



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Cronkite News – [Muscogee Nation drops colonial era name in rebranding](#)



Leaders of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation are dropping “Creek” from the tribe’s name. One official says the new brand still will be rooted in history and tradition. Photo courtesy of the Muscogee Nation.

TOP STORIES

NTAA is happy to announce that Moms Clean Air Force has joined the NTAA family as an Associate Member! NTAA has established a partnership with Moms Clean Air Force – a community of over 1,000,000 moms and dads united against air pollution—including the urgent crisis of our changing climate—to protect our children’s health. They fight for Justice in Every Breath, recognizing the importance of equitable solutions in addressing air pollution and climate change. In collaboration with Moms, NTAA published a joint fact sheet that provides a summary of the air pollution impacts on Indigenous people. You can view the fact sheet [here](#) and be sure to check out the Facebook Live event held on *Thursday, April 15* that was recorded and posted on [Moms’ YouTube channel](#).

You have one more week to register for the NTFAQ! May 17 – 21, 2021!

Our NTFAQ contractors (OpenWater) have updated the conference website.

Please take a few minutes to [check it out!](#)

Updates include:

1. New webpages for: Host Tribe, Keynote Speakers, TAMS Awards, NTAA Meeting.
2. Addition of details for the Schedule of sessions. For the breakout sessions all recorded presentations have been added, plus any handouts that have been provided to us.
3. When you register for the NTFAQ, you can join the NTAA Annual Meeting on Thursday, May 20 at 12:30 pm PT when NTAA will be releasing the 2021 Status of Tribal Air Report. You can also learn how to join NTAA as a Member Tribe or Associate Member!
4. Join leaders from the Moms Clean Air Force for a Meet and Greet on Wednesday, May 19th at 3pm PT. [Moms Clean Air Force](#) is NTAA's latest Associate Member so join them to learn what they do to advance air quality!

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Conversation – [Wildfires are contaminating drinking water systems, and it's more widespread than people realize](#)

NM In Depth – [Navajo-Gallup water delay spurs problem solving in arid Southwest](#)

NPR – [Emission Impossible](#)

NPR – [Environmental Concerns Arise Over Energy Needed To Mine Bitcoin](#)

National Law Review - [EPA Enforcement Policies Prioritize Environmental Justice and Embrace “NextGen” Compliance Tools](#)

Indian Country Today - [Federal legislation forthcoming stemming from McGirt](#)

Indian Country Today - [Some tribes will get more CARES Act money](#)

Indian Country Today - [Land exchange for Alaska Native veterans](#)

The Hill - [Farms' air pollution contributes to almost 18K deaths in US annually: study](#)

Wisconsin Examiner - [State of the Tribes Address highlights racism and economic challenges, threats to Wisconsin's environment](#)

ABC News - [50 years ago, election ushered in new era for US tribes](#)

KUER – [Advocates for Tribal Water Access Are Asking Congress To Earmark Money For Projects On Native Land](#)

High Country News – [So you want to acknowledge the land?](#)

National Association of Clean Air Agencies – [Washington Update](#)

Climate Change/Energy

Reuters - [Global renewable energy grew at fastest pace in two decades in 2020 - IEA](#)

The 19th News - [Deb Haaland on climate, energy and a new effort to address violence against Native Americans](#)

The Guardian – [The young people taking their countries to court over climate inaction](#)

ProPublica – [Clean Energy Loans Trapped Black Homeowners in Debt. The Legislature Just Stated Trying to Fix the Problem.](#)

The Hill - [Biden to restart environmental review of bird habitat Trump opened for mining](#)

CNN - [Biden administration approves first major offshore wind project in US waters](#)

TIME – [Fossil Fuels, Climate Change and India’s COVID-19 Crisis](#)

Buzzfeed – [Magic Mushrooms: This Scammer Is Twisting Science In A Scheme To Save The World](#)

Indian Country Today - [Michigan tribe banishes Enbridge Line 5 pipeline](#)

Indian Country Today - [Interior drops Arctic offshore drilling proposal](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NY Times – [Cyberattack Forces a Shutdown of a Top U.S. Pipeline](#)

The Hill - [Feds eye more oversight of pipelines after Colonial attack](#)

AP - [EPA sets grants to restore 'brownfields' at blighted sites](#)

