



## NTAA Weekly Update

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

New Republic – [Indigenous Land Management Is the Best Answer to the Wildfire Crisis](#)



*As drought and climate change make fires worse, officials are returning to Native nations' time-tested techniques. Returning the land would be better. Photo credit: Justin Sullivan/Getty Images*

## TOP STORIES

The [2021 Status of Tribal Air Report \(STAR\)](#) was released at the **National Tribal Air Association's (NTAA) Annual Meeting on May 20, 2021**. On June 14<sup>th</sup> at 12 pm PT / 3 pm ET, the NTAA will host a national presentation to provide an overview of the STAR, share the stories within the STAR, and provide specific recommendations for national leadership to advance air quality on and around Tribal lands. Presenters include NTAA's Executive Committee (EC) Chairwoman & Region 10's EC Primary Representative Carol Kriebs, Region 4's EC Alternate Representative Tiffany Lozada, Region 5's EC Alternate Representative Joy Wiecks, Region 6's EC Primary Representative Craig Kreman, Dana Adkins of the Chickahominy Tribe, the TAMS Steering Committee's Chairwoman Tennille Denetdeel, and NTAA staff members Andy Bessler, Mariah Ashley, and Dara Marks Marino. To register for the presentation, [follow this link](#).

## **NTAA Monthly Video Update from Executive Committee Member Scott Hansen, Catawba Indian Nation, Region 4**

If you don't have time to dive deep into the NTAA Weekly Update, watch the quick video update to help give you the latest news from NTAA and learn more about the Tribes in each region! [Watch the video here](#) or on NTAA's home page under, "[Latest News.](#)"

**What a wonderful and informative NTFAQ conference we had last week! THANK YOU!** It would not have been possible without the help and support of a multitude of people – including all of you who attended our sessions, asked insightful questions, and made our virtual gathering almost feel like the real thing!

**At this time, we would really appreciate hearing back from you.** Please tell us what you thought about the 2021 NTFAQ, what content you want to see in 2022, and give us feedback on air quality trainings that you have. [This feedback form](#) should only take about 10 minutes or so to complete.

The NTFAQ website will stay open for 1 full year – so you can check out any of the pre-recorded trainings and presentations you may have missed here on the [NTFAQ website](#). We are editing the live sessions that you all attended, and will have those posted soon.

Thank you again for making the 2021 NTFAQ so informative, meaningful and fun! And please **SAVE THE DATE to be at Muscogee Nation for the 2022 NTFAQ May 2 – 6, 2022!!**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

Indian Country Today - [National report published today recommends air quality improvements and shares stories from tribal air quality programs](#)

Reuters - [Air pollution costs each American \\$2,500 a year in healthcare - study](#)

The Guardian – [Biden administration pauses transfer of holy Native American land to mining firm](#)

Washington Post - [Heat and smog hit low-income communities and people of color hardest, scientists say](#)

NY Times – [Facing Hurricane and Wildfire Seasons, FEMA Is Already Worn Out](#)

The Hill - [The terrible environmental costs of stagnant EPA funding](#)

Native Sun News – [Army Corps seeks tribal cooperation on DAPL](#)

EPA – [U.S. EPA penalizes Lupton, Arizona refinery for violating Clean Air Act chemical safety requirements](#)

CNN – [Stark racial disparities persist in vaccinations, state-level CDC data shows](#)

Science Advances - [Air pollution impacts of COVID-19–related containment measures](#)

High Country News – [Petroglyph vandalism is not a victimless crime](#)

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

### ***Climate Change/Energy***

The 19<sup>th</sup> – [Indigenous women and LGBTQ+ people led Dakota Access Pipeline protests. Five years later, they reflect on Standing Rock](#)

Euronews - ['The climate has won today' - Shell ordered to cut CO2 emissions by 45% in landmark climate case](#)

Reuters - [U.S. identifies areas for offshore wind energy projects near California](#)

Ensia – [“A Generational Historic Struggle To Regain Our Water”](#)

Washington Post – [For seventh straight year, a named storm forms in Atlantic ahead of hurricane season](#)

Mashable – [3 signs the climate op-ed you’re reading is full of it](#)

The Hill - [Environmentalists see infrastructure as crucial path to climate goals](#)

NPR – [Once Nearly Extinct, The Florida Panther Is Making A Comeback](#)

USA Today - [Climate Point: Helium mining lifts off in the Navajo Nation](#)

### ***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

CNBC - [Ford boosts electric vehicle spending to more than \\$30 billion, aims to have 40% of volume all-electric by 2030](#)

The Wall Street Journal – [Bitcoin Miners Are Giving New Life to Old Fossil-Fuel Power Plants](#)

The Hill - [Bipartisan group of senators introduces surface transportation bill](#)

Grist – [The cost to clean up New Mexico’s oil and gas industry? \\$8 billion.](#)

