



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Indian Country Today – [British Petroleum leaving the Arctic signals oil companies need to listen to the Gwich'in Nation](#)



Pictured: Gwich'in Youth Council. (Photo: Indigenous Environmental Network)

Palm Springs Desert Sun - [Cabazon, Twenty-Nine Palms tribes create air quality monitoring station in Indio](#)



Environmental air technician, Jose Uribe and environmental coordinator, Shawn Muir, both of Twenty-Nine Palms Tribal EPA, stand outside of a new air quality monitoring station on Cabazon Band of Mission Indians land in the area bordering Coachella and Indio, Calif. on Thursday, July 11, 2019. Vickie Connor/ The Desert Sun

TOP STORIES

EPA – [EPA proposes updates to air regulations for oil and gas to remove redundant requirements and reduce burden](#)

Editor's note: the NTAA will be preparing a Policy Response Kit for this proposal.

Weather.com - [Hurricane Dorian Will Pound Coasts of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia through Friday](#)

Join NTAA's Informational Webinar Today!

NTAA is hosting an Informational Webinar on NTAA's Policy Response Kit to Help Tribes Respond to the US Senate Request for Climate Change Policy Recommendations on Wednesday, September 4, 10:00-11:00am PT / 1:00-2:00 ET. In response to the [Senate's request](#) for recommendations on climate change policy, the NTAA is developing a letter and Policy Response Kit for Tribes to use as a template for their own responses. NTAA has published a fact sheet you can [view here](#). Please join us for a webinar explaining the rationale behind our response. [Click here to register, listen in, and view documents on the call.](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals has been awarded the National Tribal Air Association Grant

ITEP is pleased to have been awarded the NTAA grant for the third straight grant cycle. The NTAA is a 3-year competitive grant, the mission of which is to advance air quality management policies and programs, consistent with the needs, interests, and unique legal status of American Indian Tribes and Alaska Natives. ITEP staff wishes to thank Tribal Air Quality Professionals and EPA leadership for trusting ITEP to fulfill NTAA's important mission!

Updates on OITA's Review of Treatment as a State Applications

The Office of International and Tribal Affairs (OITA) has developed a memorandum to provide clarity on the Treatment as a State (TAS) application review process, specifically regarding reporting and tracking of TAS applications and outreach to local governmental entities during EPA's review process. For more information concerning the TAS process contact your EPA regional Tribal coordinator.

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality and the California Air Resources Board will be joining the NTAA's Mobile Sources Work Group Call

On Thursday, September 5, at 2pm ET / 11am PT, representatives from OTAQ and CARB will discuss the current status and actions related to the Safer Affordable Fuel Efficient (SAFE) Vehicles Proposed Rule on the NTAA's Mobile Sources Work Group call. To join the call, dial 1-805-309-2350 and use code 928-523-0526#. To view documents on the call, [click this link](#).

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NY Times – [Curbs on Methane, Potent Greenhouse Gas, to Be Relaxed in U.S.](#)

NY Times – [Trump's Methane Rule Rollback Divides Oil and Gas Industry](#)

Native Sun News – [OST 'fighting back' to protect Black Hills from uranium mine](#)

NPR - [Historic Recordings Revitalize Language for Passamaquoddy Tribal Members](#)

E&E News – [EPA about-faces, says Texas coal plant meets standards](#)

EPA – [EPA Awards \\$115,000 to Kaw Nation for Environmental Programs](#)

EPA – [EPA Awards \\$115,000 to Pueblo of Nambe for Environmental Programs](#)

EPA – [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Renews Task Force with the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission](#)

Federal News Network - [EPA exceeds 2-for-1 deregulation goal set by Trump administration](#)

Muckrock - [EPA is latest agency to stop accepting FOIA requests via email](#)

Reuters – [As fires ravage the Amazon, indigenous tribes pray for protection](#)

Independent – [Australia strips legal status of indigenous lands to build coal mine](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Vox - [CNN is giving 2020 Democrats 7 hours to talk about climate change](#)