The Guardian – [Wyoming stands up for coal with threat to sue states that refuse to buy it](#)

The Hill – [Court ruling paves the way for Minnesota to adopt clean car standards](#)

The Guardian – [Electric cars 'will be cheaper to produce than fossil fuel vehicles by 2027'](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Better Homes and Gardens – [Why cooking with a gas stove is bad for your health](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) American Indian Environmental Office (AIEO) has scheduled national webinars regarding EPA's consultation practices and to inform the EPA *Plan for Implementing the Policies and Directives of Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments*. EPA's American Indian Environmental Office has scheduled those national webinars as follows:

- Webinar #1: Monday, May 24, 2021, 3:00 - 5:00 PM Eastern Time
 - TEAMS video conference link: [Click here](#) at the appropriate time
 - Dial-In Option (Audio Only) Number: 202-991-0477; Conf. ID: 599-738-900#.
 - To find a local dial-in number, please [click here](#).
- Tribal Webinar #2: Thursday, May 27, 2021, 1:00 - 3:00 PM Eastern Time
 - TEAMS video conference link: [Click here](#) at the appropriate time
 - Dial-In Option (Audio Only) Number: 202-991-0477; Conf. ID: 240-750-765#.
 - To find a local dial-in number, please [click here](#).

The webinars will be given through Microsoft Teams, which can be joined by clicking the links provided above or dialing in – please note these links and dial in numbers are different for each webinar. You may reach out to byrne.andrew@epa.gov if you have any questions.

NEW! Community Based Organization Vaccination Toolkit Discussion Group

Thursday, May 20; 3-4pm ET | [Register Here](#)

The [National Indian Health Board](#) (NIHB), in coordination with the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), will be hosting a [Community Based Organization \(CBO\) Vaccine Toolkit](#). This discussion group will feature an overview of the CBO Vaccine Toolkit. Following the overview will be an opportunity for feedback on the toolkit.

- What do you find useful in the toolkit?
- What is missing? What information needs to be added?
- How can the toolkit be improved?
- Is the toolkit useful for Tribal Communities? Why or why not?

NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Webinar Series

The [NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Centers of Excellence Program](#) is hosting this webinar series to highlight the research, training, and community-engagement accomplishments at the Centers collaboratively funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, the webinar series is intended to raise awareness of, and prompt dialogue on, opportunities to examine and address environmental contributions to health disparities. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about environmental health disparities and strategies to reduce them.

Schedule:

- *May 24, 2021* – [Exploring Critical Windows of Exposure to Heavy Metals in Health Disparity Cohorts](#)
- *June 28, 2021* – [Exposure Pathways & Environmental Health Disparities](#)

All webinars in the series will be held live via Zoom on Mondays 3-4:30pm EST

Vaccine Equity for Indigenous Communities

Monday, May 24; 6-7:30pm ET | [Register Here](#)

Numerous reports have discussed how longstanding inequalities, stigmatization and discrimination, and inadequate access to health care have resulted in substantial inequities under the ongoing COVID pandemic. Poorer communities, including the more than 476 million indigenous people living in 90 countries, have higher morbidity and mortality due to COVID, and less access to COVID vaccines. During this webinar, we will hear from indigenous leaders and health care providers from the United States, Australia and Latin America regarding the current status of COVID and access to COVID vaccines.

NTAA Upcoming Calls

The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#. Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call! ***Registration instructions*** When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, May 6, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, <i>TBA</i> , 1pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality. <i>NOTE TIME CHANGE</i>	Thursday, May 27, 1pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, June 24, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional (ITEP)

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

[AIAQTP Schedule and Registration](#)

Training Title	2021 Dates	Training Type
Project Planning, QAPPs and Grants for Alaska	April 26-30	Virtual Training

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)	May 2021	Virtual Conference
Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	June 1	Webinar
Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	June 7-11	Virtual Training

Please note: ITEP’s Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke course has been postponed to June 7-11th. There is no need to reapply if you have done so already. There is still time to apply!

- Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke Course Dates: June 7-11, 202
- Course Times: Selected attendees should set aside a minimum of 4 hours daily on June 7-10 and 1.5 hours on June 11 to engage in the course.
- Live Zoom session: 10-11 am AKDT; 11-12pm PDT; 12-1pm MDT; 1-2pm CDT; 2-3pm EDT
- Homework: SLMS module completion (2-3 hours self-paced learning)

[Apply Now!](#)

Recorded Webinars

Looking for more information check out the [Tribal Air Quality Media Space Channel](#). Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

ITEP’s [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars, and other events related to tribes and climate change.

