



**National Tribal Air Association**

# **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## HEADLINES

### *Photos from the field*

**Welcome to the newest member of the NTAA's Policy Advisory Committee, Hilary Tompkins**



A proud member of the Navajo Nation, she is the first Native American to serve from 2009 to 2017 in the presidentially appointed, Senate-confirmed position of Solicitor for the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) – the agency responsible for the management and conservation of public lands, natural and wildlife resource programs, and the trustee for Native American tribes. In that role, she led over 300 attorneys in 16 offices nationwide and acquired significant experience in onshore and offshore energy development (conventional and renewable), the administration of federal water projects, conservation and wildlife legal requirements, and public land law. Hilary C. Tompkins has expansive experience in the public sector at the tribal, state, and federal level. She is currently a partner with the law firm of Hogan Lovells in Washington DC.

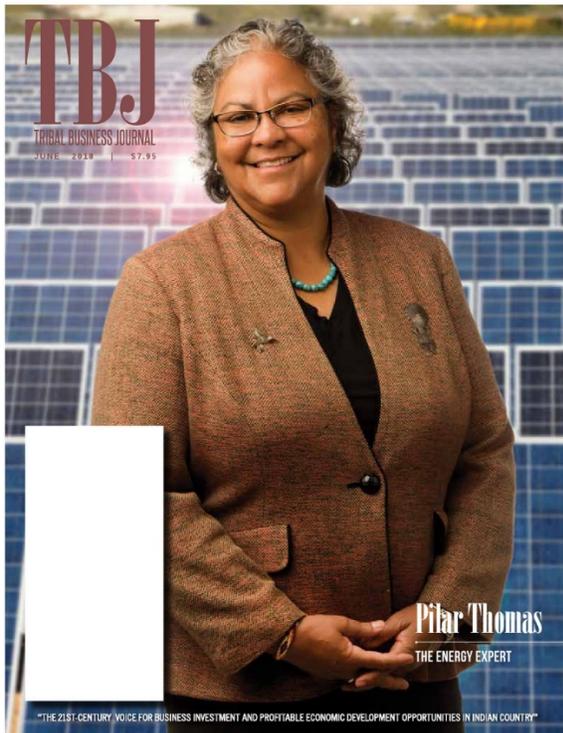
NTAA welcomes Ms. Tompkins to the NTAA team! To learn more about the NTAA Policy Advisory Committee, [click here](#).

Ensia – [How Land under Solar Panels Can Contribute to Food Security](#)



*Plantings can improve the aesthetics as well as the food production capacity of solar farms.  
Photo courtesy of Prairie Restoration Inc.*

Tribal Business Journal – [Pilar Thomas: The Energy Expert](#)



*NTAA's Policy Advisory Committee member Pilar Thomas is featured in this month's Tribal Business Journal!*

## **TOP STORIES**

### **State and Tribal Oil and Gas Calls**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) cordially invites you to participate in recurring oil and natural gas conference calls, starting on Wednesday, June 20, 2018 and thereafter continuing every other month. The conference calls will start at 1 pm Eastern and last 60 minutes. Interested state agencies and tribal government representatives are all welcome to participate in these calls.

Earlier this year, the EPA held an [oil and natural gas stakeholder roundtable](#) in Denver, Colorado. A [summary](#) of the oil and natural gas roundtable is available on EPA's website.

The bimonthly conference calls will focus on issues related to responsible oil and natural gas exploration and development. Jim Kenney, EPA's Senior Policy Advisor for Unconventional Oil and Natural Gas, will chair the conference calls and manage the associated logistics. If you are interested in participating in the first conference call or in future conference calls, please send Mr. Kenney an email at [kenney.james@epa.gov](mailto:kenney.james@epa.gov) with a single point of contact within your organization for these conference calls. We ask that your organization's single point of contact then coordinate internal to your organization depending on the respective agenda topic. Please direct any questions regarding these conference calls to Mr. Kenney, who can also be reached at (202) 768-2618.

