



National Tribal Air Association

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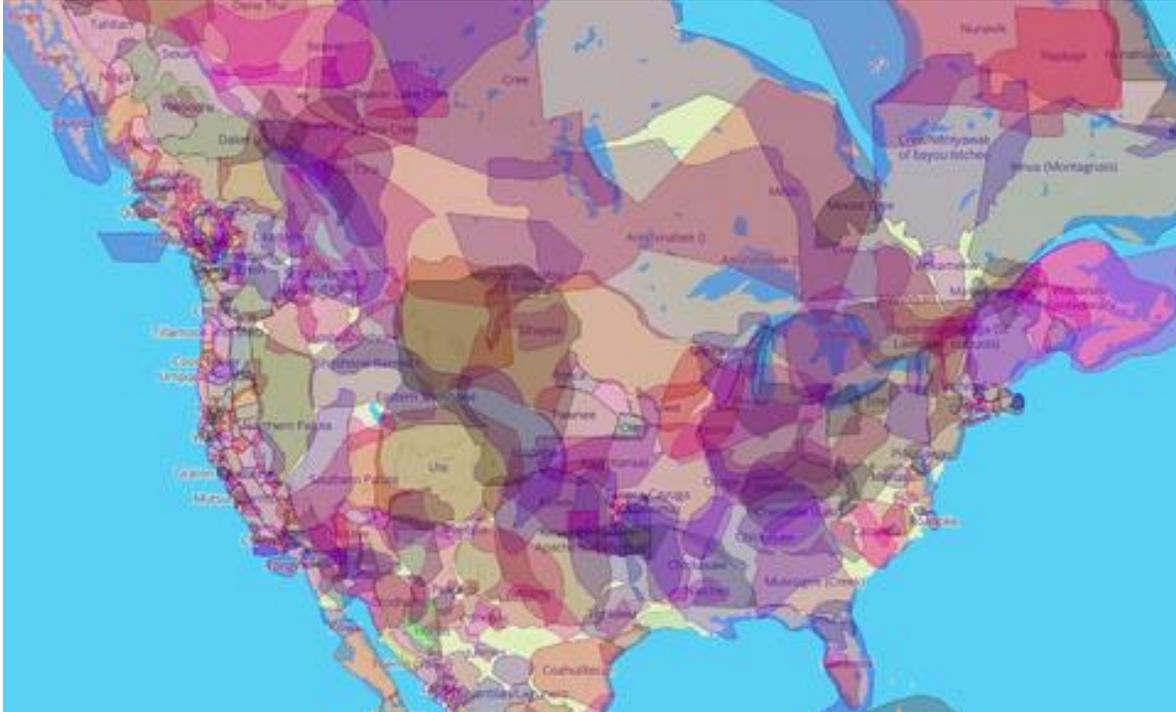
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A history worth exploring on Indigenous People’s Day. Image credit: Victor Temprano

TOP STORIES

ITEP and NTAA are Seeking Tribal Co-Hosts for the NTFAQ

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) provides environmental professionals from tribes, EPA, and other organizations an opportunity to meet and discuss current policies, regulatory initiatives, and technical topics in air quality. The NTFAQ is a cooperative endeavor co-sponsored by The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA), made possible by funding from US EPA and our generous sponsors. The Request for Proposals can be found [on the ITEP website](#).

The NTAA releases a Fact Sheet on EPA’s Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

The EPA’s Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry was published at [84 FR 50244](#). Additional information such as the public hearing and how to comment

can be found here. Comments are due on November 25, 2019. The NTAA will hold an informational webinar for Tribes on Wednesday, October 30 at 2pm ET and you can register for that webinar [here](#). NTAA will be releasing a Tribal Template Letter and a Comment Letter to EPA. This and all of the NTAA's Policy Resource Kits can be found on the [NTAA's PRK webpage](#).

E&E News – [Air Pollution: EPA sends final guidance for White House review](#)

EPA has sent the final version of its technical guidance for the New Source Review program to the White House for review, more than a year after quietly releasing an initial draft. The guidance seeks to narrow the definition of "adjacent" when regulators want to determine whether two or more industrial facilities qualify as a single source that would require a New Source Review pre-construction permit or a Title V operating permit. It would apply to all industries except the oil and gas sector.