Nexus – [Refinery That Rained Oil Shut Down By EPA in St. Croix](#)

Jalopnik – [A Brief History of Gasoline: A Century And A Half of Lies](#)

Nexus – [Biden Administration Lets DAPL Oil Keep Flowing Without Permit](#)

### ***Indoor Air Quality***

EPA – [EPA and Partners Make Progress on the National Radon Action Plan](#)

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

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES**

### ***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

#### **NEW! Requesting comments on AirNow Fire and Smoke map FAQs**

While EPA is working to make updates to the AirNow Fire and Smoke Map, we also are reviewing our frequently asked questions (FAQs). The existing FAQs are [here](#). Please look at them and let us know your thoughts on these questions:

- Please think back to last year’s fire season. Did you get questions that were not included in these FAQs and that would be helpful to add? If so, what were they?
- What type of questions did you get most frequently? (This information will help us as we consider the order of questions on the page.)
- Are there questions/answers in the existing FAQs that you find confusing? Please let us know which ones -- and let us know what was confusing (need simplification, need more information, etc.) We’ll work on clarifying them.

Please send your feedback to [firesmokemap@epa.gov](mailto:firesmokemap@epa.gov), with **FAQ Input** in the subject line. It will help us if you can provide your feedback no later than June 15, 2021. If you have any questions, then please contact Ron Evans at 919-541-5488.

**EPA announced the first step in developing a proposed rule to reduce methane and other harmful pollutants from new and existing sources in the oil and natural gas industry**, beginning with a broad public outreach effort to

gather community and stakeholder input. These activities include holding training sessions on the rulemaking process and how to participate in it, convening listening sessions for stakeholders, and opening a public docket for pre-proposal comments. Here are some links for more information:

- [Press release](#) on the announcement
- Additional information, a [link](#) to the public docket and information on registering to attend a training webinar or a listening session.

**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:

- 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](mailto:byrne.andrew@epa.gov) if you have any questions.

### **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:**

- *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*

### **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](mailto: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.

<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> 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
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, June 3, 2pm ET
<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, June 24, 2pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, July 22, 1pm 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](#)**

<b>Training Title</b>	<b>2021 Dates</b>	<b>Training Type</b>
Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell	June 1	Webinar

Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness	June 7-11	Virtual Training
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### **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***

#### **NEW! WATCH: A live chat with Alicia Garza and Leah Penniman on climate and racial justice**

*Wednesday, May 26; 9am PT/12pm ET* / Live online via Grist [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [YouTube](#)

Climate justice and racial justice are inextricably linked. But how can they evolve from protest rallying cry to real results for the communities most impacted by climate change and environmental harm — particularly communities of color? Join us as we talk food sovereignty, climate justice, and equitable solutions with Alicia Garza and Leah Penniman.

#### **Please join the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and the Desert Research Institute for an upcoming film screening and panel discussion, featuring the documentary, *Inhabitants: An Indigenous Perspective*.**

*June 1; 12 pm PT* / [Film & Panel Discussion Registration!](#)

This film follows five Native American Tribes across deserts, coastlines, forests, and prairies as they restore their traditional land management practices. For more information on the film, click [here](#). Participants will be given exclusive access to the film at no cost to watch prior to the panel discussion. The live panel discussion will be on Tuesday, June 1st.

#### **NEW! Request for Proposals: Seed Funding for Centering Justice in Climate Research & Action**

*Due: Friday, June 25; @midnight* | [View Application Here](#)

The [Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences](#) is offering three \$5,000 awards to launch small-scale but impactful projects OR to support the time and effort to write a proposal for a large-scale project. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed work will bring together Indigenous and Earth



sciences to address pressing community-driven research and action. Successful applications will support projects to begin around July 20, 2021 and conclude around November 20, 2021. If you have any questions about the solicitation or application process, please send an email to [RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com](mailto:RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com)

**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 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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

***Toxics/Mobile Sources***

**EPA’s Diesel Emissions Reduction Act’s Tribal Grants for FY21**

Request for Applications now open! More information can be found on this [flyer](#) and on [this website](#). EPA’s 2021 Tribal and Insular Area grant program is now open. 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.

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is in the process of conducting a residual risk and technology review of the 2002 National**

**Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Major Source Primary Copper Smelting and a technology review of the 2007 Primary Copper Smelting Area Sources NESHAP.**

After EPA publishes the rules in the *Federal Register*, EPA plans to accept comment on these proposals for at least 45 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. Interested parties can download additional information and a copy of the proposed rules (when they are officially issued by EPA) from EPA's website at the following addresses: <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/primary-copper-smelting-area-sources-national-emissions-standards> and <https://www.epa.gov/stationary-sources-air-pollution/primary-copper-smelting-national-emissions-standards-hazardous-air>. The proposed rules and other background information will also be available either electronically at <https://www.regulations.gov/>, EPA's electronic public docket and comment system. Materials for the proposed actions can be accessed using Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OAR-2020-0430. For further technical information about the rule, contact Tonisha Dawson, EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards, at (919) 541-1454 or [dawson.tonisha@epa.gov](mailto:dawson.tonisha@epa.gov).