National Geographic - [Arctic permafrost is thawing fast. That affects us all.](#)

Indian Country Today - [Stand with the Puyallup Tribe: Demand the Puget Sound Clean Air Agency deny to permit for the Tacoma LNG Project](#)

E&E News – [Navajo Nation doubles down on coal. Will it work?](#)

NY Times – [The Amazon, Siberia, Indonesia: A World of Fire](#)

NY Times – [Major Climate Change Rules the Trump Administration Is Reversing](#)

E&E News – [Infrastructure bill could slash CO2 – report](#)

E&E News – [Deal to close coal plants hits hurdles with Trump ally](#)

Ensia – [Clean Energy Technology Is Taking Cues from Sunflower Spirals, Schooling Fish and Other Natural Phenomena](#)

NPR – [As Rising Heat Bakes U.S. Cities, the Poor Often Feel It Most](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

E&E News – [U.S. Chamber splits with Trump over car rules](#)

NY Times – [Workers at Big Government Lab Sue over Exposure to a Toxic Chemical](#)

NY Times – [Climate FWD: One Thing We Can Do: Drive Less](#)

Cronkite News – [Rosemont copper mine suffers another setback in decade of legal battles](#)

EPA – [EPA Requires Audi, Bentley, Porsche, and Volkswagen to Correct Fuel Economy Labels for a Number of 2013-2017 Gasoline Powered Vehicles](#)

Indoor Air Quality

San Francisco Examiner – [Mysterious vaping lung injuries may have flown under regulatory radar](#)

NY Times – [To Meet Demand for Green Buildings, Developers Get a Leg Up](#)

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

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

EPA's Integrated Review Plan for the Ozone NAAQS Review

EPA has posted the Integrated Review Plan (IRP) for the review of the ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). This document is part of the planning phase of the NAAQS review and lays out the current plan, projected timeline and process for conducting the review. The IRP also identifies key policy-relevant issues or questions intended to guide the review. A draft IRP was issued for public comment in October 2018 and reviewed by the Clean Air Act Scientific Advisory Committee in November 2018. EPA follows three general steps to review a National Ambient Air Quality Standard: (1) planning, (2) assessment, and (3) decision making. EPA expects to release a draft Integrated Science Assessment for external review in September 2019 and to propose a decision in the spring of 2020. You can [find the IRP here](#). More information regarding the [current ozone NAAQS review is available here](#).

EPA's proposed rule "Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act" This proposed rule was published in the Federal Register (FR) on Friday, July 26, 2019. See 84 FR 36304. The FR notice is now [available here](#). The 60-day public comment period is now open. Comments must be received on or before September 24, 2019. This rule is also known as "Once in, always in." The NTAA has [posted a Fact Sheet](#) for this rule and is developing a full Policy Response Kit, including a Tribal template letter and comment letter to EPA.

Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) and Nonattainment New Source Review (NNSR): Project Emissions Accounting

The EPA is proposing to revise certain New Source Review (NSR) applicability regulations to clarify the requirements that apply to sources proposing to undertake a physical or operational change (i.e., a project) under the NSR preconstruction permitting program. Under this program, an existing major source proposing to undertake a project must determine whether that project will constitute a major modification following a two-step applicability test and thus be subject to the NSR preconstruction permitting requirements. The first step is to determine if the proposed project will cause a “significant emissions increase” of a regulated NSR pollutant (Step 1). If the proposed project is projected to cause such an increase, the second step is to determine if there is a “significant net emissions increase” of that pollutant (Step 2). In this action, we are proposing to revise our NSR applicability regulations to make it clear that both emissions increases and emissions decreases that result from a given proposed project are to be considered at Step 1 of the NSR major modification applicability test. In addition, this proposal replaces and withdraws the agency’s 2006 Project Netting Proposal. Comments must be received on or before October 8, 2019.