Nominations for Candidates to Serve on the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee

On September 11, 2019, EPA published a Federal Register Notice seeking nominations for qualified candidates to serve on the Children's Health Protection Advisory Committee (CHPAC). The CHPAC is looking for representatives from industry; tribal, state, county and local government; school systems; academia; health care providers (including pediatricians, obstetric professionals, occupational medicine practitioners and community nurses); and non-governmental organizations. The types of experience necessary includes children's environmental health and development; epidemiology and toxicology; role of environmental chemicals in childhood diseases such as asthma, obesity and ADHD; prenatal environmental exposures and adverse health outcomes; specific environmental exposures to chemicals such as lead, mercury and other heavy metals that adversely impact children's health; tribal children's environmental health; children's environmental health disparities; research; air quality (indoor and outdoor); water quality; EPA regulation development; risk assessment; exposure assessment; science policy; public health information tracking; and outreach and risk communication.

Nominations need to be submitted by October 18, 2019 (extended) by email to: EPA_CHPAC@icfi.com and louie.nica@epa.gov or mail to Nica Louie, Designated Federal Officer, Office of Children's Health Protection, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Mail Code 1107T, 1301 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20460. Please refer to the [Federal Register notice](#) for details of nomination submission.

NSPS for New Residential Wood Heaters, Hydronic Heaters, and Forced-air Furnaces

EPA has [posted information about the next steps](#) concerning the 2015 New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) for new residential wood heaters, hydronic heaters, and forced-air furnaces.

First, the agency is preparing a final rule related to its November 30, 2018, proposed rule and intends to publish this final action in fall 2019. In this action, the agency intends to address minimum pellet requirements and other issues identified in the proposal. In the meantime, EPA encourages affected entities to continue efforts to certify compliance with the NSPS in light of the upcoming May 15, 2020, compliance date. To this end, on August 19, 2019, the agency approved an [alternative test method](#) for forced-air furnaces, which the agency believes may facilitate the ability of manufacturers of these devices to certify compliance by the current compliance date.

Second, in the coming months, the agency is initiating a series of roundtable discussions with states and other stakeholders to inform the agency's direction toward a cord wood-based compliance test method. These discussions are intended to lay the foundation for a future test method rulemaking.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NBC News – [Fired EPA scientists to release air pollution report they say agency unqualified to issue](#)

Concordia – [CO2 emissions cause lost labor productivity, new Concordia research shows](#)

NY Times – [Air Pollution Is Linked to Miscarriages in China, Study Finds](#)

Yahoo – [Balding, hair loss could be tied to air pollution, new research says](#)

EPA – [Administrator Wheeler Announces Membership for the Science Advisory Board Following Public Comment Period](#)

Native News Online – [Another Mine Spills Into Animas River](#)

Indian Country Today – [The Arctic's future is Indigenous](#)

Native Sun News – [EPA hears resounding ‘no’ on proposed water permits for Black Hills uranium mining](#)

NPR – [Border Wall Rising In Arizona, Raises Concerns Among Conservationists, Native Tribes](#)

AP – [California power shutdowns raise air pollution worries](#)

New Republic – [The Connection between Pipelines and Sexual Violence](#)

NPR – [Trump Administration Moves to Expand Logging in Nation’s Largest National Forest](#)

NAU Lumberjack - [Educating the way to change](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

High Country News – [Climate change is already scary in Alaska](#)

Indian Country Today – [Alaska Supreme Court hears oral arguments in kids’ climate change lawsuit](#)

Native Sun News – [From Sweden to Pine Ridge](#)

E&E News – [La. kills net metering. Will other states roll back solar?](#)

NPR – [Pumping Oxygen in a Lake to Try to Save Fish Facing Climate Change](#)

NCAI – [Tribal Climate Action Update](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Utility Dive – [6 US regions leading the way on electric buses](#)

NY Times – [The Most Detailed Map of Auto Emissions in America](#)

EPA – [EPA Proposes Updates to Lead and Copper Rule to Better Protect Children and At-Risk Communities](#)

E&E News – [Enviros lament 'lost opportunity' with lead rule revamp](#)

EPA – [EPA Issues Supplemental Proposal for Renewable Fuels Volumes](#)

NPR – [California Bans Popular Pesticide Linked To Brain Damage in Children](#)

