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is still not safe from the fracking industry.

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US government fails to inspect high-risk fracking wells, investigators charge

Published: Sun, May 11, 2014 Associated Press

Interior Department relies on outdated science, incomplete data, report says

The government has failed to inspect thousands of oil and gas wells it considers potentially high risks for water contamination and other environmental damage, congressional investigators say.

The report, obtained by The Associated Press before its public release, highlights substantial gaps in oversight by the agency that manages oil and gas development on federal and Indian lands.

Investigators said weak control by the Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management resulted from policies based on outdated science and from incomplete monitoring data.

The findings from the Government Accountability Office come amid an energy boom in the country and the increasing use of hydraulic fracturing, or fracking. That process involves pumping huge volumes of water, sand and chemicals underground to split open rocks to allow oil and gas to flow. It has produced major economic benefits, but also raised fears that the chemicals could spread to water supplies.

The audit also said the BLM did not coordinate effectively with state regulators in New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Utah.

The bureau has become a symbol of federal overreach to industry groups opposed to government regulations related to oil and gas drilling. Environmental groups say the Obama administration needs to do more to guard against environmental damage.

In the coming months, the administration is expected to issue rules on fracking and methane gas emissions.

The report said the agency "cannot accurately and efficiently identify whether federal and Indian resources are properly protected or that federal and Indian resources are at risk of being extracted without agency approval."

In response to the report, Tommy Beaudreau, a principal deputy assistant interior secretary, wrote that he generally agreed with the recommendations for improved state coordination and updated regulations.

The report makes clear in many instances that the BLM's failure to inspect high-priority oil and gas wells is due to limited money and staff. BLM officials said they were in the process of updating several of its policies later this year.

Investigators reviewed 14 states in full or part: Arkansas, California, Colorado, Louisiana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West

Virginia and Wyoming. In Ohio, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, fracking has become increasingly prevalent.

The report said the BLM had failed to conduct inspections on more than 2,100 of the 3,702 wells

that it had specified as "high priority" and drilled from 2009 through 2012. The agency considers a well "high priority" based on a greater need to protect against possible water contamination and other environmental safety issues.

The agency had yet to indicate whether another 1,784 wells were high priority or not.

The BLM has developed agreements with some states, which also have jurisdiction over well inspections on federal lands. According to the GAO, it had reached agreements with regulators in California, Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming.

The report said BLM has not reviewed or updated many of its oil and gas rules to reflect technological advances, as required by a 2011 executive order. They include guidance on spacing of wells, which the report said could help maximize oil and gas production.

See more at: <http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/may/11/us-government-fails->

[inspect-high-risk-fracking-wel/#sthash.Xn1i47lq.dpuf](http://www.vindy.com/news/2014/may/11/us-government-fails-inspect-high-risk-fracking-wel/#sthash.Xn1i47lq.dpuf)

Indian Country is the Site of New Developments in Community Wealth Building

Monday, 14 July 2014 09:23 By [Sarah McKinley](#) and [Marjorie Kelly](#), [Community Wealth](#) | Report

Indian Country is the site of some exciting new work taking shape in social enterprise and employee ownership. Pine Ridge reservation in South Dakota, one of the poorest areas of the

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country, is the planned site of a “Regenerative Community” being built by [Thunder Valley Development Corp.](#) The new community – recipient of federal funding and praised in a public speech by President Obama – is designed to be a net zero community, producing all the energy it uses. And as construction proceeds there, Thunder Valley plans to create its own social enterprise to manage the process and create jobs for Native Americans. Meanwhile, elsewhere on Pine Ridge, [Native American Natural Foods](#) is a Native-owned all-natural buffalo meat snacks company that is expanding sales rapidly across the nation, and that plans to begin transitioning to employee ownership.

