



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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TOP STORIES

Tribes in Region 10 have one seat to fill on the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Executive Committee, for an Alternate.

Kevin Greenleaf from the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is currently serving as primary NTAA Region 10 representative. The Alternate NTAA Region 10 representative position is now open for nominations due December 4, 2017. To submit a nomination, please send the following information by email to Andra Bosneag at Bosneag.Andra@epa.gov by December 4, 2017:

- Name, Title, Tribe, Phone Number, Email Address, and Background on why this person would be a good candidate and/or why you are interested in the position (300 words or less).

Please feel free to contact [Kevin Greenleaf](tel:208-267-3519) (208-267-3519 or) or [Andy Bessler](tel:928-523-0526) (928-523-0526 or) if you have any questions.

Notice of public hearing and extension of comment period for the proposed repeal of the Clean Power Plan

NTAA is preparing a Policy Response Kit to help Tribes respond to EPA by January 16th. For more information, see [EPA's News Release](#) and the Federal Register notice [released today here](#).

EPA Administrator signs the notice designating most of the country for the 2015 ozone standards. These include areas where there is agreement on the area designations. No nonattainment areas are included in the action. A prepublication version of the notice is available at <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-designations/ozone-designations-regulatory-actions>.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Hill - [EPA won't say which areas don't meet Obama smog rule](#)

Indianz – [Republican campaign for Arctic refuge drilling puts Alaska Native divisions on display again](#)

The Hill – [Trump to reconsider Grand Canyon uranium mining ban](#)

NPR – [Scientists Alarmed by Pruitt’s Changes to EPA Advisory Boards](#)

E&E News – [EPA: New adviser suggested clean air’s ‘not good for the children’](#)

Dallas Morning News - [Senate panel takes up nomination of former Texas regulator and climate change skeptic to head environmental council](#)

Indianz – [Environmental groups sue Trump administration over national monument plans](#)

The Guardian - [‘As close as the US gets to Egypt’s pyramids’: how Chaco Canyon is endangered by drilling](#)

E&E News – [Agenda: Taxes, ANWR and nominees take center stage](#)

Arizona Republic - [How a purple school bus brings clean drinking water to Navajo Nation](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Climate Wire - [Blue wave seen as a rebuke to Trump's climate views](#)

USA Today - [Exclusive: EPA's Pruitt vows to continue rolling back rules despite alarming climate report](#)

National Geographic - [Fight Climate Change by Suing Polluters, Says Scientist](#)

Colorlines – [New Study Makes Clear That Humans Are Causing Global Warming](#)

E&E News – [Trump didn’t mess with climate study. But he might ignore it.](#)

Ensia – [Deep in the Jungle, Scientists Explore the Links between the Congo and Climate Change](#)

High Country News – [In Grand Staircase-Escalante, coal and fossils lie side by side](#)

High Country News – [How an ancient potato helped people survive climate shifts](#)

E&E News – [Committee to advance onshore-offshore energy bill](#)

E&E News – [National Parks: Interior review omits oil and gas rule](#)

E&E News – [Tax Policy: Renewable energy boosters alarmed at GOP bill](#)

COP 23

Washington Post - [As Syria embraces Paris climate deal, it's the United States against the world](#)

AP News – [Climate change: 5 things to know about Bonn climate summit](#)

E&E News – [Pruitt opts out of U.N. climate talks, sends staff](#)

NY Times – [Here's How Far the World Is From Meeting Its Climate Goals](#)

Reuters – [China may grasp climate leadership at U.N. talks with Trump pulling out](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NPR – [After Chemical Fires, Texans Worry about Toxic Effects](#)

CBS New – [Ohio sues gas pipeline developer for environmental violations](#)

Autoweek - [Tax plan may eliminate \\$7,500 electric car credit, sparking fears for EV sales](#)

Indoor Air Quality

EU Observer – [Household air pollution, the forgotten health hazard](#)

The Daily World – [Healthy houses can mean healthy people](#)

Photos from the field

E&E News – [Solar: DOE prepares report to Congress on net metering](#)



The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is reviewing comments submitted about net metering. Alex Wohlhueter/Flickr

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Save the Date and Help Out!

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP) and National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) are beginning to plan the 2018 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTF) which will be held May 14-18, 2018. We are recruiting tribal, EPA and other staff who are interested in helping to shape the agenda and make it as informative and interactive as possible. For your reference, attached is a copy of last year's NTF Agenda.

To do this, we are forming workgroups around the various sessions that are planned and are seeking volunteers to help contribute to the workgroups. If you are interested, please submit your name on the form linked below and we will include you in the workgroup(s) of your choice. You may also invite others from tribes,

EPA, state/local governments, etc. You can [volunteer for NTF planning workgroups 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!