Indoor Air Quality

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

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Discussion about Citizen Science Vision – Webinars Scheduled on October 22 and 28

As a follow-up to recent engagements with the National Tribal Caucus and EPA Tribal Partnership Groups, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has scheduled two informational webinars for tribes to provide input on the draft Citizen Science Future Vision and Guiding Principles. During the webinars, we will provide a short presentation about the draft EPA vision and principles and leave the remainder of time for discussion and questions. The goal is to hear tribal perspectives and discuss how EPA and tribes can work together on citizen science. A draft of the EPA vision/strategy document (about 10 pages) will be available to you a week before the meeting. For any questions, please contact Courtney Arnett by email at Arnett.courtney@epa.gov or by phone at 202-564-6688. To join the meetings, follow these links:

[Tuesday, 10/22/19 2-3pm \(Eastern Time\)](#)

[Monday, 10/28/19 2-3pm \(Eastern Time\)](#)

The NTAA will hold a webinar on EPA's Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

Wednesday, October 30, 2019 at 2pm ET

This hour-long webinar will help Tribes better understand NTAA's response to EPA's Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry. The proposal has two alternatives, a Primary and an Alternate, both of which propose to remove methane as a regulated pollutant, and the Primary proposes removing the "Transportation and Storage" segment from the source category. The webinar will summarize NTAA's Policy Resource Kit including a template letter that Tribes can use to submit comments to EPA by November 25, 2019. You can access NTAA's Policy Resource Kit on this issue [here](#). You can [register for the informational webinar here](#), or listen into the webinar by calling into (914) 614-3221 and using code 921-690-136.

NTAA Project Director Andy Bessler will moderate the webinar and speakers will include NTAA's Policy Advisory Committee Member Pilar Thomas and NTAA Research Specialist Dara Marks Marino.

EPA Reopens Comment Period for the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities Residual Risk and Technology Review

On August 16, 2019, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a rule titled "National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing Facilities Residual Risk and Technology Review." The EPA is reopening the comment period on the proposed rule that originally closed on September 30, 2019. The comment period will remain open to allow additional time for stakeholders to review and comment on the proposal. DATES: The public comment period for the proposed rule published in the Federal Register on August 16, 2019 (84 FR 42704), is being reopened. Written comments must be received on or before November 7, 2019.

EPA Reopens Comment Period and Offers Consultation on Proposed Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act (also known as the "Once In Always In" proposal)

The comment period for this proposal closed on September 24, then was reopened on September 30. Comments will be accepted from October 2 – November 1, 2019. Tribes can use the [NTAA's Tribal Template Letter](#) to help in writing and submitting comments. Information on Tribal consultation can be found [on the TCOTS website here](#). More information on the proposal can be found [on EPA's website here](#).

EPA Offers Tribal Consultation for the Oil and Natural Gas Sector: Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources Review

More information on Tribal consultation can be found [on the TCOTS website here](#). The NTAA held an informational webinar on this proposal, and is developing a Fact Sheet, Tribal Template Letter, and Comment Letter. These resources can be found on the [NTAA's Policy Resources Kit page](#).

Tribal Implementation of Voluntary, Partnership, and Community-Based EPA Programs

October 21, 2019, 1:30-3:00 pm ET (9:30 am AK, 10:30 am PT, 11:30 am MT, 12:30 pm CT) [Register for the webinar here](#).

This webinar will provide attendees with an understanding of tribal implementation of voluntary, partnership, and community-based EPA programs. Five different EPA Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) representatives will describe a myriad of programs available to Tribes. Each presenter will speak for 20 minutes and offer office-specific voluntary program examples. The webinar is free and open to all. This webinar will be recorded.

Contact Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu with questions.

2019 Tribal GIS Conference Early Bird Rate Extended

Albuquerque, NM

November 18 - 22, 2019

[Register here!](#)

The 2019 National Tribal GIS Conference will take place November 18-22 at the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, in Albuquerque, NM. Please click [here](#) to register or visit www.tribalgis.com for up-to-date information. Early bird rates have been extended until October 11th.

We still have room for presentations! If you would like to present, please contact NTGISC at events@tribalgis.com. Presentation abstracts are being accepted until October 18th. Presenters receive a complimentary registration.