Those are just two among five Native American projects being developed as part of an initiative managed by [The Democracy Collaborative](#) and funded by the [Northwest Area Foundation](#), known as [the Learning/Action Lab for Community Wealth Building](#). June marked the

conclusion of the first year of this three-year program to launch employee-owned businesses and social enterprises that ground wealth in Native American communities and provide employment opportunities for Native people. The first year was an intensive training, advisory, education, and business development program, designed to help participants develop effective community wealth building strategies in their communities that foster ownership of enterprise, develop local assets, and create and anchor jobs locally. This new paradigm of economic development – known as community wealth building – is about developing local assets and creating systems of support for enterprises that are locally owned, and, ideally, broadly owned, rather than relying on recruiting industry from outside a community.



Throughout the course of the first year of the Learning/Action Lab, the participating organizations traveled to four meetings in a variety of cities, to see various projects in community wealth building. They saw, for example, urban farming projects, an employee-owned cleaning company in the Bay Area, an employee-owned solar company in Denver, and a Native-owned grocery in Winnipeg. The group also visited Cleveland and toured the network of three employee cooperatives there, [the Evergreen Cooperatives](#), which The Democracy Collaborative helped to develop.

In addition to seeing community wealth building strategies in action, the participants met local experts, and engaged in one-on-one tailored coaching sessions with Democracy Collaborative project leaders. In addition to senior Democracy Collaborative staff, the leadership team also includes Jill Bamburg, co-founder of the [Bainbridge Graduate Institute](#) and now president of [Pinchot](#), a university for the common good, and an expert in sustainable business practices. The aim of this first year was to allow participants to come away with a better understanding of key business development skills, the different methods needed to construct ecosystems of

support for enterprise development, and how community wealth building can be a more effective alternative economic development paradigm for their communities.

Most recently in Winnipeg – a city where indigenous peoples are the largest minority population – participants had the opportunity to engage with groups building wealth in indigenous communities and learn how others are helping populations with little employment history work toward becoming engaged owners. Participants visited [Neechi Commons and Food Cooperative](#), the only employee-owned Aboriginal cooperative in Winnipeg; [Arctic Cooperatives](#), a network of 31 Aboriginal cooperatives in the far north of Canada; [Diversity Food Services](#), a social

enterprise that provides food services to the University of Winnipeg community; and [Urban Circle Training Centre Inc.](#), a training center led by Aboriginal women elders that specializes in spiritual healing as a means of workforce preparedness.

In addition to Thunder Valley CDC and Native American Natural Foods, other participants in the Learning/Action Lab include the following:

- [Little Earth of United Tribes](#) in Minneapolis, MN, a Native-preference low-income housing community, that is developing plans for three enterprises that will foster economic growth, provide employment in their community, and create income streams for the nonprofit parent organization.
- [Spokane Tribal Enterprises](#) in Wellpinit, WA, which has plans to transition a tribally owned Trading Post to cooperative ownership, as a way to revitalize the business and provide healthy, affordable food as well as a community gathering place on the reservation.

- [Native American Youth and Family Center \(NAYA\)](#) in Portland, OR, which is devising a plan to create a holding company that will oversee their existing for-profit social ventures, helping them move toward creating an integrated network of employee-owned green businesses in their community.

Over the coming two years of this project, these organizations will work toward implementing these visions in their communities – aiming to create inspiring new models and economic paths forward in Indian Country. Justin Huenemann, a program officer at the Northwest Area Foundation, a member of the Navajo Nation and an American Indian community development



activist, who is the convener of this learning cohort, recognizes the game-changing potential of this project both for Native communities and for the foundation. He recently emphasized the importance of this work, stating:

“As Indian Country propels into the new century, creating and advancing sustainable, local economies that strengthen self-determination and promote tribal sovereignty is critical. Community wealth building principles hold important lessons and methods that weave nicely with indigenous thoughts, values, and practices. We are excited about the opportunity to support the learning, exploration, and implementation of Native-driven community wealth building strategies, including social enterprise and worker-owner business development on and off reservations.”

