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Navajo Nation Declares State of Emergency Over 'Tragic' Spill

By Tristan Ahtone, Al Jazeera America 12 August 15



The toxic mining waste that turned the Animas River orange could be trouble for farmers and ranchers in Navajo Nation

Farmers and ranchers on the Navajo Nation are preparing to take heavy losses this season as a plume of [wastewater laced with toxic chemicals flows south](#) from an abandoned mine in Colorado.

Last week, the Environmental Protection Agency spilled around [three-million gallons of contaminated water](#) into the Animas River. According to the EPA, the incident occurred when a

crew hired to pump and treat wastewater inside the abandoned Gold King Mine outside of Durango, Colorado, accidentally released a brew of arsenic, cadmium, lead and other heavy metals from a mine tunnel.

As a precautionary measure, the Navajo Nation has asked citizens to keep livestock away from the San Juan River and stop diverting water from the river for crops. That means farmers like Lorenzo Bates are beginning to plan for the worst.

"What is in the water? To what extent are those heavy metals?" said Bates, speaker of the Navajo Nation Council and farmer from Upper Fruitland, New Mexico.

Without access to water from the San Juan, Bates' alfalfa field can no longer be watered, and he has to give his horses and cattle water from a municipal line, which means his cows are getting skinny.

"Each day that they're in this pen, even though we've got water, they're still losing weight," said Bates. "It's costing me."

Earlier this week, the Navajo Nation announced it was planning lawsuits against the EPA and owners of the Gold King Mine. And the City of Durango and La Plata County in Colorado, where the spill originated, have declared states of emergency with New Mexico and the Navajo Nation following suit.

"This is a tragic and unfortunate incident, and the EPA is taking responsibility to ensure that it is cleaned up," said [EPA administrator Gina McCarthy in a statement](#) earlier today. "The most important thing throughout this is ensuring the health and safety of the residents and visitors near the river. We are committed to helping the people throughout the Four Corners Regions who rely on these rivers for their drinking water, irrigation water and recreation."

In Farmington, New Mexico, officials are encouraging residents to bring water samples from home to be tested. Ryan Flynn is secretary of the New Mexico Environment Department. He says so far it doesn't look like the spill has affected local drinking wells.

"Short term I think we're going to just focus on the chemistry in the river and how that's interacting with the contaminants, how the river is influencing groundwater, and that will give us enough to really get people using water again or knowing when it will be safe to do so by treating it," said Flynn. "Long term, it's too early to tell."

Meanwhile, the Gold King Mine continues to leach contaminants into the Animas River, which means Navajo farmers downstream like Bates are stuck waiting on guidance from officials on whether the water is safe to use or not.

"There are farmers all the way down this valley that are impacted," said Bates.

EPA: Colorado Wastewater Spill Three Times as Large as First Reported
Al Jazeera America

Excerpt: "The toxic stew of mine waste that spilled into Colorado waters and turned a river orange last week is three times as large as officials originally estimated." [READ MORE](#)

Nominations for DOE Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group Due Aug. 14

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy is looking for nominations for elected tribal government officials (or designated tribal government employees with authority to act on behalf of the elected officials) to serve as members of the [Indian Country Energy and Infrastructure Working Group](#) (ICEIWG).

ICEIWG is an informal working group that represents tribes in Indian Country who have expertise in energy development and infrastructure. ICEIWG provides advice and recommendations to the director of the DOE Office of Indian Energy with respect to the strategic planning and implementation of the DOE Office of Indian Energy's resources, business, and

energy infrastructure development policies and programs. Members need to be willing to commit to attending quarterly in-person meetings. ICEIWG members serve without special compensation; however, they are reimbursed by DOE for allowed travel expenses.

Nominations must be submitted in writing via email to DOE Office of Indian Energy Program Manager Sarai Geary at tribalenergy@ncsl.org by Aug. 14, 2015. Please include both a primary and alternate contact to serve as members. Confirmations of eligibility and selections are targeted for Aug. 21, 2015, with notice provided soon thereafter to the prospective working group members.

