



**National Tribal Air Association**

**NTAA Weekly Update**

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Native News Online – [Hopi Nation Opposes Proposal to Construct Dams Little Colorado River near Grand Canyon](#)



*The Hopi Tribe is opposing a proposal by the Phoenix Company Pumped Hydro Storage on a section of the Little Colorado on the Navajo Nation would build four dams and four reservoirs near the Grand Canyon. Photo credit: Native News Online*

## TOP STORIES

**The NTAA is hosting an informational webinar TODAY and released a Tribal Template Letter for EPA's Proposed Policy Amendments 2012 and 2016 New Source Performance Standards for the Oil and Natural Gas Industry**

This proposal seeks to remove methane as a regulated pollutant from the oil and gas sector, and remove transmission and storage from the source category in the oil and gas sector. Comments are due on November 25, 2019, and the NTAA

will be holding an informational webinar *today at 2pm ET* to help you better understand the issue. [Click here to join the webinar and view documents](#), or call into 914-614-3221 and use code 921-690-136. Find the Tribal Template Letter and Fact Sheet on the [NTAA's website](#).

NY Times – [America's Air Quality Worsens, Ending Years of Gains, Study Says](#)

NY Times - [Climate Change Could Shift California's Winds, Fueling Big Winter Fires](#)

Indian Country Today – [Breaking: Fawn Sharp elected president of National Congress of American Indians](#)

## **HEADLINES**

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

AP – [New Mexico governor opposes Trump proposal on methane rules](#)

AP – [Critics gear up for response to lease sale in Arctic refuge](#)

NBC – [Northern California wildfires force nearly 200,000 people to evacuate](#)

NY Times – [A Forecast for a Warming World: Learn to Live With Fire](#)

Los Angeles Times - [Kids and smoke exposure: Don't buy masks. Do take these steps](#)

Indian Country Today – [Sovereign coal? Dispute between Montana and Navajo enterprise](#)

Indianz – [Spring Creek Mine re-opens, challenges remain](#)

NPR – [For Many, Issue of Logging in America's Largest National Forest Cuts Deep](#)

KTUU - [EPA granted another extension regarding Pebble Mine](#)

Salt Lake Tribune – [The Navajo Nation is getting addresses, thanks to an open-source mapping program used in urban India](#)

Utility Dive – [Report debunks contention that increased renewables worsen air quality](#)

The Hill – [Democrats aim to protect Grand Canyon from 'imminent' drilling threat](#)

Inside Climate News – [‘This Is Not Normal.’ New Air Monitoring Reveals Hazards in This Maine City.](#)

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

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

The Verge – [The California fires show how unprepared we are for climate change](#)

Wired – [Trying to Plant a Trillion Trees Will not Solve Anything](#)

NPR – [Giving Schools – And Students – The Tools They Need In the Fight to Save the Planet](#)

NY Times – [Trump Administration to Begin Official Withdrawal from Paris Climate Accord](#)

NY Times – [Government Loophole Gave Oil Companies \\$18 Billion Windfall](#)

Ensia – [As the World’s Garbage Piles Up, Controversy over Waste-To-Energy Incineration Continues](#)

Ensia – [New Report: Efficiency Can Cut U.S. Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Half by 2050](#)

Colorlines – [Five Environmental Justice Activists on the Roots and Future of the Movement](#)

Cronkite News – [More efficient than solar panels? Rust, saltwater show renewable-energy promise](#)

Yes! – [Colonization, Fire Suppression, and Indigenous Resurgence in the Face of Climate Change](#)

NY Times – [Secret Deal Helped Housing Industry Stop Tougher Rules on Climate Change](#)

NBC – [Climate change is causing ‘eco-anxiety’ – here’s what we can do](#)

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

Washington Post – [Automakers side with Trump in legal fight with California](#)

NPR – [Gas Station Converts To Electric Charging Station and Speeds Ahead Of Curve](#)

E&E News – [Oversight Committee probes rollback of Obama car rules](#)

E&E News – [How EVs could thwart fossil fuels, boost renewables](#)

Reuters - [U.S. court rejects challenge to EPA review of Obama vehicle rules](#)

Green Car Reports - [EPA chief Wheeler says under new rules CO2 limits will be tighter](#)

School Transportation News - [EPA Awards Clean School Bus Grants in Several States](#)

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

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

Phys.org – [Improving indoor air quality during wildfires](#)

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

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

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

**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](#).

### **NEW! NTAA to host an informational webinar on EPA's Region 5 Taconite Mining NESHAP Proposed Rule**

Friday, November 1, 2019; 11am PT/2pm PT

This hour-long webinar will help Tribes better understand NTAA's response to EPA's proposed rule. Acting under a court-ordered deadline, EPA's Region 5 office proposed on August 28, 2019, to amend the 2003 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for Taconite Iron Ore Processing. The Clean Air Act (CAA) requires EPA to assess the risk remaining after application of the final air toxics standard. This is called a residual risk assessment (RRA). Based on its RRA of the 2003 NESHAPs, EPA believes that

risks from emissions of air toxics from taconite facilities are acceptable and that the existing standards provide an ample margin of safety. You can learn more about EPA's [proposal here](#). This informational webinar will summarize NTAA's Policy Response Kit including a template letter that Tribes can use to submit comments to EPA by November 12, 2019. You can access NTAA's Policy Resource Kit on this issue [here](#).

