



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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Anchorage Daily News - [AFN declares 'state of emergency' for climate change](#)



Nanieezh Peter, 15, Quannah Chasing Horse Potts, 17, and Nanieezh's father Evon Peter embrace after Alaska Federation of Natives delegates voted to approve a climate change resolution written by Nanieezh and Potts on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019 during the AFN convention at the Carlson Center in Fairbanks. The resolution called for the reinstatement of a climate action leadership task force and declared a state of emergency on climate change. (Loren Holmes / ADN)

TOP STORIES

The Hill - [EPA chief espouses benefits of agency's environmental deregulation](#)

Arizona Republic - [Will power plant's closure help clear the air, restore the view of Grand Canyon?](#)

BBC News - [Air pollution 'triggers hundreds more heart attacks and strokes'](#)

NY Times – [Despite Their Promises, Giant Energy Companies Burn Away Vast Amounts of Natural Gas](#)

Reuters - [Exxon, New York prosecutors face off in climate change fraud trial](#)

North Coast Journal - ['We're Coming Home' The unprecedented return of Indian Island to the Wiyot Tribe](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Hill - [EPA moves to implement Trump order on scaling back industry guidance](#)

E&E News – [Lawmakers to hold first pebble mine hearing in 3 years](#)

Indian Country Today – [Arizona legislators push federal government on clean air rules](#)

Indianz – [Yakama Nation calls for removal of Columbia River dams](#)

High Country News – [Feds give Navajo uranium contract to firm with sketchy past](#)

Public News Service - [Study Links Air-Pollution Exposure to Violent Crime](#)

Science News for Students - [Air pollution intensifies a teen's feeling of stress](#)

University of British Columbia – [Atmospheric pressure impacts greenhouse gas emissions from leaky oil and gas wells: UBC study](#)

United Nations Environment Programme - [Policies that tackle climate and air pollution at the same time can raise global climate ambition](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Native News Online – [Coalitions of Native Groups are calling on Alaska Native Leadership to Address Climate Change](#)

National Geographic - [Climate change has finally caught up to this Alaska village](#)

Politico - [USDA inspector general launches climate change investigation](#)

NPR – [Trees That Survived California Drought May Hold Clue to Climate Resilience](#)

Popular Science - [How microgrids could protect California from blackouts during fire season](#)

Ensia – [These Three Circular Economy Principles Can Help Combat the Climate Crisis](#)

E&E News – [Climate concerns spur market for plant-based meats](#)

AP News - [Climate change making stronger El Ninos, study finds](#)

NY Times – [Trump Taps Dan Brouillette to Succeed Rick Perry as Energy Secretary](#)

NY Times – [A New Marine Heat Wave Threatens Hawaii's Reefs](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

CNN Business – [Ford announces launch of largest electric vehicle charging network in the US](#)

Cal Matters - [Nasty letters. Funding threats. Here's why California's clean air fight with the feds matters](#)

E&E News – [Yanking Calif. waiver would cause emissions spike](#)

Chalmers University of Technology – [All plastic waste could be recycled into new plastic](#)

Navajo Times - [Lawmakers told state must plan for more electric vehicles](#)

High Country News - [Feds give Navajo uranium contract to firm with sketchy past](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Tribal Healthy Homes Network - [CLICK HERE](#) to explore THHN's **new interactive, searchable database** with current information on all forms of grants and loans that tribes are eligible for related to indoor air quality and healthy homes. [CLICK HERE](#) to watch a webinar **tutorial on YouTube** and learn how to optimize your search and navigate the Funding Directory.

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

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

ITEP and NTAA are Seeking Tribal Co-Hosts for the 2020 NTFAQ. Proposals due October 28!

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](#).

Yesterday, the EPA Administrator proposed minor amendments to the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills and to the New Source Performance Standards for Kraft Pulp Mills.

The proposed amendments provide flexibility for monitoring requirements and improved regulatory clarity. These minor amendments would go into effect immediately upon promulgation. EPA will accept comment on the proposed amendments for 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. The notice and a summary fact sheet are [available here.](#)

Also yesterday, the EPA Administrator responded to a petition, submitted by the Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), to reconsider certain aspects of a 2007 final rule modifying how corn milling facilities should be treated under Clean Air Act permitting programs.

The Agency intends to reconsider the claim that EPA's 2007 rule did not appropriately address the Clean Air Act's anti-backsliding requirements for nonattainment areas. We are denying reconsideration of the remaining issues. Later this morning, EPA will post the Administrator's letter responding to NRDC's [request here.](#)

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.

Additionally, EPA is offering Tribal consultation on this proposal. More information on Tribal consultation can be found [on the TCOTS website here](#).

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 until 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 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.

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.