Save the Date! Tribal Environmental Data and Technology Academy: November 5-7, 2019, Flagstaff, AZ

TribalDATA is aimed at supporting tribal data sovereignty by providing strong data management foundations through professional, hands-on training and one-on-one assistance that develops practical skills and technical knowledge to help tribes meet their environmental protection goals. Featuring:

- Multiple hands-on workshops—limited seating!
- One-on-one and small-group work sessions with mentors
- Optional tours, networking, and NAU guest access opportunities!
- Registration REQUIRED (*free!*)

Tribal travel scholarships available! Pre-registration opens in *September!* Stay tuned at www.tribalexchangenetwork.org

The [Exchange Network Tribal Governance Group \(TGG\)](#) and the [Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals \(ITEP\)](#) work to support and enhance tribal environmental decision-making capacity through improved access to and solutions for managing environmental data and information.

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

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

NTAA Upcoming Calls. The toll-free number is 1-800-309-2350. If you do not need to call toll free, or would like to help conserve NTAA funding, you can call 1-805-309-2350. Both numbers use code 928-523-0526#.

Contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

Registration instructions When you register for the GoToWebinar, please remember to include your Tribe, Region, or Organization in parenthesis after your last name. This allows you to see everyone on the call and prevents us from conducting a roll-call, ultimately saving everyone's time.

Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group to help address air quality issues arising from wood smoke	Wednesday, September 4, 3pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: Formerly the VW Work Group, this Work Group will address all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, September 5, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, September 19, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country. <i>Note that this call and the Wood Smoke Work Group call are now alternating months, with standing agenda items to briefly address items from the other's topic.</i>	Thursday, October 17, 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
Treatment As a State (TAS) for Air Quality	September 10-11	Chicago, IL	2
Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities	September 24-26	Rapid City, SD	1
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	AK - TBD	1
GIS for Air Quality	December 16-18	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
2020			
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 14-17	Flagstaff, AZ	1
Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools	January 28-31	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Air Quality Computations	February 11-14	Phoenix, AZ	1
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	February 25-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	2
Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic Tools in Alaska	March 3-6	AK - TBD	2
Air Pollution Technology	March 10-13	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Meteorological Monitoring	March 24-26	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Pollution Modeling	April 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
<i>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ)</i>	<i>May</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
Air Quality Outreach	June 2-4	TBD	1
2021			
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	Series of 6 recorded webinars	n/a
Indoor Air Quality - Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1

Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online	3
<i>Note: This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications please visit http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</i>			

Climate Change / Energy

Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund Applicant Webinar

The Emergency Coastal Resilience Fund aims to increase the resilience of coastal communities within federally declared counties impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael, Typhoon Yutu and wildfires in 2018. Learn about the funding opportunity and how to submit a competitive grant proposal.

Coastal communities impacted by hurricanes Florence and Michael, and wildfires:
Sept. 4, 1 - 2 p.m. ET

Register: bit.ly/2T7IrPS

Coastal communities impacted by Typhoon Yutu:

Sept. 10, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. ET

Register: bit.ly/332ACiZ

Request for Proposals coming soon.

September 4, Noon (ET) – Ask the Expert

Every other Wednesday ENERGY STAR holds a Portfolio Manager "Ask the Expert" session. It's a live webinar that gives all users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum. Want to talk to a "real" person? Have a question about how Portfolio Manager calculates your score? Want to learn more about entering Green Power? Join ENERGY STAR, and they'll answer all your questions about ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager in this public forum.

[Register](#)

September 5, 1 PM (ET) - How to Apply for the ENERGY STAR

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

[Register](#)

September 9, 1:15 PM (ET) – Killer Heat in the United States: The Future of Dangerously Hot Days

The United States is facing a potentially staggering expansion of dangerous heat over the coming decades. A new Union of Concerned Scientist analysis, [*Killer Heat in the United States: The Future of Dangerously Hot Days*](#), shows the rapid, widespread increases in extreme heat that are projected to occur across the country due to climate change, including conditions so extreme that a heat index cannot be measured. The analysis also finds that the intensity of the coming heat depends heavily on how quickly we act now to reduce heat-trapping emissions.