The webinar will be moderated by NTAA's Dara Marks-Marino and include time for questions and answers. The webinar speakers will include NTAA's Region 5 Alternate Representative Joy Wiecks and representatives from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. You can [register for the informational webinar here](#). To hear audio, participants can use their telephone or computer mic & speakers (VoIP). Alternatively, you can call into +1 (415) 930-5321 and use the code 159-214-320.

### **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.

## **NEW! EPA Requesting Input on Quality Assurance Project Plan Training and Resource Needs**

The US EPA Office of Mission Support (OMS), Enterprise Quality Management Division (EQMD) are conducting a training and resource needs survey in support of the E-Enterprise for the Environment, Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Initiative. Your feedback will assist us to better understand our state and tribal partners' training and resource needs for QAPP development and approval. Although the collection of this information is voluntarily, your response is extremely valuable and it will assist us in:

- Identifying your exact QAPP development and review needs;
- Focusing on your specific training needs; and
- Finding ways to best deliver information to you.

The survey is being sent electronically via Survey Monkey (see link below) to all states and tribes; it also is being sent via the United States Postal Service (USPS) to all tribal partners. The electronic survey will be available for three weeks of the receipt date or until November 11, 2019. The recipients of the USPS surveys will have the option to provide their feedback by telephone or via email. Details are provided below.

1. To respond the survey questions electronically using Survey Monkey, please click on this link to complete the survey:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CGW98Z6>.
  - a. The survey may take up to 10 minutes to complete.
  - b. All portions of the survey, including your contact information, are optional.
  - c. There are eight survey questions, and a request for contact information.
  - d. All questions are multiple choice; multiple answers can be selected so please indicate all that apply. Additional information can be shared via the comments boxes listed after each question.
  - e. Please note that some pages of the survey contain multiple questions and may require you to scroll down in order to see all questions and all answer choices.
2. To respond to the survey questions via email or via telephone, please email EPA EQMD at [Quality@epa.gov](mailto:Quality@epa.gov) or call +1 (202) 564-6830 and leave a voice mail with your contact information and responses by November 11, 2019.

Based on your feedback and responses we will be able to tailor any existing and future training materials to ease the QAPP development and review processes, and provide you with more user-friendly QA tools. After the completion of the survey EPA will produce a report of survey responses. This report will be shared with the EPA Quality Assurance Community, states and tribes. We value your feedback and thank you in advance for your participation.

**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](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.	Thursday, October 31, 2pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, November 7, 2pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, November 21, 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, 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
<b>2020</b>			
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
<b>2021</b>			
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 <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</a></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***

#### **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***

#### **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](#)

**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***

#### **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***

**NEW!** Tribal Indoor Air Funding Directory

[CLICK HERE](#) to explore our **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.

[CLICK HERE](#) to be added to our **Funding Directory mailing list** and receive a notification anytime a new funding opportunity is added.

Thanks again to the many tribes and agencies who participated in our research, design, Beta-Testing and review! If you are funder and would like to add or revise information to our database, or a tribe that would like to share your grant-funded success stories, please email us at: [info@tribalindoorairfunding.org](mailto:info@tribalindoorairfunding.org)

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

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

**[Vacancy Announcement- Supervisor Grants Evaluation Specialist GS-14](#)**

Chicago, IL

*October 16, 2019*

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

**NEW! Vacancy Announcement- Loan Guarantee Specialist GS-13,**

Washington D.C.

*October 23, 2019*

Open: October 23, 2019 Close: November 7, 2019

**NEW! Vacancy Announcement- Grants Evaluation Specialist GS 9-**

**12,** Chicago, IL

*October 24, 2019*

Open: October 24, 2019 Close: November 12, 2019

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

**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](mailto: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](#).

### **NEW! EPA Announces Requests for Applications for the 2020 Environmental Education Grants Program**

*Deadline to apply: January 6, 2020*

As authorized by the National Environmental Education Act of 1990, EPA is pleased to announce the availability of up to \$3 million in funding for locally-focused environmental education projects under the 2020 Environmental Education Grant Program. EPA will award three to four grants in each of the agency's 10 regions. Groups interested must submit their application by Jan. 6, 2020, to be considered. The Requests for Application (RFA) is posted on: [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). All information for applying can be found on that link.

In addition to other environmental topics, the 2020 Environmental Education Grants Program will fund education-based projects pertaining to marine debris mitigation, food waste and loss reduction, and recycling. Funded projects will both increase public awareness on various environmental matters and enhance participants' abilities to make informed decisions on environmental issues prospectively.

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

#### **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](mailto:kkennedy@ncai.org)

**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**

### **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](#).

### **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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