New registration instructions When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This will allow us to not do a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement the IAQ work group priorities	Thursday, November 16, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, November 30, 2pm ET

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

Save the Dates: Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke

This webinar series will provide attendees with an understanding of the impacts of wildland smoke on the health of tribal communities and strategies to minimize exposure. Each 90-minute webinar will feature multiple presentations on the topics listed below. The webinars are free and open to anyone; registration for the webinars will be available in late November. The webinars will be recorded.

❖ Webinar 1 – January 18, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

We will explore the components of wildland smoke, how much is produced under different circumstances, and how the components of smoke affect our health.

❖ Webinar 2 – February 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

This webinar will look at modeling of smoke movement, the role of air resources advisors (ARAs), and the use of portable monitors or sensors to collect data.

❖ Webinar 3 – February 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

Gathering and disseminating information to our communities before, during, and after a smoke event is critical to ensuring the health and safety of our communities. This webinar will provide tips and strategies for finding information, using social media, and developing outreach products.

❖ Webinar 4 – March 1, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN STANDARD TIME

In this webinar, Tribal presenters will describe how smoke events impacted their communities, how utilizing monitoring data during a wildfire can help identify health risks, and how tribes can better prepare for wildfire seasons.

❖ Webinar 5 – March 15, 2018, 2:00 pm EASTERN DAYLIGHT TIME

With smoke events increasingly common, the final webinar will provide information on preparing homes for smoke intrusion, using air scrubbers, creating community cleaner-air shelters, and protecting the health of pets and livestock.

Tribal staff have an opportunity to participate in a hands-on workshop designed to reinforce the concepts presented in the webinar series. Workshop participants will learn and practice additional skills that will aid in preparation for wildland smoke events. All webinars must be completed prior to the in-person workshop (scheduled for Boise, Idaho, March 27-28, 2018). The in-person workshop application will be available in mid-December on the ITEP website: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air.

If you would like additional information please contact Pat Ellsworth, Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals, at patricia.ellsworth@nau.edu or 928-523-672.

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 [2017 and 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Treatment As a State (TAS)	November 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
2018		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 6-9	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27-March 2	Phoenix, AZ

Air Pollution Technology	March 13-16	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 27-28	Boise, ID
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	AK
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	May 1-3	TBD
NTF	May	TBD
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	June 5-8	Flagstaff, AZ
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	January-March	Hybrid (webinars/classroom)

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar: Monitoring Cyanobacteria with Satellites November 15, 2017, 3:00-4:00 PM ET

After 40 years of using satellites to measure changes in the ocean, this technology is now coming of age to be used for water quality monitoring in lakes and reservoirs. Trade-offs between existing operational satellite platforms will be briefly reviewed along with the primary water quality indicators that can be derived to protect public health and the environment. EPA scientist Blake Schaeffer will highlight how federal agencies (EPA, NASA, NOAA and USGS) are collaborating to use real-world satellite applications that support environmental management of US lakes by quantifying cyanobacterial harmful algal blooms

(CyanoHABs) and related water quality parameters. This webinar will also discuss how provisional satellite derived cyanobacteria data and three different software tools are available to state environmental and health agencies for review and testing as part of the Cyanobacteria Assessment Network (CyAN).

To join the webinar, please [register here](#). If you are unable to listen through your computer speakers, please dial: 1-866-299-3188, access code: 202-564-6669. Please note telephone lines are limited and muted during the webinar. Please contact Lisa Matthews (matthews.lisa@epa.gov) for more information or Amy Scheuer (scheuer.amy@epa.gov) with registration questions.

Additional information and webinar recordings can be [found here](#).

On November 17, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. EST, PEPH will be hosting a webinar focused on [wildfires and human health](#). Please register and join us as presenters discuss how the environmental exposures associated with wildfires affect human health and the approaches being used to develop targeted risk communication about wildfires.

Data Analysis and Reporting Tool (DART) Webinar

December 19, 2017; 10:00 AM PT, 11:00 MT, 12:00 CT and 1:00 ET

Sponsored by: Western Regional Air Partnership Tribal Data Workgroup

To attend [follow this link](#).

For Audio - 800-768-2983 access code 5859608

Attend the webinar to learn about the capabilities for data management, analysis and reporting of the tool. DART is a web-based application designed for acquiring, analyzing and screening all types of air quality data.