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 address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, November 21, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, December 19, 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
2020			
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	April 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Pollution Modeling	Fall 2020	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>			

Save the date! Ogden Murphy Wallace’s Tribal Environmental Seminar for Tribal Leaders, Tribal Environmental Program Managers, and In-House Counsel

Wednesday, March 25 - Thursday, March 26, 2020

Seattle, Washington

The theme for the 2020 Tribal Environmental Seminar is “*Using Federal, Tribal and State Law to Protect the Tribal Homeland and Preserve Tribal Rights and Resources.*”

Climate Change / Energy

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

Electric Vehicle Trends and Projections

Thursday, October 24, 2:00-3:30 PM (ET)

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.

Speakers include:

- Dr. Rachael Nealer, Transportation Chief of Staff, U.S. Department of Energy: Overview of US trends and environmental implications
- Michael Nicholas, Senior Researcher, The International Council on Clean Transportation: Global electric vehicle sales and trends
- Garrett Eucalitto, Transportation Program Director and Matt Rogotzke, Policy Analyst, National Governors' Association: Transportation Electrification: States Rev Up

[Register](#)

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Stresses and Successes: A Difficult Responsibility for Tribes Restoring Contaminated Lands and Water

November 6, 2019, 9:00am PT/12:00 noon ET

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (Colville Tribes) have endured more than a century of injuries to natural resources in and around their Reservation as a consequence of the release of hazardous substances from industrial activities, in particular the proximity of their traditional lands and waters to the world's largest lead-zinc smelter, operated since 1896 in the city of Trail, BC (Canada), upstream of the US-Canada border on the banks of the Columbia River. The sediments of the river, the fish, and the upland soils have been contaminated with arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, and zinc from water and air emissions. Since 1999, the Colville Tribes have pressed for investigation, cleanup, and restoration of their resources through a combination of strategies: engaging the Federal government through its standard process and bureaucracy related to environmental risk assessment and remediation, taking independent action, and maintaining a focus on the end goal of restoring Tribal members' relationship to the River. The Colville Tribes undertook successful litigation

showing that the US government has jurisdiction over pollution that originated with this Canadian company and that the company is liable for contamination that is now located in the United States. This presentation will focus on the specific successes that have been achieved in these processes and the common themes that those victories share, including the Colville Tribes' understanding of their fundamental responsibility for taking care of the land and water.

Presented by Whitney Fraser, Lodestone Environmental Consulting LLC. [After registering](#), you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

Indoor Air Quality

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

- Wednesday, October 30, 2019 [Insights From the Experts: IAQ Preventive Maintenance Today for Healthy Green Cleaning Tomorrow](#)

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, 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

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium National Tribal and Rural Training Needs Assessment

The Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium is pleased to announce the release of the 2019 National Tribal and Rural Training Needs Assessment (NTRTNA). The NTRTNA provides the RDPC with the necessary insights into the needs of Tribal and Rural communities ensuring our training continues to meet

their training needs. RDPC was assisted by Jacksonville State University in accomplishing the 2019 NTRTNA and RDPC would like to express our deepest thanks for their efforts. [To view the NTRTNA visit this link.](#)

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!

Vacancy Announcement- Grants Management Specialist GS 9-12

Seattle, WA

Open: October 10, 2019 Close: October 24, 2019

As a Grants Management Specialist, you will:

- Participate in the preparation of cost estimates, statements of work, reporting requirements, proposal instructions and evaluation criteria.
- Implement national policies, standards, procedures and guidelines with regard to the grants administration of all applicable programs.
- Conduct targeted assessments of specific Native American housing and community development issues as a member of a cross-functional team.
- Represent the Grants Management Division in meetings with members of Federal, State and local groups, and other HUD offices with regard to the administration of applicable programs.
- Primarily responsible for managing relationships with participating tribally designated housing entities (TDHE), Indian tribes, and others involved in the administration of all applicable programs.

Vacancy Announcement- Supervisor Grants Evaluation Specialist GS-14

Chicago, IL

October 16, 2019

Open: October 16, 2019 Close: October 30, 2019

As a Supervisor Grants Evaluation Specialist, you will:

- Be responsible for the oversight, management, and administrative and technical direction of the Area Office (AO) Grants Evaluation Division. Responsible for supervision of all aspects of the activities and functions assigned, and the efficient conduct of the division's operation. This includes the full range of performance monitoring and enforcement functions of all

applicable Native American housing and community development grant programs.