The Learning/Action Lab has been an inspiring and deep learning experience for all involved, including the project staff at The Democracy Collaborative. Through close engagement with Native American leaders, The Democracy Collaborative has been challenged and encouraged to create a true co-learning environment; rather than simply delivering content in a traditional training format, the Learning/Action Lab team has worked with participant organizations to help them adopt the community wealth building paradigm to Indian Country in ways that are truly collaborative, interactive, and emergent. Perhaps most importantly, in learning about Native American culture and values, The Democracy Collaborative has come to a heightened awareness of the profound intersection between Indian values and the principles and vision of the community wealth building approach. As one participant put it, “What we perceive as a paradigm of building a new economy is really about returning to what our ancestors knew.”

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Climate Change Guide

Please keep in mind that air pollution caused 7 million deaths in 2012 according to the World Health Organization.

Article: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/china/10720549/Air-pollution-killed-seven-million-people-in-2012-WHO.html>

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International Journal of Indigenous Health

<http://journals.uvic.ca/index.php/ijih/index>

The Journal

The *International Journal of Indigenous Health* (IJIH) was established to advance knowledge and understanding to improve Indigenous health.

This peer-reviewed, online, open-access *Journal* is published bi-annually by the Aboriginal Health Research Networks Secretariat (AHRNetS) at the University of Victoria.

History

The IJH was the National Aboriginal Health Organization's (NAHO) [Journal of Aboriginal Health](#) from 2004-2012. In 2012, NAHO transferred the Journal to AHRNetS, and it was renamed to reflect its growing international readership.

Secure people are rarely hostile. ~ Lenny Bruce

Why? Because hostility arises from the prospects of danger, threat, or vulnerability triggering our primitive brain, which only knows two ways to react: fight or flight. Secure people don't believe they are in danger from others and if so, they assertively, not aggressively or passively, remove themselves, rather than following their primitive instincts. We all have this primitive nature, thus we are all prone to its inclinations. But when we follow our higher mind and listen to our inner guidance, our divine nature will lead the way, insecurity will perish, and peace will follow.

Dr. Charles, [Coach MD](#)

<http://bit.ly/1cLLiSI>

TREASURY AND THE IRS RELEASE FINAL TRIBAL GENERAL WELFARE GUIDANCE:

Final Guidance released titled, Application of the General Welfare Exclusion to Indian Tribal Government Programs That Provide Benefits to Tribal Members. For more, read this article.

MORE HUD TRAINING

July 28 Housing Preservation Grants (USDA-RD)

USDA grants to preserve and repair housing for very-low- and low-income families living in rural areas. These grants to qualified organizations help rural homeowners and rental housing owners make repairs and improvements and assist families with limited incomes preserve their housing and improve their living conditions, such as repairs to resolve health or safety issues or for energy-efficiency improvements to reduce utility costs. More info at: Housing Preservation Grant. Eligible applicants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian Tribes, and non-profit and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. More info on how to apply is on page 33495 of the Federal Register.

July 31 Native Arts Capacity-Building Initiative

First Nations' new Native Arts Capacity-Building Initiative will award up to six grants of up to \$30,000 each that will be used to strengthen the organizational, managerial and programmatic capacity of Native American organizations and tribal government programs that have existing efforts in place to serve the field of Native American arts and artists in tribal communities in four states – Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.firstnations.org/grantmaking/2014nacbi

Aug. 7-8 NATIVE VETERANS TRAINING SUMMIT Spirit Lake, ND

This FREE 3 day Summit focuses on Native American issues including: Housing for Veterans, Tribal Health Programs, Suicide Prevention, Veteran Benefits, Employment & Training, and much more. For more info., contact Peter Vicaire at Peter.Vicaire@va.gov or (651) 405-5676.

Aug. 15 Land & Water Conservation Fund Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership Program (DOI)

This U.S. Dept. of the Interior program supports projects that acquire and/or develop public land for outdoor recreation purposes located within or serving jurisdictions having populations of 50,000 or more people and consisting of densely settled territory. \$250,000 to \$500,000 available for 6 – 12 awards. Link to RFP:

<http://apply07.grants.gov/apply/opportunities/instructions/oppP14AS00134-instructions.docx>.