Climate Change / Energy

Office of Air and Radiation Update: Proposed Rule “Phasedown of Hydrofluorocarbons: Establishing the Allowance Allocation and Trading Program under the American Innovation and Manufacturing Act”

Hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs) are potent greenhouse gases commonly used in refrigerators, stationery and motor vehicle air conditioners, and many other applications. On April 30th, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed the first regulation under the American Innovation and Manufacturing (AIM) Act of 2020, which requires the United States to phase down production and consumption of HFCs by 85% over the next 15 years by using an allowance allocation and trading program.

EPA is seeking public comment on this proposed rule, which would set the HFC production and consumption baseline levels from which reductions will be made, establish an initial methodology for allocating HFC allowances for 2022 and 2023, and create a robust and innovative compliance and enforcement system.

Companies that produce, import, export, destroy, or use HFCs in equipment may be interested in submitting data or commenting. More information on HFCs and the proposed rule can be found [here](#). The public comment period for the proposal will be open for 45 days after publication in the Federal Register.

Summer Internship with the University of Colorado Boulder

The Arctic Rivers Project at the University of Colorado Boulder (CU) invites applicants for an undergraduate student summer internship. The internship will be remote this year and can be conducted from any location with reliable internet access. The program is open to US citizens, US permanent residents or Canadian nationals who have completed their junior or sophomore year in college or community college. Indigenous students are encouraged to apply. For full consideration, **please apply by May 15, 2021**. The position will remain open until filled. A start date is negotiable, ideally mid-June 2021. The [Arctic Rivers Project](#): The climate impacts on Alaskan and Yukon rivers, fish, and communities as told through co-produced scenarios

Application: Interested candidates can contact Keith Musselman (keith.musselman@colorado.edu) or Nicole Herman-Mercer (nhmerc@usgs.gov). Please include a resume and a one-page cover letter introducing yourself, your education, and why you are a good fit for the position. Review of candidates will begin on May 15.

ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!
[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

2021 DERA Tribal and Insular Area Request for Applications

EPA's 2021 Tribal and Insular Area grant program is planned to open in late April 2021. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$5 million in DERA funding under this announcement. A total of \$4.5 million will be made available to tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native villages, and \$500,000 will be made available to insular area governments. EPA anticipates awarding five to ten cooperative agreements to tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native villages and two to four cooperative agreements to insular area governments. Click [here](#) for more information.

This year's Request for Applications (RFA) has no mandatory cost share requirement and sets funding limits to \$800,000 for tribal applicants and \$250,000 for insular area applicants. Each applicant may submit up to two applications.

- [2021 Request For Applications](#)
- [Important Dates](#)
- [DERA: 2021 Tribal and Insular Area Program Overview – Presentation \(PDF\)](#)

Webinar: Abandoned Vehicles on Tribal Lands: Background, Management Approaches, and Case Studies

May 18, 9am – 11am PT / [Register Here](#)

Abandoned vehicles pose an environmental and human health threat to tribal lands. The presence of such vehicles can encourage additional dumping and may attract unsafe or illegal activities. This training features real-world tribal approaches to tracking vehicle abandonment, scrapping and recycling vehicles, and using outreach and compliance strategies to minimize vehicle accumulation. Tuesday 5/11 (Part One): Explores vehicle abandonment and uncontrolled accumulation, and discusses approaches to identifying and tracking potential vehicle concerns. Covers current markets for recycled metals and the impact on auto scrapping. Includes approaches used by Region 9 tribes for safely collecting, crushing and removing cars on tribal lands. Tuesday 5/18 (Part Two): Covers examples of codes and ordinances that govern and support abandoned vehicle abatement. Includes case studies from Region 9 tribes that have worked with their communities to reduce vehicle accumulation and discourage use of vehicles for illegal encampments. Reviews examples of large-scale vehicle cleanups and identifies options for federal and state assistance.

