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Fourteenth annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management focuses on sustainability and climate change

The 14th annual Alaska Tribal Conference on Environmental Management (ATCEM) will be held October 27-29 at the Sheraton Anchorage Hotel in downtown Anchorage. The Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and the United States Environmental Protection Agency are co-sponsoring the event.

The theme for 2008 is “Environmental Sustainability in Changing Times and Climate.” Presenters will speak on critical topics such as air quality, weatherization, renewable energy, solid waste, recycling, and even cloth diapering in rural Alaska. CBS 11 news anchor Andrea Gusty will serve as master of ceremonies.

The main purpose of this conference is to provide an opportunity for tribal organizations to create solutions for the environmental challenges faced in rural Alaska communities. A secondary goal of ATCEM is for tribal members to meet and build relationships with state and federal environmental agencies and with one another. Additionally, the conference serves as a way to provide an atmosphere of appreciation to all the tribal environmental staff who improve the wellness of our communities.

Highlights of this year’s conference include:

- Daily field trips to Total Reclaim (www.totalreclaim.com)
- Daily Native cultural performances
- Door prizes, including a two-night stay at the Sheraton Anchorage, two roundtrip tickets with Frontier Flying Services, and gift certificates provided by Sam’s Club
- Environmental Protection Agency Indian General Assistance Program training, Oct. 30-31, 2008
- ATCEM Environmental Awards Luncheon, October 28, 2008

For more information or to register, visit <http://events.signup4.com/atcem>, or contact Bertha Prince with the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium’s Division of Environmental Health and Engineering, (907) 729-4505 or brprince@anthc.org.

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