[Register](#)

September 10, 2 PM (ET) – Capturing More Value from Distributed Resource Combinations

Much has been written about the value of solar photovoltaic (PV) generation, but PV systems are limited in the services and value streams they can provide. When PV is combined with other distributed energy resources, however, new opportunities for synergy arise. These opportunities can make the total value of combining PV with another distributed resource — including energy storage, electric vehicles, demand response, or energy efficiency — greater than the sum of the values of each component alone. Join John Shenot and Dr. Carl Linvill for a webinar that will look more in depth at the types of value streams that combinations of distributed energy resources can create and consider how best to compensate the owners of these resources. The discussion will examine use cases that demonstrate why customers might consider pairing resources such as solar and storage, and provide a roadmap for capturing more of the full value of these pairings. The presentation will be followed by ample time for questions.

[Register](#)

September 11, 1:15 PM (ET) – Power to the People with Minigrids

Universal access to modern energy services is a prerequisite for poverty eradication and an enabler of human and economic development. However, that requires equity investments in impoverished communities. Who would make those investments and is it possible to structure them to recover capital costs and get a return on the investment? Join LightWorks at ASU and SSF in a 90-minute webinar exploring innovations in financing off grid (Minigrids) energy solutions in remote villages that spark economic development that lead to sustainable rural energy markets.

[Register](#)

September 11, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 101

Learn about EPA’s ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool. Attendees will learn how to: navigate Portfolio Manager; add a property and enter details about it; enter energy and water consumption data; and generate template performance reports to assess progress.

[Register](#)

September 12, 1 PM (ET) - Discovering Energy Savings with Treasure Hunts

During an Energy Treasure Hunt, groups of people walk around a building looking for opportunities to save energy. Treasure Hunts focus on quick fixes with a short payback period. Hundreds of organizations have used Energy Treasure Hunts to reduce their facilities' energy use by 7 to 15 percent.

During this webinar, you'll hear from two ENERGY STAR partners that have used Treasure Hunts to improve day-to-day operations and engage building operators and employees in “discovering” treasure in their facilities. Atrium Health uncovered \$75,000 in potential annual energy savings through their Treasure Hunt at one acute care facility. The event involved 20 teammates from seven different departments and included training on ENERGY STAR portfolio management and certification. Bimbo Bakeries will share their experience and success achieved by creating their own Treasure Hunt version to address their company's needs and realities.

In addition, we'll provide an overview of new resources available from EPA to help your organization plan and host a successful Treasure Hunt in time for Energy Awareness Month this October.

[Register](#)

September 17, 2 PM (ET) – Managing Electricity Demand, Coss, and Resiliency with Onsite Battery Storage in the Industrial Sector

Battery storage capacity in the U.S. has doubled every two years since 2011. By the end of 2017, there was over 700 MW of installed capacity in the U.S.

Traditionally, battery storage projects have been implemented by utilities and independent power producers for grid management. Lately, commercial and industrial facilities are getting into the action, taking advantage of onsite storage to regulate the frequency, support voltage/reactive power, and lower peak demand charges. Advances in technology and lower prices make battery storage a more accessible tool for controlling electricity prices, improving energy quality, and managing a plant’s carbon footprint. During this webinar participants will get an overview of the state of battery storage in the industrial sector and hear from two industrial organizations on battery storage projects in their manufacturing facilities.

Presenters will discuss how to determine whether battery storage is appropriate for a facility.

[Register](#)

September 18, Noon (ET) – Ask the Expert

Every other Wednesday ENERGY STAR holds a Portfolio Manager "Ask the Expert" session. It's a live webinar that gives all users an opportunity to ask their questions directly to EPA experts in an open forum. Want to talk to a "real" person? Have a question about how Portfolio Manager calculates your score? Want to learn more about entering Green Power? Join ENERGY STAR, and they'll answer all your questions about ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager in this public forum.

[Register](#)

September 18, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 201

Continue to learn about EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool with a deeper dive into more advanced functionalities such as: editing property data; correcting and updating property use details; using the data quality checker; and sharing property data.

