



Navajo Nation Environmental Workforce Development Program (2013 - 2016)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona has received a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) to train Navajo Nation tribal members for environmental cleanup jobs and provide job placement assistance. Specifically, the job training program is targeting unemployed or underemployed Navajo tribal residents, particularly those living in communities impacted by uranium mining and cleanup activities. ITEP will work with the Navajo Nation EPA and Navajo Nation Department of Workforce Development to recruit 20 tribal members for each training cycle during years one and two, leading to the education and certification of up to 40 graduates over the first two years of the program. During the last year of the program, ITEP will track each participant's job search efforts and provide additional assistance, if needed.

Training Schedule

Year One

- Recruit, interview and select 20 participants (Fall 2013/March 2014)
- Provide 5 training courses for participants (April-May 2014)
- Conduct job support activities and placement (Summer/Fall 2014)
- Training Location: Window Rock, AZ

Year Two

- Recruit, interview and select 20 participants (Fall 2014/January 2015)
- Provide 5 training courses for participants (April-May 2015)
- Conduct job support activities and placement (Summer/Fall 2015)
- Training Location: Window Rock, AZ

Training Courses:

- Orientation to Environmental Cleanup
- 40-Hr HAZWOPER (Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response)
- Hazardous Materials and Safe Handling
- Radiological Technician
- OSHA 30-Hr Construction Safety
- Job readiness and placement (Non US EPA Funded)

Eligibility Requirements:

- Must have a Navajo Census Number or CIB
- Be 18 years of age or older
- Reside on Navajo tribal land
- Be unemployed or underemployed (work less than 20 hours per week)
- Have a HS diploma or GED by Dec. 31, 2013

Program Benefits:

- FREE (no cost) to participants
- Job preparation for environmental remediation and solid waste technicians, contaminated site workers, hazmat workers, and many others
- Participant mileage reimbursement at Arizona state rate of \$0.445 per mile
- Life skills and career pathways development

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Navajo Nation Department of
Workforce Development

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Available at:

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Pick up at:

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NAU Campus
Peterson Hall
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Flagstaff, AZ

Navajo Nation
EPA Office
Window Rock, AZ

Navajo Nation
Dep't of
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Window Rock, AZ

Deadline to submit application:

January 31, 2014