At this year's conference we will be holding a digital map poster contest (for traditional maps and posters) as we have had in past years. Contestants will need to submit their maps in a digital format to be included in the contest. For more information about the digital map poster contest, please review the contest information at the following [link](#). Deadline October 18th.

New at this year's conference we will be holding a story map contest (for interactive online story maps) in addition to our normal map poster contest. For more information about the story map contest, please review the contest information at the following [link](#). Deadline October 18th.

Proposed Policy Amendments for the 2012 and 2016 NSPS for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry

The Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry was published at [84 FR 50244](#). Additional information such as the public hearing and how to comment can be found [here](#). The NTAA and EPA held a webinar on this proposal, which you can [find on our website here](#). The NTAA will be creating a Fact Sheet, Tribal Template Letter, and Comment Letter for this proposal as well. The comment deadline for this proposal is November 25, 2019.

Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET

[For more information, click here!](#)

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.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Wednesday, October 16, 2pm ET (<i>Please note: this is not the usual day for this call.</i>)
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, October 31, 2pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, November 7, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke.	Thursday, November 21, 2pm ET

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional's (ITEP's) [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars and other events related to tribes and climate change.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's other trainings and events.

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's [FY20 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	October 29-31	Tulsa, OK	2
Sensor Technology	November 19-21	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	n/a
Air Quality in Alaska	December 3-6	Bethel, AK	1
GIS for Air Quality	December 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
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Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 14-17	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools	January 28-31	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality Computations	February 11-14	Phoenix, AZ	1
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	February 25-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools in Alaska	March 3-6	AK - TBD	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 10-13	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Meteorological Monitoring	March 24-26	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Pollution Modeling	April 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
<i>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
Air Quality Outreach	TBD	TBD	1
2021			
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	Series of 6 recorded webinars	n/a
Indoor Air Quality - Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1

Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Fundamentals	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Advanced	Open	Online	3
<i>Note: This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications please visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</i>			

Climate Change / Energy

October 17, 1 PM (ET) – Success Stories on Holding ENERGY STAR Competitions

Are you looking for a fun way to engage your building occupants? Join us to hear from an ENERGY STAR partner that has successfully ran an internal energy efficiency competition. Food Lion will share how they encouraged sister brands to start developing energy management programs and helped them manage energy, as well as highlights from their inaugural Battle of the Buildings competition which resulted in a 10% energy reduction for the winning store.

We'll also review off-the-shelf, co-brandable tools and resources that EPA has created to help you “Build Your Own Battle.” Q&A to follow.

[Register](#)

October 22, 1 PM (ET) - How to Apply for the ENERGY STAR for U.S. Buildings

Join ENERGY STAR to learn about applying for ENERGY STAR Certification in Portfolio Manager. Understand the value of the ENERGY STAR certification, see the step-by-step process of applying, and gain tips to help your property get from application to award. [Register](#)

October 23, 1 PM (ET) – Minimizing Water Use in Mechanical/HVAC Systems

Facilities with extensive heating and cooling requirements can still be water-efficient. Optimizing your heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) system efficiency will help save your facility water, energy, and money. EPA's WaterSense program will teach you how to reduce water waste in cooling towers

and steam boilers, optimize chilled water systems, and address equipment that uses single-pass cooling water. Featuring: Tara O'Hare, EPA's WaterSense Program [Register](#)

October 23, 1:15 PM (ET) – Vacant to Vibrant: Embedding Green Space in Neighborhoods to Clean Water, Cool Cities, and Bring Equitable Prosperity

Vacant lots, so often seen as neighborhood blight, have the potential to be a key element of community revitalization. As manufacturing cities reinvent themselves after decades of lost jobs and population, abundant vacant land resources and interest in green infrastructure are expanding opportunities for community and environmental resilience. Vacant to Vibrant explains how inexpensive green infrastructure projects can reduce stormwater runoff and pollution, and provide neighborhood amenities, especially in areas with little or no access to existing green space.

