County Potawatomi Community Reservation. In addition to the two public hearings announced, the Federal Register listing also states that the public comment period on the proposed FIP is extended to April 27, 2007 - 30 days from the second public hearing.

The purpose of the FIP is to allow Forest County Potawatomi to redesignate certain Trust lands as a Class I area under the PSD program.

Complete information on these hearing and comment period can be obtained at <http://epa.gov/EPA-AIR/2007/February/Day-23/>

Notice for Comments on OECA Tribal Priorities

Stakeholder Comment on Proposed on National Enforcement and Compliance Assurance; Priorities for FY 2008-2010

The EPA is soliciting comments and recommendations on triennial national enforcement and compliance assurance priorities for 2008-2010. The agency must receive comments and recommendations in writing on or by March 12th, 2007. Comments and recommendations can be submitted by referencing docket ID number EPA-HQ-OECA-2007-0066, electronically at <http://www.regulations.gov> or by email at docket.oeca@epa.gov. A copy of the complete federal register notice can be obtained at <http://www.regulations.gov> and refer to the docket ID number above.

Improve and Protect Air Quality in Indian Country A Tribal Training Workshop Seattle, Washington - March 20-22 and February 15, 2007

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in coordination with the National Tribal Environmental Council, the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, and the National Tribal Air Association, will hold a training workshops for tribal environmental professionals to learn about state air quality plans.

The workshop will focus on how to identify off-reservation sources by working with GIS, review how Federal and State programs work, and learn how the state SIP process works. These are all important tools to effectively build relationships with state agencies to protect air quality in Indian country.

Applications for the workshop are currently being accepted. Please use the link: <http://projects.pechan.com/epa/tribalWorkshops/index.cfm> or contact: Julie McClintock at 919-541-5339, mcclintock.julie@epa.gov; Barbara Bauer at 919-493-3144 ext. 188 barbara.bauer@pechan.com

Climate Change and Regulation & Policy Conference

There is an important two-day conference on Climate Change Regulation & Policy, April 19 & 20, in Washington, DC, features an opening address from Senator Chuck Hagel on the road ahead for climate change policy for the U.S. and the world. Senator Hagel is joined by top practitioners and policy experts in the field to provide the information and analysis needed both to manage the risks associated with climate change and take advantage of the related business opportunities. Topics to be addressed include:

- ◆ A new international negotiation: Alternative approaches to Kyoto and AP-6
- ◆ How can we link our domestic approach with a global effort to solve a global problem, involving China & India
- ◆ Prospects for regulatory and tax legislation, oversight hearings for the new Congress, the greenhouse gas emissions control legislation debate
- ◆ The Bush administration's climate change strategy
- ◆ State and regional regulations and programs
- ◆ Litigation watch: Who is suing and being sued? What are the theories and defenses? Is there any clear guidance coming out of the cases?
- ◆ Greenhouse gas transactions: What are the financial opportunities? Who will come out ahead?
- ◆ Panel discussion on developing your strategy for the future
- ◆ Technological solutions-private sector, federal research and development efforts

What: Climate Change Regulation & Policy
When: April 19 & 20, 2007

Where: Washington Convention Center, Washington, DC

Details: Climate Change Regulation and Policy Conference or call 1-800-854-8009



The EPA Tribal Solid Waste Team is hiring a 4th solid waste team member through the FCIP

The Federal Career Intern Program (FCIP) offers valuable work experience and applicants are eligible for permanent employment after successfully completing the 2 year FCIP program. During the 2 year program, candidates receive a salary and health and leave benefits. Positions such as Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Scientist and Environmental Engineer are available under the Federal Career Intern Program. Positions may be filled at the different grade levels and salary levels (GS-7 or GS-9) depending on qualifications. Environmental Protection Specialists can only be hired as GS-9's. The salary information is found in the attached flyer.

The upcoming Federal Career Intern Program recruitment dates are as follows: **March 14, 2007**: California State University, Sacramento. On this date - and this date only - applications can be emailed to Yvette Sandoval at sandoval.yvette@epa.gov or faxed to 415 947-8024.

Applications must mention the event scheduled for that day - e.g. UC Berkeley. Late applications and applications received on dates other than the date above will not be accepted. Applicants should submit:

1. A cover letter including the date and name of the career fair on the day the application is submitted (e.g. SHPE, UC Berkeley etc)
2. Your resume
3. A copy of your unofficial transcript

If you are claiming veteran preference, you must also submit: a.) Military Record (DD-214) b.) Application for 10-pt Veterans Preference (SF-15 if applicable) c.) Supporting documentation for the SF-15 (if applicable)

If you have any questions about the application process, please contact Yvette Sandoval (sandoval.yvette@epa.gov). If you have any questions about the position, please contact Eileen Sheehan, 415-972-3287 sheehan.eileen@epa.gov or Elizabeth Forsyth at 415-972-3380 forsyth.elizabeth@epa.gov.

Total Coliform Rule Review

By Ron Thomson, NTEC Director of Water Programs

Recently, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) began the process required by the Safe Drinking Water Act to evaluate available data and research on aspects of distribution systems that may create risks to public health as they relate to the Total Coliform Rule.

The TCR applies to all public water systems and it is used to indicate treatment efficacy and distribution integrity. It is the rule or regulation that provides a meaningful opportunity for health risk reduction. For contaminants can increase in a drinking water distribution system and monitoring must be conducted on a regular basis to determine contaminant level in water delivered to consumers.

A three day workshop meeting was held in Washington, DC January 30, 2007, for this purpose to discuss available information to discuss available information regarding risks in distribution systems in support of revisions to the TCR.

Depending on the outcome of the workshop, USEPA will consider convening a Federal Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations on how best to utilize available information for potential revisions to the TCR and to address public health risk from contamination of distribution systems.

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Comments on the rule as they affect your tribe on issues related to distribution systems and the TCR and the potential impact that could result from an agency action on those issues can be forwarded to NTEC for our group distribution sending of information to USEPA by sending an e-mail to: NTEC Water Programs Director Ron Thomson at rthomson916@earthlink.net or directly to USEPA directly to Ken Rotert, Team Leader for the TCR review, e-mail address: rotert.kenneth@epa.gov.



Mark Your Calendars For These Important Events!

2007

April 17-19, NTAA/Itep Conference, San Diego, California

National Tribal Air Association & Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals Conference. For more information, contact NTAA Stephen Hartsfield at shartsfield@ntec.org

June 10 - 13, NCAI Mid-Year Conference, Anchorage, Alaska

National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Mid-Year Conference
For more information call 202-466-7767

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for the

**14th National
Tribal Environmental
Conference**

April 30 - May 3, 2007

at the

**Indian Pueblo
Cultural Center**

in
Albuquerque, NM

Registration
is now available
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