The Verge – [Dust Rising](#) *As California's largest lake dries up, it threatens nearby communities with clouds of toxic dust*

E&E News – [Tribes' requests for VW settlement cash 'stalled'](#)

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

PBS – [Extreme fire danger forces another national forest to close](#)

Indianz – [Another slap in the face in Nevada? Yerington Paiute Tribe slams lack of consultation](#)

Yes! Magazine – [Supreme Court Affirms Native American Treaty Rights to Harvest Salmon](#)

Colorlines – [Activists, Attorneys Say Government Ignored Data on Negative Impact of Pipeline on Natives, Blacks](#)

EPA – [EPA Announces \\$2 Million Grant Competition for Tribes to Help Clean Up Diesel Engines](#)

E&E News - [Trump admin asks court for more time on ozone](#)

E&E News – [House Oks energy-water bill with carbon language, Yucca cash](#)

E&E News – [Air Pollutions: Judges uphold EPA ‘regional consistency’ regs](#)

High Country News – [An advocate for Indian Country in the Trump administration?](#)

Great Falls Tribune – [Montana's Blackfeet tribe, Zinke put water deal into effect](#)

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

### ***Navajo Generating Station***

Cronkite News – [Trump plan to boost coal eyed cautiously by Navajo power plant backers](#)

Arizona Republic - [Despite protests from Navajo miners, Central Arizona Project approves power deal](#)

Earther – [Solar Is Killing Major Arizona Coal Plant despite Tribes’ Wishes](#)

Arizona Republic Op-Ed - [Your Turn: Stop pushing Navajo Generating Station as a way to help our tribe](#)

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

PRI – [Can Alaska rely on oil and address climate change? State officials are about to find out.](#)

Wall Street Journal - [Global Investment in Wind and Solar Energy Is Outshining Fossil Fuels](#)

NY Times – [Pope Tells Oil Executives to Act on Climate: ‘There Is No Time to Lose’](#)

E&E News – [This company thinks it can pull CO2 from the air cheaply](#)

E&E News – [Texas considers reversal of historic limits on flaring](#)

NPR – [Oil Industry Copes With Climate Impacts As Permafrost Thaws](#)

NPR – [Hurricanes Are Moving More Slowly, Which Means More Damage](#)

NPR – [Can’t Stand The Heat? Tell Us How You’re Coping with Rising Temperatures](#)

NY Times – Climate Fwd: [Stay Cool and Save Energy](#)

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

NY Times – [The Chemical Industry Scores a Big Win at the E.P.A.](#)

Energy News – [How school buses could help run your air conditioning on hot summer days](#)

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

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

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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

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

**This is a pre-notification of a fast-approaching Tribal Consultation on a Proposed Rule Regarding Dust-Lead Hazard Standards and the Definition of**

**Lead-Based Paint that will tentatively take place in July 2018 with a short consultation period of 30 days as soon as the proposed rule is posted to the Federal Register ([www.federalregister.gov](http://www.federalregister.gov)) to ensure EPA meets the Ninth Circuit Court's order.**

EPA is reviewing existing regulatory dust-lead hazard standards for target housing and Child-Occupied Facilities (COFs), and the definition of lead-based paint. On January 5, 2001, the EPA issued a final regulation under sections 403 of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The 2001 final rule established regulatory dust-lead hazard standards of 40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for floors and 250  $\mu\text{g}/\text{ft}^2$  for interior windowsills. To see the existing rule, visit [www.epa.gov/lead/hazard-standards-lead-paint-dust-and-soil-tsca-section-403](http://www.epa.gov/lead/hazard-standards-lead-paint-dust-and-soil-tsca-section-403)

**The Public Health Institute Presents a Webinar: Smart911 Program Outcomes during the Missoula 2017 Wildfire Season - Lessons from a Whole Community Approach to Emergency Planning**

Thursday June 14th, 2018

Webinars begin at 2.30pm EDT/1.30pm CDT/12.30pm MDT/11.30am

PDT/8:30am Hawaii

Registration: Free on-line at <http://www.adapresentations.org/registration.php>

Registration closes at midnight, June 13th, 2018.