Sandra Albro offers practical insights through her experience leading the five-year Vacant to Vibrant project, which piloted the creation of green infrastructure networks in Gary, Indiana; Cleveland, Ohio; and Buffalo, New York. Vacant to Vibrant provides a point of comparison among the three cities as they adapt old systems to new, green technology. An overview of the larger economic and social dynamics in play throughout the Rust Belt region establishes context for the promise of green infrastructure. [Register](#)

October 29, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist. [Register](#)

November 18–22: Register for 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review

Register now for the 2019 Office of Indian Energy Program Review to be held November 18–22 at the Sheraton Denver West Hotel in Lakewood, Colorado. This annual event is a tremendous opportunity for Indian tribes to meet, learn from other Indian tribes that are pursuing energy self-sufficiency, and share in each other's successes. The 2019 Program Review will feature project status updates from tribes across the nation who are leveraging Office of Indian Energy grant funding to deploy energy technologies or initiate the first steps to energy development. Due to widespread interest in energy development, the Review is

also open to all of Indian Country. There is no registration fee, but advanced registration is required to ensure seating and availability of food. [Register now](#).

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

October 24, 2 PM (ET) - Electric Vehicle Trends and Current Projections

This webinar, organized by EPA's State and Local Energy and Environment Program and Office of Transportation and Air Quality, will provide an overview of the current electric vehicle market and expected trends for the future. It will touch on key studies and briefly summarize findings about the environmental and economic implications of electric vehicle adoption. Intended for state and local environmental and transportation planners. Registration link will be available soon.

Guidance on New R-LINE Additions to AERMOD 19191

EPA has new guidance related to the recent release of AERMOD 19191. "Guidance on New R-LINE Additions to AERMOD 19191 for Refined Transportation Project Analyses" is now available on the web site, [on this page](#), and this is [a direct link to the guidance](#).

Indoor Air Quality

Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) Meeting: October 16, 2019

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar on Wednesday, October 16, 2019, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT. At the meeting, CIAQ member agencies will provide updates on indoor environmental quality-related activities at their agencies, with the goal of enhancing opportunities for collaboration and coordination. Following these updates, proposed presentation(s) on topics of interest to the IAQ community include—

1. an update on the recent NAS report on *Legionella Management in Water Systems*; and
2. a discussion on the state of the science and potential public health impacts of vaping and e-cigarettes (e.g., recent lung illnesses, potential impacts on indoor air and possible inclusion in indoor smoke-free policies).

The agenda for the October meeting will be provided on the [CIAQ website](#) shortly. To [register for the webinar, please visit this link](#). For audio, participants must call toll-free (855) 883-8661 and provide the operator with the audio conference ID

2973518 when prompted. Note: Audio for this webinar is through the phone *only* (No VOIP). For international attendees, call-in information will be available the day of the webinar upon request. Please connect to GoToWebinar and request international call-in information using the question function.

If you would like to attend in person, please contact the Executive Secretariat at burton.laureen@epa.gov with your full name and organizational affiliation; this information is needed for security purposes.

For more information on the CIAQ and its activities, [click here](#). If you have a presentation topic that you would like to suggest for future consideration, please send it to ciaq@epa.gov.

Webinar Announcement: Launch of the New Tribal Indoor Air Funding Directory

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

DATE: Thursday, October 17th, 2019

TIME: 10:00am – 11:30am Pacific Standard Time

The [Tribal Healthy Homes Network](#) invites you to join us for the launch of the new TRIBAL INDOOR AIR FUNDING DIRECTORY. The Directory is an interactive, searchable and comprehensive database, and a living document, created to connect tribes with indoor air quality grants and loans.

ABOUT:

1. Learn to navigate the searchable database and how to optimize your search for grants and loans;
2. Hear from tribal partners as they talk us through conducting their own search using the database;
3. Find out about potential grants that your tribe or organization may be eligible for;
4. Hear tips for getting funded; and
5. See how you and our funding partners can easily upload highlights of your work or new grants and help us make the Directory a living document.

