



**National Tribal Air Association**

## **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## TOP STORIES

Washington Post – [The Trump administration just disbanded a federal advisory committee on climate change](#)

E&E News – [Pruitt assigns political appointee to vet grant requests](#)

Clean Energy Resource Teams – [Leech Lake community solar garden first in MN to be 100% dedicated to low-income residents](#)

## HEADLINES

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

News 21 Troubled Water – [Native American tribes fight for clean water and more money](#)

Grist – [Minnesota report: Proposed tar sands oil pipeline would harm tribes](#)

Colorlines – [Sand to Snow National Monument Keeps Protected Status](#)

Colorlines – [Former EPA Official Mustafa Ali on Environmental Justice under the Trump Administration](#)

Native Sun News – [Yankton Sioux ‘outraged’ over Pipeline testimony](#)

Native Sun News – [‘Water Blessing and Healing Walk’ to increase awareness of pipeline danger](#)

Fred Hutch – [Links between air pollution and cancer risk](#)

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

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

Arizona Daily Sun - [Navajo solar plant breaks new ground](#)

Washington Post – [Why L.A. is coating its streets with material that hides planes from spy satellites](#)

Reuters – [In Montana’s Indian country, tribes take opposite sides on coal](#)

Columbia Journalism Review – [Why isn’t local media covering the Clean Power Plan?](#)

Vox – [It’s time to start talking about “negative” carbon dioxide emissions](#)

GreenBiz – [From Tesla to Mercedes-Benz, automakers become energy companies](#)

Washington Post - [Trump administration halted a study of mountaintop coal mining’s health effects](#)

E&E News – [Bannon’s exit creates void for climate skeptics](#)

E&E News – [Economists, legal experts challenge Trump on carbon pricing](#)

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

Reveal News - [EPA budget cuts threaten to slow uranium cleanup at Navajo Nation](#)

AZ Central – [Operator of electric-vehicle charging stations brings 50 workers to Scottsdale-area office](#)

The Guardian – [The eco guide to Electric Vehicle hype](#)

Reuters – [Diesel still needed to meet climate goals, Merkel says](#)

The Hill – [Feds urge judge not to shut down Dakota Access pipeline during review](#)

The Guardian – [Trump’s decision to allow plastic bottle sales in national parks slammed](#)

NPR – [Popular Pesticides Keep Bumblebees from Laying Eggs](#)

Colorlines – [EPA Hit With 2 Lawsuits over Safety Review for Chemicals](#)