Green Transportation Summit & Expo

August 16-18, 2021 Tacoma, Washington / [Registration](#)

The 10th annual Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) is the region's premier clean transportation convening event. There has not been a time when clean transportation has had as much potential. With this year's theme of Reflecting + Refocusing on a Resilient Future, we are giving particular attention to recent events affecting our communities and livelihood. We will be creating space to ensure these critical topics are addressed. **All Tribes can get a 20% discount, contact Dara.Marks-Marino@nau.edu for the code!**

Office of Pesticide Program Update: EPA Opens Comment Period on Draft Biological Opinion on Malathion, Closes June 19, 2021

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking public comment on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (FWS) [draft biological opinion for the registration of malathion](#), an insecticide that is commonly used to control mosquitoes and a variety of insects that attack fruits, vegetables, landscaping plants, and shrubs. The draft biological opinion evaluates whether use of malathion

is likely to jeopardize federally threatened and endangered species or destroy or adversely modify their critical habitats.

In January 2017, EPA released the [biological evaluation for malathion](#), which found potential effects on threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitats. Because the biological evaluation for malathion made “likely to adversely affect” determinations to some threatened and endangered species and their designated critical habitats, EPA has been consulting with FWS to ensure the registration of malathion is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of these species or adversely modify their critical habitats. The public comment period will be open for 60 days and will close on June 19, 2021. The draft biological opinion is included in docket EPA-HQ-OPP-2021-0231 at www.regulations.gov.

TLEF: A Virtual Gathering, now accepting proposals

TLEF: A Virtual Gathering that will take place *August 16 through 19, 2021!* Last year’s virtual TLEF had *twice* as many attendees as normally come to our in-person TLEF so we do hope to see you this August. We are now accepting proposals from you! Please fill out our [online proposal form](#), and learn more about the types of sessions we are offering this year. And please note: **The deadline for submitting your proposal is May 14.**

These continue to be very uncertain times, when many are facing not only serious health concerns but also economic, social, and psychological challenges as well. And yet we do find strength in working with one another! We want to see your proposals for case studies, virtual tours of your sites and facilities, strategies you're using to protect your lands and communities, and stories about your successes and challenges.

The recent additions to OTAQ's website in April 2021. [*You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.*](#)

- April 30, 2021: [EPA announces \\$5 million in grants available for tribes and insular areas to replace diesel equipment and reduce harmful emissions.](#)
- April 26, 2021: [EPA reconsiders a previous withdrawal of a waiver for California’s advanced clean car program \(light-duty vehicle greenhouse gas emission standards and zero emission vehicle requirements\).](#)
- April 23, 2021: [EPA publishes a new case study on Providence Pilot Community-Port Collaboration Project.](#)
- April 20, 2021: [EPA awards \\$10.5 million to clean up 473 school buses in 40 states.](#)
- April 1, 2021: [EPA releases a new case study on groundbreaking Clean Air Action Plan \(CAAP\) for California San Pedro Bay Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Foundation Webinar Series:

- Radon Test Kit Distribution: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon and Citizen Science: Public Engagement to Increase Education and Outreach – *June 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- National Radon Action Month: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- The sixth webinar on a trending topic to be announced will be scheduled for the month of August – *stay tuned*

National Asthma Awareness Month

Join the EPA Indoor airPLUS Program in celebrating [National Asthma Awareness Month](#).

Asthma is a serious, sometimes life-threatening chronic respiratory disease that affects the quality of life for more than 25 million Americans, including an estimated 5 million children. Although there is no cure for asthma yet, asthma can be controlled in part through management of the indoor environment.

[Indoor airPLUS](#) is a voluntary partnership and labeling program that helps new home builders improve the quality of indoor air by requiring construction practices and product specifications that minimize exposure to airborne pollutants including environmental asthma triggers. Search for a local Indoor airPLUS builder on EPA's [Partner Locator](#), and ask for the EPA Indoor airPLUS label on your new home! Join us this month to raise awareness of ways to manage #asthma triggers! Follow [@EPAiplus](#) on Twitter or connect with [EPA Indoor airPLUS](#) on Facebook to hear about how Indoor airPLUS partners help America #BreatheEasyWithIAP!