[More information here.](#)

**Tribal Consultation Notice: Evaluating EPA's 2013 Guidance on the Award and Management of General Assistance Agreements for Tribes and Tribal Consortia**

Lead organization: Office of International and Tribal Affairs

Dates: 6/1/2018 – 8/31/2018

This is a courtesy announcement that the USEPA intends to consult with tribal governments on the above mentioned action. This announcement is being sent both to tribal governments' representatives and other organizations such as EPA's tribal partnership groups that may also be interested in this action. Official notification of consultation will be sent to tribal governments potentially affected by this action. To obtain additional information about this action and other EPA consultations on going or planned [Click here to open "published list of consultations"](#) The EPA contact for this list is: Dona M Harris ([harris.dona@epa.gov](mailto:harris.dona@epa.gov)), American Indian Environmental Office/Office of International and Tribal Affairs

**EPA Webinar: CompTox Chemistry Dashboard, A *Tool for Regional, State and Local Application***

US EPA Region 1 Invites You to a CompTox Chemistry Dashboard Training Session on June 19, 2018; 9 am-Noon EST Via Webinar on [ADOBE Connect](#). Call-in Number: 866-299-3188 Conference code: 9195411152

Join us for a webinar or in-person workshop for invited Region 1 and 2 states, tribes and local municipalities. Each participant can nominate a case study to exemplify the Dashboard's functionality. The organizers from EPA Region I will pick two lucky case studies or topics to explore in detail. To nominate a topic or case study, send to: [anastas.nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:anastas.nicholas@epa.gov).

The CompTox Chemistry Dashboard is available at <https://comptox.epa.gov>  
In Person: EPA Region 1 headquarters 5 Post Office Square Boston, MA Court Room 6 (15th Floor Large Courtroom),

**EPA will hold a public hearing on its proposed denial of five petitions submitted under section 126 of the Clean Air Act.** The state of Delaware submitted four of these petitions. Maryland submitted one. These petitions sought reductions in emissions of ozone-forming nitrogen dioxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) from specific power plants in the upwind states of Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. The Agency has concluded that neither Delaware nor Maryland has met their burden to demonstrate that the sources they named emit or would emit ozone forming pollutants at levels that violate the Clean Air Act's good neighbor provision for the 2008 and 2015 ozone standards. In addition, EPA's independent analysis, does not show a violation of the good neighbor provision of the Clean Air Act. Hearing details:

**Date:** June 22, 2018

**Location:** EPA Washington, DC Offices - William Jefferson Clinton East Building, Room 1153, 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004.

**Time:** 9 am – 6 pm with a 1-hour lunch break at noon. The hearing will close two hours after the last registered speaker has spoken.

**To Register to Speak:** Contact Ms. Pamela Long (919) 541-0641  
[long.pam@epa.gov](mailto:long.pam@epa.gov)

The pre-publication version of the *Federal Register* Notice providing the details for this Public Hearing is available at: <https://www.epa.gov/ozone-pollution/proposed-action-clean-air-act-section-126-petitions-delaware-and-maryland>

**US EPA presents Solar Project Portal Webinar: guidance for setting a renewable energy goal**

June 27, 3pm ET

### [Register](#)

Setting clean renewable energy goals and defining priorities are important steps in developing solar projects. Join this webinar to learn about the [Local Government Solar Project Portal](#) on how to set a renewable energy goal and the key considerations and benefits of doing so. This webinar will provide an overview of a new EPA guidance document for local governments on setting renewable energy goals and present two case studies from the City of Ashland, OR, and the City of Orlando, FL.