DART can be accessed through the password-protected [AirNow-Tech website](#). In the “About” box click on Register for AirNow Tech Account, then provide the information requested. Your request will then be reviewed and permission given by email. Once the data has been entered (manually or from AQS Data Mart) you can create graphs, screen for data validation and preform and if new data format then export to AQS.

The webinar will provide information on signing up for AirNow-Tech, general workflow of data through DART, how to enter data, create graphs, Screen for unreliable data,

The Western Regional Air Partnership (WRAP) is a voluntary partnership of states, tribes, federal land managers, local air agencies and the US EPA whose purpose is to understand current and evolving regional air quality issues in the West such as Regional Haze Rule; pollutants; emissions sources; air pollution transport; and effects of climate change on regional air quality.

The Tribal Data Workgroup (TDWG) works as part of the Technical Steering Committee to identify issues and concerns; gather information and data; provide training opportunities, participate in the regional haze planning effort and coordinate with other workgroups.

To become a Tribal WRAP member or to be part of the TDWG contact Tom Moore, tmoore@westar.org

Climate Change / Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The Institute for Tribal Environment Professional's VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program Introductory Webinar for Tribes to Access the VW Settlement

When: Thursday, November 9, 2017, 8 am AK, 12 pm ET

You are invited to join ITEP's VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program's first webinar to learn how Tribes can access the \$55 million settlement from Clean Air Act violations by the automaker Volkswagen. For the next 6-10 years, Tribes will be able to sign up as settlement beneficiaries and submit environmental mitigation plans to replace or repower a selected list of diesel vehicles. Tribes have until January 2, 2018, to submit a funding request for the first round of funding and subsequent years have a deadline of September 1st of each year until 2023. If any of the \$55 million remains after 2023, funds will remain available to Tribes until the funds are exhausted.

This webinar will last one and a half hours and will provide attendees:

1. A brief introduction to the settlement
2. A review of the specific documentation that Tribes must submit to the VW Settlement Trustee
3. Specific resources for Tribes to use in submitting their documentation
4. Time to ask specific questions about the VW Settlement

The webinar will be moderated by ITEP's Project Director Andy Bessler.

Participants can use their telephone or computer mic & speakers (VoIP).

United States: +1 (415) 655-0060

Audio PIN: Shown after joining the webinar

Attendee Access Code: 135-835-181

Register and log in here:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4753429946415994626>

[Click here](#) to learn more and please contact us if you have any questions! Please forward this announcement to other tribal staff who are interested in this topic.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) would like to invite your environmental organization to send your hazardous waste site project managers to the National Association of Remedial Project Managers (NARPM) Training Program, December 4 – 8, 2017 in Denver, Colorado.

The training program provides Superfund Remedial Project Managers (RPM) classroom training on innovative approaches to cleaning up hazardous waste sites, improve community and stakeholder outreach, enhance project management skills, and lessons learned through sharing case studies. Additionally, the training program provides an excellent opportunity for EPA, tribal and state partners RPMs to coordinate and network.

This year's training program focuses on:

- Community Engagement and Environmental Justice
- Investigation, Design, Remediation and Post Construction
- Technology and Contaminant-Specific Topics
- Project Management
- Optimal Cleanups

There are no registration or tuition fees to attend the training program. **Each entity is responsible for travel and per diem for their employees.** The training program is only intended for employees of federal, tribal, state, and local government agencies; contractors are not permitted to participate in the training program. Information about logistics, travel and lodging, registration and course descriptions is available online at www.trainex.org/narpm2017.

As needed, please coordinate with Anne Dailey, EPA Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) Superfund Tribal Coordinator, at dailey.anne@epa.gov, Gary Turner, EPA OSRTI at turner.gary@epa.gov or Leslie Leahy, EPA OSRTI, at leahy.leslie@epa.gov who can assist you with any questions or provide additional information about NARPM.

Indoor Air Quality

U.S. EPA's Indoor Air Quality Tools for Schools Presents a Webinar:

A Proactive Approach to IAQ: Saving Money and Protecting Health with Preventative Maintenance, Thursday, November 9, 2017 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM MST. [Register here](#).

Followed by an Expert Panel Question-and-Answer Session
Webinar participants will learn how to—

- Replicate the best practices of school district mentors to identify and implement the major components of an effective preventative maintenance program—proactive routine and regular maintenance and repair—to ensure that equipment and facilities perform reliably.
- Integrate preventative maintenance and indoor air quality (IAQ) management strategies to save money and protect health.
- Communicate the benefits of preventative maintenance practices in schools, such as a high return on investment, improvements in equipment longevity, and a reduction in unexpected and often costly repairs.
- Develop a business case, a value proposition and a communication strategy that generate broader acceptance of, compliance with and funding for IAQ preventative maintenance strategies.