Throwback Thursday Webinars—Learn About Healthy Green Cleaning in Schools Throughout October

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is opening the webinar vault and re-releasing three classics with essential information for protecting occupant health while improving school facilities! Attend these webinars throughout October to learn about the importance of combining an effective IAQ management plan with healthy green cleaning in schools, the effects this can have

on student and staff health, and how to integrate these practices with preventive maintenance to increase efficiency, improve equipment reliability and reduce exposure to toxic chemicals. If you need a refresher on healthy green cleaning strategies or if you are curious how green cleaning ties into indoor air quality (IAQ) preventive maintenance practices, this fall webinar series is for you! Additionally, be sure to join us for a [live discussion on October 30, 2019](#), when EPA staff along with school district experts will expand on common themes and strategies for integrating healthy green cleaning strategies with IAQ preventive maintenance. You also will have an opportunity to ask your questions and seek guidance. Register for the upcoming Throwback Thursday Webinars, all from 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. EDT

- October 17, 2019 [Green, Clean and Healthy: Effective Cleaning and Preventive Maintenance for a Healthier School Environment](#)
- Wednesday, October 30, 2019 [Insights From the Experts: IAQ Preventive Maintenance Today for Healthy Green Cleaning Tomorrow](#)

Join HUD at NCAI on October 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Albuquerque Convention Center, for a Roundtable on Eliminating Regulatory Barriers in Affordable Housing

HUD will be hosting a round table discussion on “Eliminating Regulatory Barriers in Affordable Housing.” HUD is seeking tribal input on what regulatory roadblocks Tribes encounter when trying to construct or acquire affordable housing, and what measures and steps can be taken to remove or alleviate them. If you are planning on attending the Annual Convention, please consider joining the discussion Monday morning to provide your insight and feedback on this important subject.

Save the Date and Call for Topics and Speakers: Residential Wood Smoke Workshop, March 10-12, 2020

A Residential Wood Smoke Workshop (Workshop) will be held in New Orleans, LA from March 10 – 12, 2020. The Workshop will cover a wide range of topics, including regulatory (e.g., curtailment programs, Wood Heater New Source Performance Standard), voluntary (e.g., education campaigns, incentive programs) and technical (e.g., EPA-certification test methods) with a focus on sharing lessons learned.

As we formulate the agenda over the next 3-4 weeks, we are requesting suggestions on specific discussion topics and critical issue you face in tackling this issue and would find valuable to discuss with your counterparts across the nation. If you have any recommendation on speakers or have an issue or

program that you would be interested in presenting, please contact Larry Brockman, brockman.larry@epa.gov or 919-541-5398.

The Workshop target audience is governmental organizations from all levels that work on this topic along with non-profit organizations. This Workshop will be held in conjunction with the Hearth, Patio and Barbeque Association Trade Show/Expo, which offers workshop participants the opportunity to tour the Trade Show floor and meet with industry representatives. At the Expo a wide variety of hearth technologies are on display including cordwood, wood pellet, coal and gas stoves, wood-fired central heating system.

Details on the Workshop agenda, registration, and lodging options will be sent out no later than Friday, November 15. In the meantime, here is a [link](#) to the 2018 Residential Wood Smoke Workshop agenda and presentations to get a sense of what to expect in 2020. The Workshop is being coordinated and supported by EPA, the Western States Air Resources Council, the Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management and National Tribal Air Association.

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

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RESOURCES

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

Climate Change/Energy

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

Indoor Air Quality

October Is Healthy Lung Month

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's [Indoor Environments Division](#) and the [American Lung Association](#) celebrate Healthy Lung Month and National

Respiratory Care Week (October 20–26, 2019). Indoor air pollutants, including those that trigger [asthma attacks](#), can affect your lung health. Learn more about how to improve the quality of your indoor air and protect your lung health.

Test for and Fix Radon: [Radon](#) is the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers and the second leading cause overall. It is a naturally occurring gas that can be found anywhere. You can't see or smell radon. The only way to know how much radon may be present in your indoor air is to [test](#) for it. If a high level of radon is present in your home, school or business, it can be reduced with proven, cost-effective techniques.

Eliminate Exposure to Secondhand Smoke: Exposure to [secondhand smoke](#) can have serious consequences for your health, including increased risks of heart disease, stroke and lung cancer. You can reduce your exposure by implementing smoke-free policies in your home and car. Prohibiting smoking indoors is the only way to eliminate secondhand smoke from the indoor environment.

Reduce Exposure to Molds: Inhaling [mold spores](#) can trigger an asthma attack in people sensitive to molds. When you see mold in your home, make sure to [clean the area](#) and let it dry completely. Eliminate sources of moisture by fixing water leaks, keeping areas of your home dry and maintaining low humidity.

Be sure to sign up for [EPA's Healthy Indoor Air newsletter](#).