- Plan and supervise the technical functions and administrative duties of the AO Grants Evaluation Specialists. Monitor and evaluate performance of AO Grants Evaluation Division personnel. Provide on-going assistance to AO Administrator in resolving Division grievances, reviewing and approving disciplinary actions of Division staff, managing travel, staff and equipment resources and identifying skills gaps and training needs of Division staff.
- Allocate the Division staffing and resources appropriately to meet demands of the grant evaluation workload assigned to the Division. Monitors the workload of the Division and utilizes the Virtual Office and the support of the OGE to adjust resources and staff to workload fluctuations.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! NOAA Environmental Literacy Grants: Supporting the education of K-12 students and the public for community resilience – \$3 million

Applications Due: November 25, 2019 for pre-applications; March 26, 2020 for Priority 1 full applications

Eligible Entities: K-12 public and independent schools and school systems, state and local government agencies, Indian tribal governments

The goal of this funding opportunity is to build environmental literacy of K-12 students and the public so they are knowledgeable of the ways in which their community can become more resilient to extreme weather and/or other environmental hazards, and become involved in achieving that resilience.

Projects should build the collective environmental literacy necessary for communities to become more resilient to the extreme weather and other environmental hazards they face in the short- and long-term. Building sufficient environmental literacy in a community means that these communities are composed of individuals who are supported by formal and informal education that develop their knowledge, skills, and confidence to: (1) reason about the ways that human and natural systems interact globally and where they live, including the acknowledgement of disproportionately distributed vulnerabilities; (2) participate in scientific and/or civic processes; and (3) consider scientific uncertainty, cultural

knowledge, and diverse community values in decision making. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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

NEW! NCAI Announces the Availability of Disaster Relief Microgrants

Deadline: Thursday, October 31, 2019

Natural disasters have become more frequent in Indian Country over the past several years. However, the avenues for tribal nations to access federal disaster relief funding are becoming even more constricted. Today, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is announcing a limited availability of NCAI Disaster Relief Microgrants to flexibly meet the needs of tribal nations and/or tribal citizens (who live near their nations) that have been impacted by recent natural disasters. Microgrant funds can be used to repair or recover property damaged during natural disasters that have occurred within the last 180 days. NCAI has a total of \$70,000 available for grants. Individual grant awards will be capped at \$10,000. This micro-grant program will conclude once the \$70,000 has been fully obligated.

The application for the NCAI Disaster Relief Microgrants can be downloaded [here](#). The mission statement, which provides examples of disasters and allowable projects, can be downloaded [here](#). Applications must be submitted to NCAI by Thursday, October 31, 2019. NCAI will consider all applications that are submitted by eligible applicants by the deadline, and which are complete and conform to the application guidelines.

NCAI Contact: Kelbie Kennedy, *Policy Counsel*, kkennedy@ncai.org

NEW! National Indian Health Board Mini-Award for Climate and Health Communication – \$5,000 each

Applications Due: November 8, 2019

Eligible Entities: Federally recognized Tribes

The National Indian Health Board (NIHB), with support from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is pleased to announce a call for applications for a Climate Ready Tribes (CRT) Initiative Mini-Award for Climate and Health Communication. This opportunity is designed to fund up to three American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes to conduct low-cost, local work related to Tribal climate health. Each funded Tribe will receive up to \$5000.

In previous years, NIHB has asked CRT awardees to develop unique workplans as part of the application process. However, this cycle of mini-award funding is designed to better accommodate Tribes needing assistance with determining how to start climate and health work and/or with the application process. This application does not ask awardees to determine project activities. Instead, NIHB will provide support through a structured program and funded Tribes will participate in cohort activities with other funded Tribes.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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](#).

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! EPA Diesel Emissions Reduction Act School Bus Rebates - \$10 million

Applications Due: October 30, 2019

Eligible Entities: regional, state, or tribal agency that has jurisdiction over transportation and air quality; private entities that operate school buses under a contract with a previously listed entity

School buses travel over four billion miles each year, providing the safest transportation to and from school for more than 25 million American children every day. However, diesel exhaust from these buses has a negative impact on human health, especially for children, who have a faster breathing rate than adults and whose lungs are not yet fully developed.

The 2019 DERA School Bus Rebates will offer over \$10 million to public and private fleet owners for the replacement of old diesel school buses with new buses certified to EPA's cleanest emission standards. EPA will award selected applicants \$15,000-20,000 per bus for scrapping and replacing old buses.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

NEW! EPA Tribal Pesticide Program Council Technical Support – \$975,000

Applications Due: November 20, 2019

Eligible Entities: states, Native American organizations

EPA's Office of Pesticide Programs is soliciting applications to provide technical support for the Tribal Pesticide Program Council (TPPC) as it works to strengthen tribal pesticide programs.

The TPPC informs member tribes of pesticide issues and promotes pesticide education and awareness. It also assists in the establishment, development and implementation of comprehensive tribal pesticide programs.

The TPPC provides a forum for tribal pesticide and environmental officials to share information, raise tribal pesticide program implementation issues to EPA, and offer input on national pesticide policy that affects tribes.

For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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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