EPA offers free IAQ Tools for Schools resources—including the School IAQ Assessment Mobile App—to help schools maintain a healthy indoor environment by identifying, correcting and preventing IAQ problems. Learn more about the IAQ Tools for Schools guidance and access other valuable school environmental health resources at www.epa.gov/iaq-schools. If you have any questions about the IAQ Tools for Schools guidance, please contact the IAQ Tools for Schools Connector Coordinator at iaqschools@epa.gov.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

The Bears Ears Commission is hiring for the following positions, all of which have Native preference (click links for descriptions):

- [Executive Director](#)
- [Project Manager](#)
- [Administrative Associate](#)

Interviews began late October.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET
Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

“Particle Pollution and Your Patients’ Health” Course

This EPA course is designed for family medicine physicians, internists, pediatricians, occupational and rehabilitation physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, asthma educators, pulmonary specialists, cardiologists, and other medical professionals. Upon completing this course, you will be able to:

- Explain what size particles are the greatest health concern and where and when they are a problem.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects the cardiovascular and respiratory systems.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure can affect the general population.
- Identify how particle pollution exposure affects patients with cardiovascular or respiratory disease.
- Explain the purpose and use of the Air Quality Index for advising patients how to protect their health.
- Discuss methods to reduce exposure during high particle pollution events.
- Address typical patient questions and clinical scenarios relating to particle pollution exposure.

[Access the course here!](#)

HOST SITES NEEDED FOR SUMMER INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Submit your application by January 19, 2018!

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals – Environmental Education Outreach Program at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, Arizona is seeking air quality focused offices and programs to host a college student for an 8-week summer internship. Tribal environmental offices, EPA offices, and other tribal environmental organizations are encouraged to apply. Please feel free to pass the announcement on to anyone who may be interested in applying as a host site. Projects **MUST** focus on addressing air quality issues in tribal communities.

For detailed information on the internship and requirements, see the attached flyer or visit our internship web-site:

<http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/eeop/Internships/>

FOR QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT the ITEP Intern Coordinator:

EEOP-INTERN@nau.edu

No-Cost Technical Assistance from DOE

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

For more information, visit the on-request [technical assistance description](#).

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

The NTAA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group hosted a webinar on the topic of **IAQ & Methamphetamine** on Thursday, Oct 19, 2017. We invite you to watch and learn more about this ongoing problem in Tribal communities and the sensitive challenges it presents for families across Indian Country. [Click here to watch now.](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

The Department of Homeland Security Notice of Funding Opportunity: FY2017 Pre-Disaster Mitigation

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. The PDM program strengthens national preparedness and resilience and supports the mitigation mission area in the National Preparedness System and National Preparedness Goal.

Key Dates and Times

Date Posted to Grants.gov: 07/10/2017

Application Start Date: 08/14/2017

Application Submission Deadline: 11/14/2017 at 03:00:00 PM [Eastern Time]

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: 01/30/2018

Anticipated Award Date: 12/30/2018

For more information, visit [this FEMA webpage](#).

FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

Funding range: \$100,000 to \$3,000,000

The Economic Development Administration (EDA) solicits applications from applicants in rural and urban areas to provide investments that support construction, non-construction, technical assistance, and revolving loan fund projects under EDA's Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance programs. Grants and cooperative agreements made under these programs are designed to leverage existing regional assets and support the implementation of economic development strategies that advance new ideas and creative approaches to advance economic prosperity in distressed communities. EDA provides strategic investments on a competitive-merit-basis to support economic development, foster job creation, and attract private investment in economically distressed areas of the United States. There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity. Proposals and applications will be accepted on an ongoing basis until the publication of a new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

Bureau of Reclamation Provides Technical Assistance Funding Opportunity to Tribes

The Bureau of Reclamation has issued a funding opportunity for technical assistance to Indian tribes and tribal organizations through the Native American Affairs Technical Assistance to Tribes Program. This program is intended to establish cooperative working relationships, through partnerships with Indian tribes and tribal organizations, to ensure that tribes have the opportunity to participate

fully in Reclamation's Program as they develop, manage, and protect their water and related resources.