**The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) is initiating consultation and coordination with federally-recognized tribes regarding development of proposed actions under section 6(a) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) to address the unreasonable risks that EPA has determined are presented by n-methylpyrrolidone (NMP) under its conditions of use.**

This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the *EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes* (<https://www.epa.gov/tribal/forms/consultation-and-coordination-tribes>). EPA invites you and/or your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. OCSPP's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period is expected to extend from May 24 to August 27, 2021.

During this period, two identical consultation sessions will be conducted. To participate, OCSPP invites you and/or your designee to join us during one or more of the following consultation sessions:

- Monday, June 14, 2021, Tribal Consultation 1 – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30pm (ET)

Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 5076307

[Adobe Connect Link.](#)

- Wednesday, July 14, 2021, Tribal Consultation 2 – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30pm (ET)

Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 7686356

[Adobe Connect Link.](#)

To learn more about the rulemaking for NMP, visit: <https://www.epa.gov/assessing-and-managing-chemicals-under-tsca/final-risk-evaluation-n-methylpyrrolidone-nmp>.

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This consultation and coordination process will be conducted in accordance with the [EPA Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes](#). EPA invites you and/or your designated consultation representative(s) to participate in this process. OCSPP's anticipated timeline for the consultation and coordination period for Asbestos, Part 1: Chrysotile Asbestos and PV29 is expected to extend from May 10 to August 13, 2021.

- **Thursday, June 3, 2021 Tribal Consultation, Part 2 – Technical Briefing and Comment Period from 1:00-3:30 pm (ET)**  
Conference Line: (833) 760-4028; Conference ID: 3279306  
[Adobe Connect Link](#)

### **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](mailto: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](http://www.regulations.gov).

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!

**How Indoor airPLUS Homes Help Reduce the Occurrence of Asthma Triggers in the Home**

Here are ways an Indoor airPLUS home can help reduce [asthma triggers](#) in the home.

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

## **RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

### ***Now Hiring!***

**NEW! Job Opportunity at US EPA Region 9, Open from 5/21/21 to 5/27/21 | [Apply Here!](#)**

Title:	PHYSICAL SCIENTIST
Series & Grades Advertised:	GS-1301
Full Performance Level:	GS-11, FPL 12
No. of Vacancies	3
SF-52 #:	210894062
Area of Consideration:	OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
Position Type:	Full-Time

Opening Date: 05/21/2021  
 Closing Date: 05/27/2021  
 Location: SAN FRANCISCO, CA  
 Other Information: Moderate Risk Designation

### **2021 Upward Bound Math & Science Instructors**

The Upward Bound Math & Science program at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, is looking to hire (4) Summer Instructors.

If possible, our program would appreciate our announcement being shared with others. Our student population is mostly Navajo/Dine (Native American), Hopi (Native American), and Latinx. The majority of our students live in the Northern Arizona region, mostly tribal reservation lands which are very rural. More info can be found [here](#).

**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](#). Application [Page](#).

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions to Stephanie Christel, Eco-Management Analyst, Greening Diplomacy Initiative  
 Office of Management Strategy & Solutions  
 U.S. Department of State (o) 202-485-1624 (m) 516-835-1666

### **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](mailto:ckramernltc@gmail.com).

**Deadline:** Open until filled.

***Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes***

## **Application Period Open for Department of State and EPA Virtual Air Quality Fellowship**

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. [Click here](#) for more information. Email Stephanie Christel at [public\\_outreach\\_tribes@lists.4cleanair.org](mailto:public_outreach_tribes@lists.4cleanair.org) for more information.

## **Emergency Broadband Benefit Program Accepting Applications**

The Federal Communications Commission just launched a temporary program to help families and households struggling to afford Internet service during the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting May 12, the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) will provide a discount of up to \$50 per month toward broadband service for eligible households and up to \$75 per month for households on qualifying tribal lands. Eligible households can also receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 to purchase a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet from participating providers. Eligible households can enroll through a participating broadband provider or directly with the Universal Service Administrative Company using an online or mail-in application. You can learn more about the EBB program, including eligibility and enrollment information, by following the links below or calling (833) 511-0311.

- [Read the news release](#)
- [EBB website https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit](https://www.fcc.gov/broadbandbenefit)
- [GetEmergencyBroadband.org](http://GetEmergencyBroadband.org)
- [EBB FAQ sheet](#)
- [Step-by-step instructions for applicants \(PDF\)](#)
- [City of Tucson website summary of EBB program](#)

## **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](#).

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.

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### ***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](#).

### **Recent additions to OTAQ's website in March 2021**

You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ [on our website](#).

### ***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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