[Register](#)

September 19, 1:15 PM (ET) – Towards a 20 GT Negative CO2 Emissions Inventory

It is imperative to capture 20 GT of carbon from the air in the next 20 years, and that will require contributions from all sectors including agriculture, industrial processes and direct air capture. What is the scorecard in each sector and how does each trajectory look? What are the drivers, and how can the pace of innovation and commercialization of new solutions be accelerated to scale rapidly enough to get to 20 GT in time? This webinar will examine policy, price signals, incentives and other drivers. We will address gaps in the innovation pipeline, including what is needed to create new markets for carbon. Hear how California's leadership in stacking state tax incentives with the federal 45Q tax credit and other policy commitments that can be a model for other states and federal action.

[Register](#)

September 24, 1 PM (ET) – Portfolio Manager 301

With a good background on the basic functionality of EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager tool, learn about some advanced features including: using spreadsheet upload templates to update property data; setting goals and targets to

plan energy improvements for properties; creating custom reports; and using the Sustainable Buildings Checklist.

[Register](#)

September 25, 1 PM (ET) – Saving Water in Restrooms with WaterSense

Water use in restrooms and laundries can account for nearly 40 percent of water use within a facility. Join us to learn about water-efficient operation and maintenance practices and retrofit and replacements options that can help reduce water and energy use in public and private bathrooms and commercial laundries. Find out how using WaterSense labeled and ENERGY STAR qualified products in these areas can significantly reduce your facility operating costs.

[Register](#)

September 26, 1 PM (ET) – Best Practices for Submitting ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year Award Applications

Learn more about the ENERGY STAR Partner of the Year awards and what makes a great application. ENERGY STAR will share the benefits of being a POY winner, accomplishments of past winners, and what it takes to earn POY. Helpful tips on the application process will be covered, such as how to avoid common mistakes, plus they'll review the Sustained Excellence application.

[Register](#)

September 24–26: 2019 National Tribal Energy Summit (NTES)

Tribal Energy: Powering Self-Determination

The Office of Indian Energy, in coordination with the National Conference of State Legislatures, will host the 2019 NTES, Tribal Energy: Powering Self-Determination, September 24-26 at the Westin Washington City Center in Washington, D.C. Educate yourselves and others, expand your circles, and meet with high-level Administration officials and Members of Congress. Tribal leaders—together with the Administration, representatives from federal agencies, state governments, private industry, utilities, and academia—will build networks, exchange ideas, and explore cross-cutting and cost-effective solutions to national energy interests.

Explore taking tribal energy to the next level through:

- Learning modules centered around the key drivers for tribal energy development
- Tribal leader roundtable discussions to address energy policy
- A Women in Energy Leadership Breakfast focusing on tribal perspectives

- Takeaways and resources for participating communities, including utilizing your Tribal Energy Atlas

Unlock the power with DOE and its partner organizations to position your community at the forefront of timely tribal energy conversations. The key to building capacity is first understanding how DOE's Office of Indian Energy can support—or build upon—each tribe's self-determined energy development goals. Registration information coming soon. Stay tuned!

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

September 4, 1 PM (ET) – Educating Consumers on Electric Vehicles: What Utilities Have Learned

Electric vehicles (EVs) offer drivers savings in fuel and maintenance costs, better driving performance, and no tailpipe emissions, but surveys show that lack of information holds consumers back from buying these vehicles. In this webinar, utilities and their vendors on the front lines of the electric transportation revolution will describe what they are doing to educate residential, commercial, and industrial customers about how and why to charge up, instead of gas up, their next car or corporate fleet – and what others can do to boost consumer understanding of EVs.

[Register](#)

September 12, Noon (ET) – Equity in Smart Mobility

This webinar will provide an overview of national quantitative data that suggests how smart mobility solutions are perpetuating existing barriers to transportation access, and in some instances creating new barriers; contextualize the data with

local insights from Maricopa County; discuss a framework for equitable smart mobility solutions; and provide real world examples of policies and practices that are leveraging smart mobility to increase equity in transportation systems.