Regards, DOE Tribal Energy Program, 15013 Denver West Parkway, Golden, CO 80401
tribal@ee.doe.gov

For more information on the Tribal Energy Program and our [Guide to Tribal Clean Energy Development](#), visit our



[website](#)

http://www.hcn.org/articles/when-our-river-turned-orange-animas-river-spill?utm_source=wc1&utm_medium=email

Application Available for the Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship at the GWU

Richard M. Milanovich was the Tribal Council Chairman for the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians for 29 years. [Read More](#)

[Print a copy of the brochure](#)

Have questions? Call: (202) 994-3284 Email: naplp@gwu.edu

The Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship began in 2015 as a partnership between The George Washington University and the [Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians](#) with two goals in mind: to prepare the next generation of leaders in Indian Country, and to honor and preserve the legacy of service and leadership of the late Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich. The George Washington University and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians invite qualified Native American applicants to apply for this prestigious opportunity.

Special Spring Semester Seminar May 2-6, 2016

In addition to the two core courses students will take in the Native American Political Leadership Program from January 11 to April 29, fellowships will attend a special week-long seminar series that consists of briefings with key policy makers, issue advocates, and community leaders in Washington.

Spring Semester 2016 Application Deadlines Priority Deadline : October 1, 2015

Final Deadline: November 1, 2015

Who is Eligible?

Native American undergraduate or graduate students who are members of a federally recognized tribe are eligible to apply for the Milanovich Fellowship. Applicants who are members of a federally recognized California tribe will be given preference by the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians review committee.

How to Apply?

Applicants applying for the Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship must submit:

1. An online application for the [Native American Political Leadership Program](#)
 - Write 500-600 words about *why you think this program will help further academic and/or professional goals.*
 - Resume
 - College transcripts for all institutions
 - [One academic letter of recommendation](#), written by a college professor (please ask your professor to write this on official school letterhead)

- Indication of tribal enrollment and/or Native American, Alaska Native or Native Hawaiian ancestry
2. An additional 350 word essay answering, *“What do you believe are the most important issues that Native communities are confronted with today, and how do you see yourself in the equation of solving these issues?”* The application packet will be considered by a committee of reviewers for the fellowship.

Supporting application materials (such as transcripts, letter of recommendation, and fellowship essay) should be mailed to:

- Native American Political Leadership Program
Attn: The Richard M. Milanovich Fellowship
1922 F St NW, Suite 401
Washington, DC 20052

Want to go to an eco-friendly college? Here are the 10 best.

By [Katie Herzog](#)

When I was in college a mere decade and a half ago, if anyone used the word “green,” I would have assumed they were referring to marijuana. The most we did for the environment at the state school I graduated from was stomping on beer cans before throwing them in the garbage so they’d take up less space in the landfill. Some colleges, however, take saving the planet seriously, and the Sierra Club has just ranked them. The group released its list of the [153 coolest schools](#) based on categories like food, energy, investments, transport, waste, and water. DRUM ROLL PLEASE. The [top 10 greenest institutes of higher learning](#) are ...

10. University of California, Berkeley 9. Lewis & Clark College 8. University of Washington, Seattle 7. University of California, San Diego 6. University of Connecticut 5. Oberlin College 4. Colorado State University 3. University of Wisconsin–Oshkosh 2. University of California, Davis 1. University of California, Irvine
- Congratulations to the UC-Irvine Ducks- Anteaters on their 2015 victory! Now, remember, Ducks, as you’re celebrating the big win tonight: It’s good to crush beer cans, but it’s even better to recycle.

3 underwater ghost towns uncovered by drought

KSL.com

At one point, the town's tallest structure was under about 60 feet of *water*. ... when the *water* levels of Lake Isabella in *California* retreated, was founded by gold.

Toxic algae blooming in warm water from California to Alaska

Associated Press

One of the largest toxic algae blooms recorded off the West Coast is denser, more widespread and deeper than scientists feared even weeks ago.

[Plastic 'shade balls': The hypnotizing tool California is using to save water](#)

Robert Gebelhoff, Washington Post

California is experiencing one of its most severe droughts on record, and its local municipalities have an astounding strategy to save water: turn their reservoirs into massive, floating ball pits.

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U.S. Education Department Awards 38 States, D.C., and the Virgin Islands \$28.4 Million in Grants to Help Low-Income Students Take Advanced Placement Tests

The U.S. Department of Education announced today that it has awarded \$28.4 million in Advanced Placement (AP) grants to 38 states, Washington, D.C., and the Virgin Islands as part of its efforts to boost college- and career-readiness for historically underserved students. The grants will help defray the costs of taking advanced placement tests for low-income students.