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

Apply now for an 8-week summer internship through ITEP

Deadline to apply: February 28, 2020

Spend your summer working with tribal organizations to address tribal environmental issues. The internships have a technical, educational or policy focus. We are offering eight positions in air quality. The internship program provides each student intern with a stipend, and limited housing and travel allowances. Host sites are selected from tribal environmental organizations, government offices, the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and others.

Eligible students must meet the following:

- US Citizen
- Identify as Native American/Alaska Native

- Full-time undergraduate or graduate college student during Spring 2020 (12 hours undergrad, 9 hours grad) at any tribal college, college or university
- Have at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA
- Majoring in an environmental or related field like science, engineering, planning, policy, law, management, political science, anthropology, or health
- Interested in pursuing an environmental career after graduating
- Proficient verbal and written communication skills
- Strong interest in working with Native American tribes or topics

Please register at nau.edu/itepinterns for more information. For details about how to apply see website. You can also provide your preferences for the host sites you find interesting after January 24, 2020. Questions? Contact EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes **ITEP Student Summer Internships**

The ITEP Student Summer Internship Program is making some changes. For Summer 2020 the ITEP staff will be recruiting and placing only Native American college students. Please reach out to our Native American college students and let them know about this excellent opportunity.

Applications for host sites will be accepted starting now and will be due January 17, 2020. Organizations interested in hosting an intern, please submit an online application at <https://NAU.edu/itepinterns>. The internship projects must be related to air quality and must serve the needs of a tribal community. The ITEP staff will be recruiting Native American students from all over the nation. Host sites are also encouraged to recruit students from their region.

Applications for internships will be accepted starting now and will be due February 28, 2020. Students considering an ITEP summer internship are encouraged to complete the online registration as soon as possible. (The initial online registration will take just a few minutes to complete.) Once the ITEP staff have names and emails of the students, the staff will assist students with completing the application prior to the deadline. Since host sites make the actual intern selections, the ITEP staff are available to review the student applications and give students feedback to improve their application. To complete the online registration and to learn more about past internships go to <https://NAU.edu/itepinterns>.

Anyone with questions is welcome to contact Mansel A Nelson at Mansel.nelson@nau.edu or 928-523-1275 (please leave a voicemail).

DOI BLM FY2020 Bureau-Wide Management Studies Support Program for National Conservation Lands - \$375,000

Applications Due: November 15, 2019

Eligible Entities: state government, local government, Indian tribes

The National Conservation Lands financially supports studies aimed at increasing our understanding of the resources present on the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands and the effectiveness of BLM's resource management decisions. The program seeks to develop and maintain strong partnerships with State, local, and private stakeholders in shared conservation stewardship by engaging partners in conducting management-focused research on the National Conservation Lands. Results from these studies on National Conservation Lands will inform management strategies utilized throughout BLM as well as other land management entities. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Climate Change/Energy

DHS FEMA FY19 Pre-Disaster Mitigation - \$250 million

Applications Due: January 31, 2020

Eligible Entities: state governments, Native American tribal governments

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. FEMA will provide allocations of \$575,000 as required by the Stafford Act to states and territories; and a tribal set aside of \$20 million for allocations up to \$575,000 for Native American Indian tribal governments to support overall mitigation planning and projects. The remaining PDM funds will be awarded on a competitive basis with a focus on multi-state/tribal mitigation initiatives. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

DOC EDA FY2019 EDA Disaster Supplemental - \$587 million

Applications Due: applications are accepted on a continuing basis and processed as received

Eligible Entities: state governments, local government, Indian tribe

EDA announces general policies and application procedures for the Disaster Supplemental NOFO. Subject to the availability of funds, this investment assistance will help communities and regions devise and implement long-term

economic recovery strategies through a variety of non-construction and construction projects, as appropriate, to address economic challenges in areas where a Presidential declaration of a major disaster was issued under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. § 5121 et seq.) (Stafford Act) "as a result of Hurricanes Florence, Michael, and Lane, Typhoons

Yutu and Mangkhut, and of wildfires, volcanic eruptions, earthquakes and other natural disasters occurring in calendar year 2018, and tornadoes and floods occurring in calendar year 2019...". For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

Toxics/Mobile Sources

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](#).

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