Approximately \$1,500,000 in Fiscal Year 2018 funding is anticipated to be made available. The funding per award will not exceed \$200,000 total over two (2) years (\$100,000 per year). Awards will be determined and administered by Reclamation's five regional offices located in Boise, Idaho; Sacramento, California; Boulder City, Nevada; Salt Lake City, Utah; and Billings, Montana. Project awards will be made through grants or cooperative agreements, as applicable to each project. If a cooperative agreement is awarded, the recipient should expect Reclamation to have substantial involvement in the project. Applicants should describe in their proposal the level of Reclamation involvement. Reclamation participation will be subject to the availability of resources. This funding opportunity is available on [grants.gov](https://www.usbr.gov/grants) by searching for funding opportunity BOR-DO-18-F001. The deadline for submission of proposals is January 17, 2018. Reclamation will complete proposal reviews as soon as practicable after the deadline. After selection, financial assistance agreements will be awarded to applicants that successfully pass all pre-award reviews and clearances.

Eligible proposals that are not awarded during the current fiscal year due to a lack of time or available funding may be retained by Reclamation for consideration in the next fiscal year if the applicant agrees. Reclamation will contact applicants should this circumstance arise to discuss available options.

For additional information, please visit <https://www.usbr.gov/native/> or contact Kelly Titensor at ktitensor@usbr.gov.

U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR) announces competitive funding announcements for projects and programs relating to [air quality](#), [transportation](#), [climate change](#), [indoor air](#) and other related topics. [This page](#) provides access to information about current funding opportunities under 'Open Announcements' and also provides as a reference tool, all previously announced funding announcements listed below and in archives under 'Closed Announcements.'

Climate Change/Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) Diesel Emissions Reduction Program (DERA) now open!

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for tribal governments and Alaska native villages. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for tribal projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets located in areas designated as having poor air quality. EPA anticipates awarding \$1.5 million in DERA grant funding under this announcement.

Important dates

Thursday, October 5, 2017	RFP Opens
Thursday, November 9, 2-3:30 pm (ET)	Webinar #2 Dial-In - 866-299-3188; Passcode 3439147#
Thursday, January 18, 2018; 11:59 pm (ET)	RFP Closes – Proposals Due
Spring 2018	Anticipated Notification of Selection
Spring/Summer 2018	Anticipated Award

Eligible Entities

Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska native villages which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality.

Eligible Vehicles and Technologies

Eligible diesel vehicles, engines and equipment may include buses, Class 5 – Class 8 heavy-duty highway vehicles, marine engines, locomotives and nonroad engines, equipment or vehicles used in construction, handling of cargo (including at a port or airport), agriculture, mining or energy production (including stationary generators and pumps).

Eligible diesel emission reduction solutions include EPA or California Air Resources Board verified emission control technologies such as exhaust controls, cleaner fuels, and engine upgrades, idle reduction technologies, aerodynamic technologies and low rolling resistance tires, certified engine repowers, clean alternative fuel conversion kits, and/or certified vehicle or equipment replacement.

Additional Resources

For detailed information on eligibility and application requirements, please review the 2017 Tribal Request for Proposals (RFP) on the following webpage:

www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants.

For questions, please contact:

Lucita Valiere DERA Tribal Lead EPA Region 10 Phone: 206-553-8087 Email: valiere.lucita@epa.gov

Request for Nominations (RFN) for the 2017 Round of the Alternative Fuel Corridor Designation process has been issued by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA)

This RFN was issued directly to the FHWA Division Offices, which are located in each state, who in turn will forward it to their respective State departments of transportation (DOT) and metropolitan planning organizations to streamline the process.

The 2017 RFN includes infrastructure coverage criteria for each fuel type, information to be included in the nomination (narrative and technical), points of contact, and direction on submittals. Some items of note and changes from the initial round of nominations:

1. The due date for ALL nominations is **COB November 30, 2017**.
2. Instructions on how/where to submit your designation proposal are contained in the RFN.
3. The RFN requires more corridor/station specific information to be included in the nomination proposal, such as station addresses, first and last fueling station on the corridor, distances between stations, connector type for EVSE, and corridor map.
4. Provides ability to nominate new corridors or add fuel types to existing corridors from the initial round
5. Focus is on Interstate highways but allows for a compelling case to be made for other roads/routes
6. Requires a description of the plan for signage on the corridor
7. GIS shapefiles required
8. Only DCFC sites will be considered for EV Corridors this round (i.e. no Level 2 sites)

A webinar will be scheduled in the near future to provide information on the nomination to stakeholders and answer questions. In addition, a set of Frequently Asked Questions will be developed and will be posted on the AFC Web site in the next several weeks.

Additional information on the Alt Fuel Corridor Designation process can be found at:

https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/nominations/index.cfm

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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Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register

EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, November 8, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Oil and Natural Gas Sector:

Emission Standards for New, Reconstructed, and Modified Sources: Stay of Certain Requirements

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