“Advanced Placement classes and the corresponding exams come with very high expectations for our students, as well as important early exposure to the demands and rigor of college-level courses, all while still in high school,” said John King, senior advisor delegated duties of deputy secretary of education. “These grants are a smart investment in equity and a way to eliminate barriers for low-income students, level the playing field and allow more students to access the college-level critical thinking and reasoning skills taught in AP courses.”

The grants are used to help pay for low-income students taking approved advanced placement tests administered by the College Board, the International Baccalaureate Organization and Cambridge International Examinations. By subsidizing test fees for low-income students, the program is intended to encourage those students to take advanced placement tests and obtain college credit for high school courses, reducing the time and cost required to complete a postsecondary degree.

Levels of funding per state were determined on the basis of state estimates of the numbers of tests that would be taken by low-income students. From 2014 to 2015, preliminary results show that the number of tests for low-income students covered by the program increased from 768,772 to 831,913, an improvement of more than 7 percent.

Based on the anticipated number of tests to be taken, the grants under the Advanced Placement Test Fee Program are expected to be sufficient to pay all but \$12 of the cost of each advanced placement test taken by low-income students. States may opt to require students to pay a portion of the costs.

The Obama Administration’s commitment to equity in education underlies nearly every significant activity of the Education Department—from programs focused on [early learning](#) to [college affordability](#) and [tools for reducing student debt](#) . Expanding students’ access to and

successful completion of rigorous courses was also an initial recommendation of the President's [My Brother's Keeper Task Force](#) . By expanding access to college-level courses, more low-income students are able to graduate high school with the tools they need to excel in college and beyond.

The Advanced Placement Test Fee program is administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. For additional information on the program and these new awards, visit <http://www2.ed.gov/programs/apfee/index.html> .

FY 2015 Awards Advanced Placement

AK	State of Alaska Department of Education & Early Development	\$27,043
AL	Alabama Department of Education	\$763,325
AZ	Arizona Department of Education	\$682,609
CA	California Department of Education	\$10,588,226
CO	Colorado Department of Education	\$601,856
CT	State of Connecticut Department of Education	\$249,803
DC	District of Columbia Office of State Superintendent of Education	\$37,883
HI	Hawaii State Department of Education	\$114,168
IA	Iowa Department of Education	\$101,642
ID	Idaho State Department of Education	\$58,247
IL	Illinois State Board of Education	\$2,576,890
IN	Indiana Department of Education	\$307,618
KS	Kansas State Department of Education	\$80,893
KY	Kentucky Department of Education	\$505,958
LA	Louisiana Department of Education	\$264,852
MA	Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$714,141
MD	Maryland State Department of Education	\$642,666
ME	State of Maine, Department of Education	\$59,955
MI	Michigan Department of Education	\$512,926
MO	Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$150,402
MS	Mississippi Department of Education	\$133,255
MT	Montana Office of Public Instruction	\$22,351
NE	Nebraska Department of Education	\$36,931
NH	New Hampshire Department of Education	\$15,300

NJ	New Jersey Department of Education	\$556,673
NM	New Mexico Public Education Department	\$127,443
NV	Nevada Department of Education	\$296,978
NY	New York State Education Department	\$2,948,266
OH	Ohio Department of Education	\$595,306
OR	Oregon Department of Education	\$61,921
PA	Pennsylvania Department of Education	\$673,738
RI	Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education	\$45,248
SD	South Dakota Department of Education	\$6,246
TN	State of Tennessee	\$256,637
TX	Texas Education Agency	\$2,602,879
VA	Virginia Department of Education	\$447,300
VI	Virgin Islands Department of Education	\$13,623
VT	Vermont Agency of Education	\$22,067
WA	Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (WA)	\$500,292
WV	West Virginia Department of Education	\$79,443
Total		\$28,483,000

[Conservatives Love the New Advanced Placement US History Standards](#)

Judy Molland, Care2: Conservatives described the 2014 shift toward interpretation and comprehension as "anti-American." The College Board listened, but the latest changes show a dangerous trend in US education that minimizes issues in history found to be unpleasant and doesn't call for students to think critically. [Read the Article](#)