Speakers: Verena Radulovic, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Adam Hanks, Interim City Administrator, City of Ashland, OR; Christopher Castro, Director of Sustainability, City of Orlando, FL

### **Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET [For more information, click here!](#)**

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) is hosting a FREE Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series for Tribes, Tribal Organizations, Indian Health, Tribal and Urban Indian Health Programs. Learn about the federal grant application process, how to write better grant proposals and evaluation plans for your projects, strategies for successful grant management, and more. Participants will also have the opportunity to connect with HRSA subject matter experts, grant reviewers, as well as peers to discuss best practices and barriers to successful grants application and management.

Webinars will be held the second Wednesday of every month from 1:00pm to 2:30pm ET - view the list of topics below:

- May 9: Writing a Competitive Grant Application
- June 13: Applying for a HRSA Grant
- July 11: Writing a Successful Evaluation Plan for Your Grant Application
- August 8: Preparing a Budget for your Grant Proposal
- September 12: Effective Grants Management/Administration & Reporting
- October 10: Successful HRSA Tribal Grantees

You must register to access the recording. Register here:

[https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/federal\\_grant\\_application\\_recording/event/registration.html](https://hrsa.connectsolutions.com/federal_grant_application_recording/event/registration.html). For more information, please contact Nancy Rios at [nrios@hrsa.gov](mailto:nrios@hrsa.gov).

### **EPA Workshop & Webinar: Deliberating Performance Targets for Air Quality Sensors**

Date and Time: Monday, 06/25/2018, 9:00AM EDT to Tuesday, 06/26/2018, 5:00PM EDT

[Click here for more information](#) from EPA's website.

**The NASA Health and Air Quality Applied Sciences Team (HAQAST) is holding their annual meeting in Madison, WI on July 16-17:**

<https://haqast.org/next-meeting/>

One of the goals of HAQAST is to connect air quality planners with NASA data. The HAQAST researchers have engaged in several projects to demonstrate how data derived from satellite platforms could be used by state air agencies.

Satellite data are becoming critical technical support components for demonstrating the air quality impacts of international transport, exceptional events, and interstate transport... issues that have been at the forefront of our recent discussions. I will be leading a panel at the meeting on how NASA-sponsored research can better serve air pollution planning agencies. Having state perspectives involved in this discussion would be very valuable.

Registration is open now and NASA is accepting applications for travel support on an as needed, first-come basis.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Native Health Research Training Conference: Call for Abstracts**

Indigenous Research: Native Approaches to Sustainable Health

August 8-10, 2018; Prior Lake, MN

For more information, visit [www.NNHRTI.org](http://www.NNHRTI.org).

**National Ambient Air Monitoring Conference**, Portland, OR, Aug 13-16

**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.

<p><b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars</p>	<p>Thursday, June 21, 2pm ET</p>
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<b>EPA Policy Update Call:</b> Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, June 28, 2pm ET
<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this newly formed work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, July 11, 3pm ET <i>Note: this work group has a different call-in number: <b>Dial-In Number: 1-866-299-3188</b></i> <b>Conference Code: 919-541-5497</b>
<b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, July 12, 2pm ET <i>(tentative date)</i>

**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 [2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits	August 28-31	Santa Ana Pueblo, NM
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	September	Flagstaff, AZ
Indoor Air Quality in Alaska	TBD	Fairbanks, AK
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
Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP)	Open	Online

Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
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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 a course, please contact Patricia Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

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

### **ENERGY STAR Webinars**

#### **June 13, 27, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert**

Most Wednesdays ENERGY STAR holds a live webinar that gives all Portfolio Manager users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum.

[Register](#)

#### **June 13, 1 PM (ET) – Make a splash with quick water wins**

Managing water within your facility doesn't have to involve major retrofits or renovations. Significant water savings can be achieved with small changes to operation and maintenance procedures and changes to user behavior. Learn about no- and low-cost solutions that can be implemented to start saving water in buildings right away, without the need for costly capital improvements.

[Register](#)

#### **June 14, 1 PM (ET) – ENERGY STAR and green building rating systems**

Learn how to use EPA tools and resources to help meet requirements for green building rating systems such as the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED), the Green Globes system, IREM Certified Sustainable properties, and BOMA BEST.