ELIGIBILITY:

U.S. state and local government agencies and Indian tribes.

Aug. 18 Resident Opportunity & Self- Sufficiency (ROSS) Service Coordinators [Housing & Urban Development].

Public housing agencies, tribes/tribally designated housing entities, resident associations, and nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for ROSS grants for the provision of a Service Coordinator to coordinate supportive services and other activities designed to help public and Indian housing residents attain economic & housing self-sufficiency. More info. at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=257998>.

Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)

Open Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands and colonias are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to \$150,000 for repairs to breaks or leaks in existing water distribution lines, & related maintenance. • Up to \$500,000 for construction of a new water source, intake &/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more details, visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/UWP-ecwag.htm>

Aug. 25 Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Energy and Mineral Development Grants

The Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal energy resource development organizations for projects that assess, evaluate, or otherwise promote the processing, use, or development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands. Grant awards are subject to the availability of funds as appropriated by Congress and allotted to IEED. Proposals must be used by an Indian tribe for the development of a tribal energy and mineral resource inventory, a tribal energy and mineral resource on Indian land, or for the development of a report necessary to the development of energy and mineral resources on Indian lands. For more info., see the funding opportunity description.

Give Yourself a Pat on the Back!

SWONAP is seeking your stories & accomplishments (by Aug. 1, 2014)

Tribal Housing and Community Development takes 'Synergy' - *The interaction of two or more agents or forces so that their combined effect is greater than the sum of their individual effects.*

Performance and production relies on Individuals and Organizations who dream, design, plan, evaluate and implement successful programs and projects. Happily, we see this happening in tribal communities all across the southwest!

SWONAP is looking for stories that illustrate and highlight your community's efforts and accomplishments. ***Please send details and photos*** to

deborah.s.broermann@hud.gov by August 1, 2014.

ASU, SAN CARLOS APACHE TRIBE ENTER HISTORIC AGREEMENT TO

ESTABLISH NEW TRIBAL COLLEGE: Arizona State University has entered into an historic agreement with the San Carlos Apache Tribe in southeastern AZ that will bring a college to the tribal nation, as well as programs that benefit youth and emphasize healthy lifestyles. "ASU has one of the largest populations of Native American students of any college or university in the country, and we are enriched by the presence of our Native students, faculty and staff," said ASU President Michael M. Crow. "The Apache tribal college will prepare students for the rigors of university studies and encourage more of them to pursue a four-year degree at ASU and other institutions. We look forward to working with the San Carlos Apache Tribe to help more Native students realize their dream of obtaining a college education." Continue Reading....

Federal Water Tap, July 14: White House Threatens Veto of House Water and Energy Bill

The House Appropriations Committee passed a [\\$US 34 billion bill](#) on Thursday to fund the Department of Energy, the Department of the Interior, which handles western U.S. water matters, and the Army Corps of Engineers, which is in charge of many levees, dams, and wetlands.

The White House [threatened to veto the bill](#), making several water-related objections.

The Obama administration opposes the elimination of funds for restoring habitat along California's San Joaquin River. It also opposes a rider that would prevent the Army Corps and the Environmental Protection Agency from defining what water bodies are subject to Clean Water Act regulations, the environmental [spat du jour](#) inside the Beltway.

The bill increases funding for the Bureau of Reclamation's water programs by \$US 95 million compared to the president's budget request. That still represents a \$US 97 million decrease from current levels. Funding for watershed restoration in California's Central Valley is increased by \$US 3.7 million.

Uranium

Concerns about groundwater contamination and use are two issues at play over [a proposed underground uranium mine](#) in South Dakota. The licensing board for the nation's nuclear power regulator will hold a hearing to gather public comments about the project on August 18 in Hot Springs, South Dakota.

Members of the Oglala Sioux tribe questioned the analysis in the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's environmental review of the [Dewey-Burdock facility](#). The NRC signaled its approval of the project in January.