Dondi Garcia to be Memorialized at National Fallen Firefighters Foundation Event
Attachments: [NV_Garcia, Donovan_PROOF.pdf](#)

[DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED TO ASSIST IN FAMILY TRAVEL TO THIS NATIONAL EVENT, October 2-4, 2015.](#) Donations can be made at any Wells Fargo Bank in the Donovan Garcia Jr. Memorial Fund or mail to Sheila Katenay (Mother) at 61 Reservation Road, Reno, NV 89502

The U.S. Department of Agriculture released an [interactive map this week of 173 proposed Land and Water Conservation Fund projects](#), located in 43 states. The fund allows federal land managers to invest in healthy ecosystems, contributing to local water conservation. *USDA*

Toni Burton:

The time is upon us...**Fox Peak Cinema** is hiring! Check out our website www.FTDC.us for an application and job description to find what position you feel would fit best! Feel free to call the HR dept. with questions 775-423-6040. Text me if you want help with your resume wink emoticon Job Fair @ the Fallon Convention Center on Sat. 8/29 from 9am-3pm. See you there!! (Please share my post and spread the news!)



The image is a hiring sign for Fox Peak Cinema. It features a decorative border of red stars and a central cloud-like shape. Inside the cloud, the text "FOX PEAK CINEMA" is written in red, and "!!NOW HIRING!!" is written in black. Below this, it says "Accepting applications for the following positions:" and "(All applications due by: Sept. 11, 2015)". A list of positions follows: Cinema General Manager, Assistant Cinema Manager, Head Associates/Supervisors (with Guest Associates as a sub-point), and Building Maint./Custodian. Then, it announces "**UPCOMING JOB FAIR**" with details: "When: Sat. Aug. 29", "Where: Fallon Convention Center", "Time: 9 am-3 pm", and "*Bring your resume!". At the bottom, it provides contact information for applications and a statement about the company's commitment to equal opportunity.

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***Bring your resume!**

Applications may be obtained from the Human Resources Department in person or by writing FTDC at 567 Rio Vista Drive, Fallon, NV 89406; or by calling Human Resources at (775) 423-6040; or by visiting www.ftdc.us.

The Fallon Tribal Development Corporation is an Equal Opportunity Employer & all qualified applicants will be considered in accordance with the provisions of Section 703(i) of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, amended in 1991. Preference in filling vacancies given to qualified Indian candidates in accordance with the Indian Preference Act (Title 25, U.S. Code, Section 472 and 473) & to members of the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe in accordance with adopted policies & procedures.

WALKER RIVER PAIUTE TRIBE

85TH ANNUAL PINENUT FESTIVAL



5K Fun Run/Walk and ½ Mile Health Stroll

Saturday, September 19, 2015 – 8:00 A.M.

(Stretching/Warm-up exercises at 7:45 A.M.)

Walker River Paiute Tribe Community Park

Schurz, Nevada

Pre-Registration is recommended. Pre-Registration entries will receive a T-Shirt on the day of the race. Pre-Registration is from August 10, 2015 through September 11, 2015. Registration forms may be picked up at the Walker River Paiute Tribe Fitness Center, 1107 Cottonwood Drive, Schurz, Nevada. Registration for the events on race day begins at 7:00 A.M. and ends at 7:45 A.M. at the Walker River Paiute Tribe Community Park. **Look for the WRPT Fitness Center gazebo at the Park.** Both events begin and end at the Community Park.

The ½ Mile Health Stroll is to celebrate health...celebrate our way of life. It is intended for everyone as a "lift" to your morning. Elders, expectant mothers, families with small children or with babies in strollers, or people just beginning their exercise journey are invited to participate in the "stroll". There will be "health stops" along the way with water and fresh fruit, volunteers will be available if people need assistance on the "stroll". **The "Stroll" is FREE.....No Entry Fee.**

5K Fun Run/Walk: Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age division. **FREE.....No Entry Fee.**

**Come enjoy the week-end at the
85th Annual Pinenut Festival**

5K Fun Run/Walk and Health Stroll are sponsored by the WRPT Diabetes Program/Fitness Center. Contact Elaine Bender or Dan Davis, Jr., at (775) 773-2236 for more information.