[Register](#)

#### **June 19, 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.

**June 20, 1 PM (ET) – Preparing for EPA’s ENERGY STAR metric updates**

In August 2018, EPA will update the models that power 1-100 ENERGY STAR scores with new data, based on the latest Commercial Building Energy Consumption Survey (CBECS) from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. Learn about EPA’s methodology and schedule for the update, discuss considerations for building owners and managers, and learn what to expect when new metrics are released.

[Register](#)

**June 27, 1 PM (ET) – Success stories on hosting energy efficiency competitions**

Are you looking for a fun way to engage your building occupants? Join us to hear from two ENERGY STAR partners that have hosted successful internal energy efficiency competitions.

[Register](#)

**Clean Energy States Alliance Webinar****June 14, 1 PM (ET) – Electricity affordability metrics for the United States**

Through the US Department of Energy’s Grid Modernization Lab Consortium (GMLC), the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory has developed electricity affordability metrics at the state and county levels for the United States. This webinar will introduce a simple spreadsheet interface to map these electricity affordability metrics. Monisha Shah of the National Renewable Energy Laboratory will discuss the GMLC and its work to measure the progress of the nation’s grid modernization efforts. Dave Anderson of the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory will explain the electricity affordability concept, present the methods used to construct affordability metrics, and demonstrate the mapping tool. This webinar is presented by CESA as part of the Sustainable Solar Education Project.

[Register](#)

**Green Bank Network Webinars****June 16, Noon (ET) – Unlocking clean energy investment in the commercial and industrial sectors**

Join the leaders of Michigan Saves and Montgomery County Green Bank in a discussion on unlocking energy efficiency investments in commercial and industrial buildings. Mary Templeton, President and CEO of [Michigan Saves](#), will discuss their Commercial Building Loan Program and how it has helped hundreds of organizations, including businesses, multifamily, public sector, municipal buildings invest in improvements that reduce future increases in energy prices and

provide savings via smaller, more predictable utility bills. Mary will also offer lessons learned over this period and how that has led to changes to her program. Tom Deyo, CEO of the [Montgomery County Green Bank](#) will discuss how models like that of Michigan Saves can be guiding lights for local markets and new Green Banks. Tom will explore how due diligence on your local conditions can identify opportunities, as well as strategies to develop a locally-tailored product such as Montgomery County Green Bank's new "Commercial Loan for Energy Efficiency and Renewables" (CLEER) financing program. Tom will also discuss how to design a program with local partners and how to use the process to develop relationships with lenders and contractors to get from startup to launch.

[Register](#)

### **U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policies and Programs Webinar**

#### **June 27, 1 PM (ET) - Tribal Energy Webinar: Evaluating Tribal Utility Authority Opportunities**

The DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and the Western Area Power Administration will co-sponsor the 2018 webinar series [Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination through Community Energy Development](#). The series is intended for tribal leaders, tribal staff, and others interested in energy development on tribal lands. During the June webinar, tribal leaders and community members will learn about the benefits and challenges of forming a tribal utility authority, including the many opportunities associated with wholesale tariffs, direct access service, net-metering arrangements, and use of substations and infrastructure, among other utility services. Attendees will also learn about the unique authority of sovereign nations to select new energy service providers, implement eminent domain, license dams, and negotiate right-of-way agreements.

[Register](#)

### **Health Effects Institute's Energy Research Program invites you to a workshop: Research Planning to Understand Population-Level Exposures Related to Development of Oil and Natural Gas from Unconventional Resources**

July 11-12, 2018, Denver, CO

The purpose of HEI's Energy Research Program is to identify and conduct highest priority research on the potential population exposures and health effects from the onshore development of oil and natural gas from shale and other unconventional resources (UOGD) across the United States. With resource development projected to continue, alongside growing efforts to switch to renewables and conserve

energy, a source of high-quality, impartial science is needed to support decisions about how best to ensure protection of public health in the oversight and implementation of this development. For more information, contact Donna Vorhees (617-488-2317; [dvorhees@healtheffects.org](mailto:dvorhees@healtheffects.org))