[Register](#)

Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping Our Children Healthy!

Join the Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council's (ENIPC) Environmental Department finalize the curriculum to pilot the new lead curriculum designed to increase understanding and raise awareness about childhood lead exposures, potential health effects, and preventative actions in Indian Country.

HOST: Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council

WHEN: September 17-18, 2019

WHERE: Isleta Resort & Casino, 11000 Broadway SE Albuquerque, NM 87105

WHO: Tribal staff and members responsible for and interested in community education and outreach activities to tribes. *There are travel scholarships available for employees of EPA Region 6 federally-recognized tribes.*

For more information, please contact Margaret Chavez, mchavez@enipc.org, 505-692-8774. For registration/travel scholarships, please contact Shayna Sellars, sellars.shayna@epa.gov, 202-564-1411

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

Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials

The 2019 update to the document *Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials* (*Wildfire Smoke Guide*) is now available on the [AirNow website](#). The 2019 *Wildfire Smoke Guide* provides public health officials with the information they need to prepare for smoke events and, when wildfire smoke is present, to communicate health risks and take measures to protect public health. It has been updated especially with respect to preparedness, exposure reduction strategies, and ash clean-up.

Wildfires are increasing in magnitude and frequency, and these events create smoke episodes in locations hundreds and even thousands of miles away. The *Wildfire Smoke Guide* can help public health and air quality agencies provide

advice to the public on strategies to limit exposure to smoke during wildfires and protect their health. This document is the product of a multi-agency collaboration by EPA, the California Air Resources Board, California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment, United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and Forest Service.

We encourage our partners to retweet information about the Guide posted on Twitter @AirNow and @EPAAir. In addition, here is a link to a [Public Service Announcement giving an overview of the Guide](#).

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

Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation's Box Fan and Filter Video

The Air Quality Program of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation teamed up with their Webmaster and Language program to record a video demonstrating the construction and use of a box fan and furnace filter to remove wildfire smoke from homes and building. The demonstrator, Kamea Pino uses the Moses-Columbia language during the demonstration. A companion instruction guide was also produced. [Link to video and DIY Guide](#).

September Is National Preparedness Month

Every September, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) [Indoor Environments Division](#) (IED) supports the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) [Ready campaign](#)'s efforts to educate Americans on the importance of being prepared for disasters and emergencies in their homes, businesses and communities. EPA has a variety of information and resources on how to protect your [indoor air quality \(IAQ\)](#) when [disasters and emergencies](#) occur. The following EPA resources can help you prepare for disasters and reduce associated health risks after specific types of events:

- [Individuals and Homeowners](#)
- [Communities](#)
- [Preparing for Hurricanes](#)
- [Flood Cleanup](#)

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

ITEP is hiring a Volkswagen Settlement Technical Assistance Program (VWTAP) Project Assistant

Position is open until filled.

For more information, contact Mark Daniels at Mark.Daniels@nau.edu, or (928) 523-8897.

The Association on American Indian Affairs is hiring a Program Assistant

Application deadline: September 5, 2019

[More information here!](#)

Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians is hiring a Tribal Air Technician

The Tribal Air Technician will work under the supervision of the Tribal Environmental Coordinator to protect human health and the environment on the Twenty-Nine Palms Reservation. The Tribal Air Technician will work in the Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (Tribal EPA) office to monitor, maintain and protect the environment on the Reservation. Learn more and apply on either [Indeed](#) or [Career Builder](#).