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

NEW! In honor of Air Quality Awareness Week (May 3-7), applications are now being accepted for the U.S. Department of State (DOS) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Virtual Air Quality Fellowship program through May 21, 2021. This fellowship is a vital component of DOS and EPA's collaborative efforts to improve access to, and application of, continuous air quality data worldwide. The fellowship is open to air quality experts from universities, government agencies, or non-profit institutions. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Media Note announcing the opening of applications: <https://www.state.gov/application-period-open-for-department-of-state-and-environmental-protection-agency-virtual-air-quality-fellowship/>

Application Page: <https://www.state.gov/global-air-quality-fellowship/>

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

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introducing yourself, your education, and why you are a good fit for the position.

Review of candidates will begin on May 15.

Native Land Trust Council Seeking Executive Director

The Executive Director (ED) works full-time (40-hours per week) remotely from their home office. In addition to fundraising, the Executive Director will develop and maintain the NLTC's program management, administration, financial reporting, as well as strengthen new and existing community partnerships in support of the NLTC's mission. [Apply Here](#)

Compensation: \$80K – \$90K per year initially, working as a 40 hr/wk independent contractor.

To Apply: Please submit a cover letter, resume, and at least three references, via email, to ckramernltc@gmail.com.

Deadline: Open until filled.

The Kletsel Dehe Wintun Nation is seeking a qualified applicant for the following vacancy

Position: Environmental Technician

Department: Kletsel Environmental Regulatory Authority (KERA)

Employment Status: Full time w/benefits

Supervised By: KERA Environmental Director

Opening Date: April 7, 2021

Closing Date: May 7, 2021 Close of Business

For more information, please see the full position description [here](#).

Interested persons can submit their completed employment application packet including tribal employment application and resume to

connie.gomez@kletseldehe.org

KDWN Employment Application: [Website Form](#) or [Downloadable Application](#)

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First Nations Development Institute grant opportunity

With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work. *The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2022.* Application on the [Gather Food Sovereignty Grant site](#).

Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED's solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register](#) and at [Grants.Gov](#).

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) posted a competitive funding opportunity to assist local communities in developing sustainable capabilities to prevent targeted violence and terrorism. The FY21 Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention (TVTP) Grant Program seeks to provide funding to implement local prevention frameworks and explore innovative approaches to preventing targeted violence and terrorism. The FY21 program establishes the following priorities:

- Preventing Domestic Violent Extremism
- Enhancing Local Threat Assessment and Management Capabilities
- Implementing Innovative Solutions for Preventing Targeted Violence and Terrorism
- Challenging Online Violence Mobilization Narratives

The TVTP Grant Program seeks to provide funding to applications that align with these objectives and that protect privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties. Eligibility includes Tribal, state, local, territorial governments; non-profits; and institutions of higher education are eligible to apply for funds to establish capabilities or fill gaps in their prevention capabilities.

The application period opened on March 24, 2021 and will close on May 25, 2021 at 5:00:00 PM ET. Applicants should consult the NOFO for more specific information about the process. Applying for this grant is a multi-step process and it is recommended that applicants begin that process early to allow sufficient time to complete the interim steps. Applicants can register early with the Non-Disaster Grants Management System (ND Grants) and are encouraged to begin their ND Grants registration at the time of this announcement. Early registration will allow applicants to have adequate time to start and complete their application. For more information, please see the relevant NOFO posting on Grants.gov and the [TVTP Grant Program site](#). For questions about the TVTP Grant Program, please contact the Office for Targeted Violence and Terrorism Prevention at TerrorismPrevention@hq.dhs.gov.

To view and/or receive ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program newsletter, [Native Voices](#), [click here!](#)

Climate Change/Energy

On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: tribal governments

The DOE Office of Indian Energy provides federally recognized Indian tribes, including Alaska Native villages, tribal energy resource development organizations, and other organized tribal groups and communities, with technical assistance to advance tribal energy projects at no cost. Technical experts from DOE and its national laboratories, along with other partnering organizations, provide support to assist Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages with energy planning, housing and building energy efficiency, project development, policy and regulation, resilience, and village power.

Join NCAI's [Climate Action email](#) listserv [here!](#)

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)'s newsletter!

To view and/or receive [ITEP's Climate Change newsletter](#), [click here!](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA's Diesel Emissions Reduction Act's Tribal Grants for FY21 Request for Applications are coming soon! More information can be found [on this flyer](#) and [on this website](#).

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Indoor Air Quality**Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality**

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and indoor air quality!

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities](#)! Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities](#).

Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be [found here](#).

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