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

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

#### **EPA consultation and coordination with tribes on proposed changes to the Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions Regulation, AKA the Risk Management Program (RMP) rule**

The RMP rule imposes chemical safety requirements on facilities that store or use large quantities of regulated extremely hazardous substances in a process to prevent serious accidents that could impact public health and the environment. According to EPA’s RMP database, over 200 RMP facilities are located on tribal lands. The EPA is proposing to amend the RMP rule to reconsider amendments to the rule that were finalized in 2017. To view the rule and submit written comments, please visit [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) and refer to docket number EPA-HQ-OEM-2015-0725.

EPA will host two tribal consultation calls and a public hearing in Washington, D.C.:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Additional Information</b>
June 14, 2018 in Washington, D.C.	Public Hearing	See Federal Register notice for more information.
June 25, 2018 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (EDT)	National conference call for tribes to discuss the proposed rule	<b>Call-in Information:</b> Phone No: (866) 299-3188 Conference code: (202) 564-7998#
June 26, 2018 2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. (EDT)	National conference call for tribes to discuss the proposed rule	<b>Call-in Information:</b> Phone No: (866) 299-3188 Conference code: (202) 564-7998#

For more information please visit EPA’s RMP website at [www.epa.gov/rmp/](http://www.epa.gov/rmp/) or contact William “Nick” Nichols at (202) 564-1970 or [Nichols.nick@epa.gov](mailto:Nichols.nick@epa.gov).

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

## **HUD Presents Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing – Review the Scope of Work and Question & Answer Session**

Date: Wednesday, June 20, 2018

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT

[Register here!](#)

**HUD’s Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes (OLHCHH) and the USDA’s National Institute of Food and Agriculture, National Healthy Homes Partnership is presenting a [webinar series](#) in support of 2018 National Healthy Homes Month (NHHM.)** We’re glad to have expert presenters and a balanced mix of topics, to appeal to a wide range of stakeholders and partners. Here is the full list and registration links to all of the June Webinars, [Click Here](#) for a detailed description of each webinar:

- **June 18 2:00-3:00 pm EDT, Healthy Homes Youth App**, Presenter: Gina Peek, USDA NIFA Healthy Homes Partnership. [Click here to register.](#)
- **June 20 2:00-3:00 pm EDT, Protect Your Homes -The Top 5 Wind, Flood, and Fire Damage Defenses**, Presenter: Claudette Hanks Reichel, Ed.D, LSU AgCenter, La. Extension service Housing Specialist, Director of LaHouse Resource Center, USDA NIFA, Healthy Homes Partnership. [Click here to register.](#)
- **June 27 1:00-2:00 pm EDT, Hoarding**, Presenter: Dion Lerman, Penn State, PA IPM Program, Philadelphia Hoarding Task Force, Pennsylvania State University State IPM Program, Trainer in the Healthy Homes Training Center Network, [Click here to register.](#)

## **Gordon Research Conference on the Microbiology of the Built Environment**

July 15-20, 2018

University of New England, Biddeford, ME, USA

Topics covered include

- How the building microbiome impacts the human microbiome
- Viruses in buildings
- Building microbes, allergies and asthma
- Mold in buildings
- Pathogens in premise plumbing
- Control of microbes in buildings
- New methods for pathogen detection

More [information and registration here.](#)

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## RESOURCES

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

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

### *Climate Change/Energy*

[Check out this story map](#) intended to build awareness about climate change among Samish Tribe members. It is ESRI's June Story Map of the Month and won first in the 2018 ESRI Tribal Story Map Challenge! (Created by none other than Fletcher Wilkinson, of ITEP and NTAA fame!)

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*

#### **June Is National Healthy Homes Month**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) joins the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development \(HUD\)](#) in recognizing June as National Healthy Homes Month. We invite you to use this opportunity to learn about the relationship between indoor air, housing and health. [Resources](#) are available that can assist you in advocating for healthy housing.