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Announcing EPA Tribal Air Quality Training Funding

Applications due: September 20, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. EDT.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS) has announced the availability of \$300,000 for tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality management programs. This request for applications is open to states, local governments, territories, federally recognized Native American tribal governments,

universities, hospitals, laboratories and nonprofit organizations. The purpose of the grant program is to provide continuous air quality training and technical support to tribal partner governments for air quality initiatives, including wood stove change-out efforts. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement under this announcement, providing \$100,000 per year for 3 years, and reserves the right to make additional awards under this announcement. The application package can be found on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Native American Agricultural Fund Request for Applications

Since NAAF was launched in 2018, our Board of Trustees and staff have taken steps to craft a strategy that can begin to realize the promise we knew was possible when NAAF was created. Agriculture across Indian Country is as diverse as our Native nations and we hope the applications for funding will reflect that diversity. Native farmers and ranchers are key to the success of Native food systems and diversification of our agriculture economies. We look forward to the next step on this journey. Prospective applicants are encouraged to view the RFA at NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants. The request for applications opened on Thursday, August 1, 2019. Eligible applicants must submit a complete application no later than **Monday, September 30, 2019, by 11:59 pm CDT**. Grants will be made in the mission areas of business assistance, agricultural education, technical support and advocacy services. We are also accepting applications across four special emphasis areas listed in the RFA on our website. Eligible grant recipients are:

- 501(c)(3) organizations
- Educational organizations
- Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs) or Native CDFIs, and
- State and federally recognized tribes

Prospective applicants may register for informational RFA webinars at NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org/grants-webinar. Technical assistance relating strictly to the application process will be available by dedicated phone and email contacts listed in the RFA. For grant-related questions; email grants@NativeAmericanAgricultureFund.org or call 479-445-6226.

EPA's Tribal Training Support for the Community and Tribal Air Quality Programs Request for Applications

Closing date: September 30, 2019

Summary: EPA's Office of Air Quality Planning & Standards is soliciting applications from eligible entities to provide tribal training and technical support to tribal governments seeking to investigate, develop and establish air quality

management programs for lands under their jurisdiction. The total estimated funding for this competitive opportunity is approximately \$300,000 over three years. EPA anticipates awarding one cooperative agreement from this announcement, subject to availability of funds, the quality of applications received and other applicable considerations. [More information here.](#)

HUD's Southwest Office of Native American Programs: Resident Opportunity and Self Sufficiency Program NOFA

Applications due: October 15, 2019

The Resident Opportunity & Self Sufficiency Service Coordinator (ROSS-SC) program is designed to assist residents of Public and Indian Housing make progress towards economic self-sufficiency. Self Sufficiency is an individual's ability to support their household by maintaining financial, housing, and personal/family stability. To achieve self-sufficiency, an individual moves along a continuum towards economic independence and stability; such movement is facilitated by the achievement of personal goals. To help residents make progress towards self-sufficiency, HUD provides ROSS-SC grant funding to eligible applicants to hire a Service Coordinator who assesses the needs of Public and Indian housing residents and links them to supportive services that enable participants to move along a continuum towards self-sufficiency. Funding of up to **\$35,000,000** is available through this NOFA. This Notice of Funding Availability is published on www.grants.gov. More information [can be found here](#). If you have any questions, please email ROSS-PIH@hud.gov.

Climate Change/Energy

Toxics/Mobile Sources

US Department of Transportation: Port Infrastructure Development Program

Deadline to apply: September 16; to apply, see MARAD's [PIDP webpage](#)

The Department of Transportation seeks projects that will: (1) advance technology-supported safety and design efficiency improvements; (2) bring facilities to a state of good repair and improve resiliency; (3) promote efficient trade in energy resources; (4) promote exports of manufacturing, agriculture, or other goods; and (5) for only the top 15 coastal ports, support the safe flow of agricultural and food products, free of pests and disease, domestically and internationally.

Total FY19 Funding: \$292.7 Million

Minimum Amount Awarded: \$10 Million

Eligible Entities include the following:

- Port authority;

- A commission or its subdivision or agent under existing authority;
- State, local, and tribal governments;
- A public agency or publicly chartered authority established by one or more States;
- A special purpose district with a transportation function;
- A multistate or multijurisdictional group of entities, or;
- A lead entity described above jointly with a private entity or group of private entities.

About the Grant: [PIDP Webpage](#). Selection Criteria: Grants will be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a coastal seaport, as well as the unloading and loading of cargo at a coastal seaport.

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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