The facility would use [in-situ recovery](#) to mine uranium. In-situ recovery means pumping a water-solute mixture underground to dissolve the ore and then pumping the ore solution up to daylight.

Great Lakes

A Senate Environment and Public Works subcommittee will discuss on Wednesday two bills relating to the world's largest source of fresh surface water.

The [Great Lakes Water Protection Act](#), sponsored by Illinois Republican Mark Kirk, sets fines for publicly owned wastewater treatment that dump sewage into the Great Lakes.

The [Great Lakes Ecological and Economic Protection Act](#), sponsored by Michigan Democrat Carl Levin, makes the goals of the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative, a federal program established in 2010, part of the Clean Water Act. The bill also requires an annual report on the lakes' health and a report on federal budget. It authorizes \$US 475 million per year through 2018 to carry out the restoration plan.

Water Conservation

The same subcommittee as above will also consider a water conservation grant program for utilities.

The [Smart Water Resource Management Conservation and Efficiency Act](#), introduced by New Mexico Democrat Tom Udall, sets aside \$US 7.5 million for projects that demonstrate new technologies that save water, save energy, or collect better data on energy and water use.

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White House Report: Economic Analysis of Transportation Infrastructure Investment

The White House today released a new report from the Council of Economic Advisers and National Economic Council on the long-term economic benefits of transportation investment and why conditions in the infrastructure sector are ripe for innovation, with new technologies and approaches promising significant gains in productivity, efficiency, and resilience.

The President has been clear that we need to improve our infrastructure and rebuild our roads and bridges in a smarter, more responsible way,

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while supporting millions of jobs. The President will continue to urge Congress to act to avoid a lapse in funding of the Highway Trust Fund, which will go insolvent as early as August – putting numerous active projects at risk. This week Congress will consider a solution to avoid that scenario.

In addition to today's report, the White House released an interactive transportation map detailing the condition of and consequences for each state's roads and bridges as well as the jobs that would be put at risk, if Congress fails to act.

The report is attached, and the map can be found [HERE](#).

Darren Raymond Copeland February 22, 1983 - July 12, 2014



Darren Raymond Copeland, 31, passed away July 12, 2014. Darren was a native Nevadan, born on Feb. 22, 1983 to Ralph Copeland and Kamee Edgar of Fernley and a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. He attended Fernley High School, spending much of his time as an athlete playing basketball and baseball. Darren exemplified intellect by earning his civil engineering degree from the University of Nevada, Reno and was a working member of the IBEW Local 401 Union. He was a true craftsman, always working on a special project for the home, a family member or a friend. His creative heart led him to be an avid participant in the Black Rock Desert's Burning Man celebrations, where he met his girlfriend of three years. Like a true Nevadan, he was a dedicated outdoorsman who loved spending time in the wilderness with

his father. He was a loving son to his mother, a loving brother to his sister and a devoted uncle to his two nieces and nephew. He had a tremendously big heart, always willing to help out any and everyone he could; his generosity had no end. Additionally, his insight on sports was infinite; he regularly cheered on his favorite teams, the San Francisco Giants and the San Francisco 49ers. His life was shared with and his spirit will live on through his parents, Ralph Copeland and Kamee Edgar; sister, Alicia Copeland; two nieces Makenzee and Kaydence Arellano; nephew Aidan Arellano; girlfriend, Ashley Brune, their two loving animals, Meela and Lionel, and the rest of the Brune family; two grandmothers, Grandma Judi Edgar and Grandma Elmira Copeland; Grandfather Terry Edgar; cousins, Chailese and Natalia Gonzales; uncle Blaine Edgar; cousins Jeremy and Nicholas Edgar; and the many other family and friends who his life touched. Darren was preceded by his grandfather Ralph Copeland, Sr. Darren will be deeply missed by many in our community. To honor Darren's life, a service will be held on Saturday, July 19 at 10 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of LDS in Fernley; graveside services to follow at Fernley Cemetery.