[EPA's Indoor Environments Division](#) shares HUD's goal of ensuring healthy homes by maintaining healthy indoor air. The following strategies will help maintain and improve your home's indoor air quality (IAQ):

- [Source Control](#)—Eliminate sources or reduce emissions. For example, adjust emissions from gas stoves, and eliminate sources of mold and moisture.
- [Better Ventilation](#)—Use exhaust fans when cooking or showering.

- [Filters](#) and [Air Cleaners](#)—Change the filter in your heating/cooling system and follow the manufacturer's recommendations. Also, consider using an air cleaning device.

You can improve your home's air quality by [using “green” cleaning products](#), [not smoking indoors](#), [testing your home for radon](#) and [upgrading your heating and cooling systems](#) to be cleaner and more energy efficient, among many [other actions](#).

Celebrate National Healthy Homes Month with EPA's Indoor Environments Division and HUD! Follow the links below to resources that can help you improve your home's IAQ:

- EPA: [Protect the IAQ in Your Home: What You Can Do Now](#)
- EPA: [Interactive Mold House Tour](#)
- HUD: [The Healthy Homes Program](#)

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

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## FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### *Now Hiring!*

**The City of Flagstaff, AZ, is hiring for two AmeriCorps VISTA positions: Open Space Program and Climate and Energy.**

Apply by June 18, 2018

More information: [www.Flagstaff.AZ.Gov/SustainabilityVISTAs](http://www.Flagstaff.AZ.Gov/SustainabilityVISTAs)

**OAR/OAQPS is hiring an Environmental Engineer/Physical Scientist**

Closing date: June 18, 2018

More information here: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/501981500>

**The Grand Canyon Trust is hiring an Energy Program Associate**

The energy program associate works with the [energy program director](#) to further the mission of the Grand Canyon Trust as it relates to energy issues. Existing areas of focus include preventing [uranium mining near the Grand Canyon](#), forcing proper cleanup of uranium mines and [mills](#) across the Colorado Plateau, and strengthening controls on fugitive methane emissions, venting, and flaring at oil and gas production sites. Potential other areas of focus include preventing oil and

gas development in areas of particular significance, facilitating a Just Transition to safe and sustainable energy sources, and preventing development of new extreme, carbon-intensive, and unnecessary energy sources such as oil shale and tar sands. More information: <https://www.grandcanyontrust.org/energy-program-associate>

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

#### **Tribal Resilience Funding Available Closing Date July 2, 2018**

The BIA's Tribal Resilience Program is pleased to announce the availability of funding for tribal projects that support tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management planning as tribes incorporate the science (including Traditional Knowledge) and technical information to prepare for extreme events and harmful environmental trends that impact tribal treaty and trust resources, economies, infrastructure, and human health and welfare.

The solicitation is available on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), named BIA 1800-0002

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=304843>.

#### **Program to Support Tribal Resilience and Ocean and Coastal Management and Planning, Department of the Interior, Applications due July 12, 2018**

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

The Secretary of the Interior, through the Office of Trust Services, Tribal Resilience Program hereby solicits proposals from tribal not-for-profit and tribal non-governmental organizations and associations to receive grants to support tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management and planning. This program supports tribes preparing for extreme events and harmful environmental trends that impact tribal treaty and trust resources, economies, infrastructure, and human health and safety. The Program will provide funding for projects that support tribal resilience and ocean and coastal management planning as tribes incorporate science (including Traditional Knowledge) and technical information to prepare for the impacts of extreme events and harmful environmental trends.

Awards will be made to projects that address vulnerability to extreme events and harmful environmental trends through development of regionally focused or topically focused training, adaptation planning and data development, and travel to access training and attend technical workshops to build skills and capacity. Awards will also support projects that ensure tribal participation in ocean and coastal (including the Great Lakes) cooperative planning and projects for resource health, resiliency, community safety, and economic security for present and future generations. **Award Ceiling: \$150,000**

Eligibility is limited to not-for-profit, non-governmental tribal organizations and associations, and tribally-controlled colleges and universities (TCUs), referred to as "tribal organization(s)" hereafter. Full details at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=305465>. BIA-18-0001

### **NIGMS Funding for STEM Now Available**

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) [Science Education Partnership Award \(SEPA\)](#) R25 program, supports pre-K to grade 12 (P-12) STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), informal science education, and science center/museum projects. Funding is now available through solicitation PAR-17-339. **Grant proposals are due by 5:00 p.m. local time Monday, July 9, 2018.** [Review the SEPA funding opportunity announcement.](#)

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

#### **FY18 Tribal DERA Request for Proposals Now OPEN!**

Summary: EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) is soliciting proposals nationwide for 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. Further, priority for funding will be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. Eligible entities include tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and Alaska Native Villages, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. EPA anticipates awarding approximately \$2 million in DERA funding under this announcement. EPA anticipates awarding 2-8 cooperative agreements nationally, subject to the availability of funds, the quality of proposals received, and other applicable considerations.

Tribal Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2018

RFP Number: EPA -OAR-OTAQ-18-04

Closing date: September 6, 2018

<https://www.epa.gov/grants/tribal-clean-diesel-funding-assistance-program-fy-2018>

Webinars for applicants:

- Tuesday, June 19, 2018, 2:00-4:00pm ET [LINK TO WEBINAR](#) Call-in Number: 1-202-991-0477 Access Code: 414-9804#
- Thursday, June 21, 2018, 3:00-5:00pm ET [LINK TO WEBINAR](#) Call-in Number: 1-202-991-0477 Access Code: 414-9804#

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

### **FY 2018 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes**

The Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes provides financial assistance to tribal governments and tribal consortia for the development and implementation of hazardous waste programs; for building capacity to improve and maintain regulatory compliance; and for developing solutions to address improper management of hazardous waste on tribal lands. To support this year's grant program, ORCR has received a funding allocation of \$303K. The closing date for submittal of applications is **June 28, 2018**.

The competitive announcement for the FY 2018 Hazardous Waste Management Grant Program for Tribes (EPA-OLEM-ORCR-18-01) has been posted on the OLEM Grants and Funding Page: <https://www.epa.gov/grants/fy-2018-hazardous-waste-management-grant-program-tribes>. In addition, the competitive announcement has been published on Grants.gov. You can view the announcement at: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=305314>.

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **Notice of Funding Availability: Tribal Housing/Healthy Homes Production Grant Program (HUD)**

Closing date for applications: July 18, 2018

Funding Level: \$12,000,000

CFDA 14.913

Details and synopsis: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=305900>

Purpose and Summary: The purpose of the HHP program is to assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards. This program will assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to develop comprehensive programs to identify and remediate housing issues that contribute to health and safety issues in urban and tribal communities. The Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Program is part of

HUD's overall Healthy Homes Initiative launched in 1999. The program takes a comprehensive approach to addressing multiple childhood diseases and injuries in the home by focusing on housing-related hazards in a coordinated fashion, rather than addressing a single hazard at a time. The program builds upon HUD's experience with Lead Hazard Control programs to expand the Department's efforts to address a variety of high-priority environmental health and safety hazards.

**Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Announces “Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing” [Tribal Healthy Homes Grant. Application deadline is July 18, 2018](#)**

HUD's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Tribal Healthy Homes Production (HHP) Grant provides \$12 million, grant amounts are minimum \$500K to maximum \$1M. The purpose of the HHP program is to assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to identify and remediate housing related health and safety hazards. This program will assist American Indian and Alaska Native tribal governments to develop comprehensive programs to identify and remediate housing issues that contribute to health and safety issues in urban and tribal communities. Application deadline is July 18, 2018. This is first time since 2012 this NOFA has been offered. Time is limited – 30 day application period. Further information can be found by contacting [AskGMO@hud.gov](mailto:AskGMO@hud.gov), or at [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov), referencing the Funding Opportunity Number FR-6100-N-44 [APPLY HERE](#)

**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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