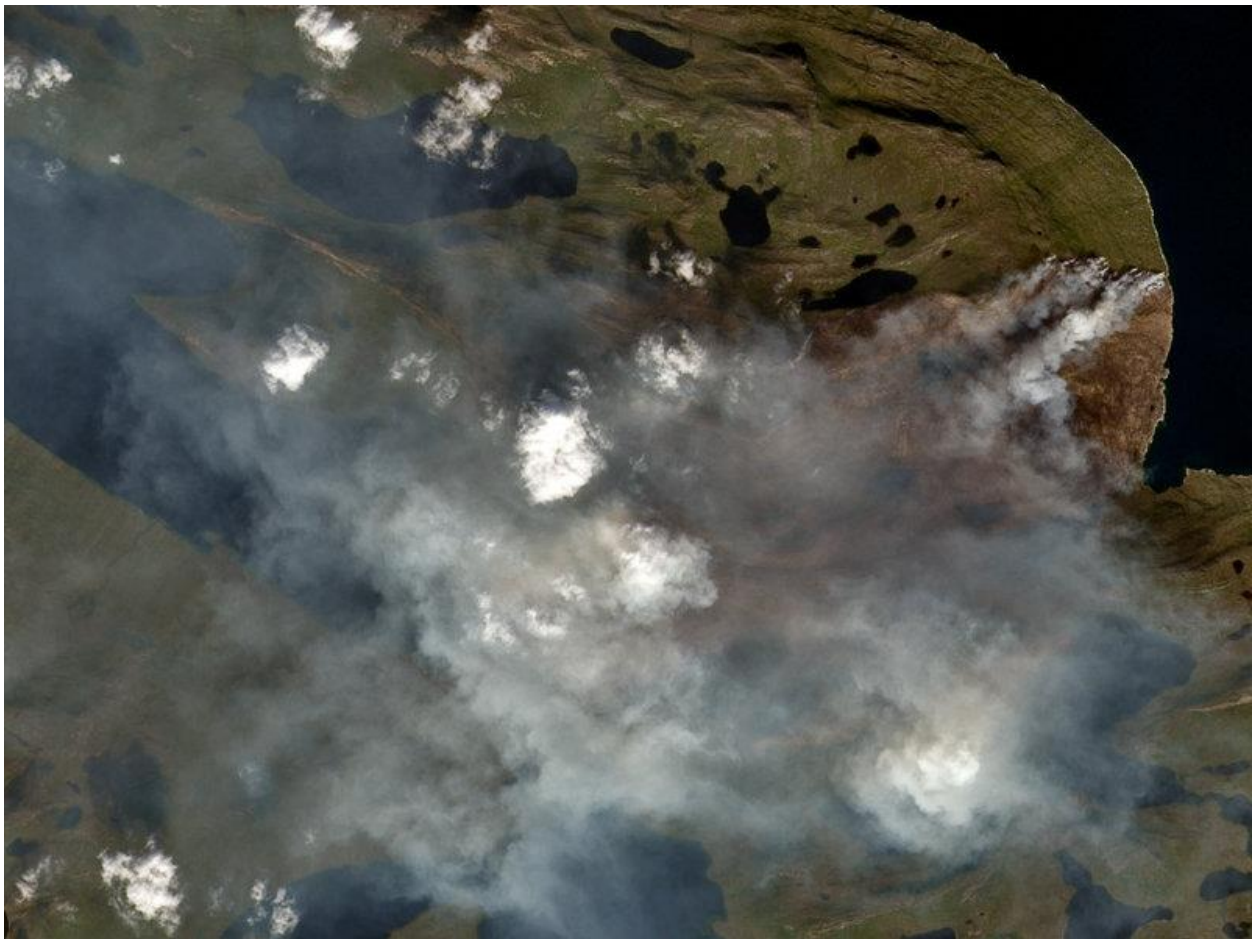
## ***Indoor Air Quality***

Casino City Times – [Quinault Beach Resort and Casino to utilize Plasma Air's bipolar ionization technology](#)

Vanderhoof Omineca Express – [Smoky skies, falling ash, burning throats](#)

## ***Photo from the field***

NPR – [Greenland Is Still Burning, but the Smoke May Be the Real Problem](#)



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## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS**

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

**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!

<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Help set priorities and plan the upcoming Federal listening session.	Tuesday, September 19, 2pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Update Call:</b> Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, August 31, 2pm ET
<b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, September 7, 2pm ET

### **EPA Releases Draft FY 2018 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice for Stakeholder Review**

In preparation for the FY 2018 Exchange Network grant application process, EPA will hold two conference calls to review the Draft FY 2018 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice (SN) as well as obtain feedback and answer questions on the SN from the Exchange Network Community. [The Draft Notice is available here](#) for your review prior to the conference call.

The first call will be held Wednesday, August 30, 2017, from 1:00-2:00 PM EDT. The second call will be held Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 1:00-2:00 PM EDT. To participate in either call, please dial: 1-866-299-3188, and enter the conference code 202-566-0466, and enter the web conference at <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/sn-feedback/>.

If you would like to provide feedback, EPA will accept comments on the Draft Notice until COB on September 11, 2017. Comments should be emailed to [ENGrantProgram@epa.gov](mailto:ENGrantProgram@epa.gov).

EPA plans to issue the final FY 2018 Exchange Network Grant Solicitation Notice in October 2017.

### **National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) 3-Part Webinar Series**

The U.S. Environmental Protection agency (EPA) is hosting a three-part webinar series on the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) for communities. Under the Clean Air Act (CAA), the EPA is required to set the NAAQS and review those standards every five years for six common air pollutants (also known as "criteria" air pollutants). There are NAAQS for ground-level ozone (O3); particulate matter (PM); carbon monoxide (CO), lead (Pb), sulfur dioxide (SO2), and nitrogen dioxide (NO2). These criteria air pollutants are found all across the

United States and can harm your health, the environment, and cause property damage.

In this webinar series you will learn how the EPA: 1) sets, reviews and revises the primary (health) and secondary (environmental) standards; 2) designate areas that are meeting or not meeting these standards; and 3) works with areas to meet and maintain these standards.

During each 90-minute webinar, there will be an overview presentation of the topic followed by a question and answer session.

**WEBINAR SERIES LINE-UP:**

**Webinar #1: NAAQS (101)** (This session date has passed.)

**Webinar #2: NAAQS – Designations** (This session date has passed)

**Webinar #3: NAAQS - Implementation**

(This session will discuss how to attain & maintain the NAAQS and what role the community can play in the implementation process.)

- Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017
- Time: 1:00 -2:30 PM EST
- Participant Dial-in Number: (800) 309-5450
- Conference ID: 30986885
- Webinar Link: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/naaqs-implement>

How to Participate: You do not need to register in advance for these webinars. To participate, please click on the webinar link at the date and time shown above. Audio for the webinar will be delivered through the phone line. It is recommended that you call in 15 minutes before the webinar's start time to ensure your participation.

To Join a Webinar: Click on the link and follow these instructions:

1. Click "Enter as a Guest"
2. Type in your first & last name and organization
3. Click "Enter Room"

You will be in the room!

\*Make sure to use the participant call in number and conference ID for audio\*

If you have never attended an Adobe Connect meeting before, we highly recommend that you test your connection:

[http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/common/help/en/support/meeting\\_test.htm](http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/common/help/en/support/meeting_test.htm)

We look forward to your participation and encourage you to share this invitation with others in the community who may be interested. Information about the NAAQS can be found at: <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants> and <https://www.epa.gov/criteria-air-pollutants/process-reviewing-national-ambient-air-quality-standards>.

For questions about the webinars, please contact Rhonda Wright at [wright.rhonda@epa.gov](mailto:wright.rhonda@epa.gov).

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

**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](#)**

<b>Course Title</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>2017</b>		
Indoor Air Quality – Level 1	September 26-28	Tulsa, OK
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	October 24-27	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
<b>2018</b>		
Introduction to Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
Treatment As State	February 6-8	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27- March 2	Phoenix, AZ
IAQ in AK – Level 1	March 13-15	Alaska
Air Pollution Technology	March 20-23	Flagstaff, AZ
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	May 15-18	Flagstaff, AZ
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants	June 5-7	TBD
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online

Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ	TBD	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Tribal Data Toolbox	TBD	Instructor-led Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Dates TBD	Hybrid (online and 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](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

**Air Sensors International Conference: Save the week of September 10, 2018**  
 ASIC will bring together stakeholders from academia, government, communities, and commercial interests to promote and advance air pollution sensors, improve the data quality from these sensors, expand the pollutants measured, and foster community involvement in monitoring air quality. [Click here for more information](#).

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

### **2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit**

The La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals, University of San Diego's Climate Education Partners (CEP), and the Climate Science Alliance are collaborating on the *2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit*. Registration is now open and please forward to your contacts!

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

Website: [http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/swtcc\\_Summit](http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Home/swtcc_Summit)

NOTE:

- ✓ *Southwestern Tribes will receive first preference.*
- ✓ *If you submit a registration form, you must also submit an "Attendee Expectation Form."*

Contact: Contact [Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu](mailto:Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu) with any questions.

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

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



**ITEP's Indoor Air Quality in Tribal Communities:** a Level 1 course for Tribes in the Lower 48

September 26-28, 2017. Tulsa, Oklahoma

**Course Description:** This entry-level course is designed to provide an understanding of common indoor air quality (IAQ) problems in tribal homes and schools. The course includes an overview of indoor air pollutants and their health effects, and tips for solving IAQ problems. There will be hands-on practice with a comprehensive assessment checklist used to identify IAQ problems. This course consists of lectures and a tribal case study, demonstrations, small-group activities, and a building walk-through.

**Topics Include:**

- Indoor air concerns in tribal communities
- Overview of building science
- Mold and its health effects
- IAQ pollutants and cancer
- IAQ and asthma
- Hazardous materials in homes and schools
- Combustion products
- Equipment for assessing IAQ
- Outreach: prevention of IAQ problems
- Collaboration and resources

There is no prerequisite for this course. Preference will be given to tribes who submit applications from TWO different departments: environmental, housing, and/or health. Preference will also be given to applicants who have an indoor air quality task in a grant work plan.

**Please note:** this course is a **pre-requisite** for ITEP's Level 2 course, Indoor Air Quality Diagnostic

Tools for Tribal Professionals.

**Pre-Requisites:** None

**Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors announces National Radon Training Conference to be held on October 2-4, 2017**

CRCPD is pleased to announce that the 27<sup>th</sup> National Radon Training Conference announcement and registration has been posted to the CRCPD website. You may access the 27<sup>th</sup> National Radon Training Conference that includes the agenda, hotel, registration, and transportation information by click this link <http://www.crcpd.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=882978>.

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# **RESOURCES**

***Now Hiring!***

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

**Dust Resources for Rural Alaska**

[Dust Activity Book for Kids](#)

[TV Dust Commercial](#)

[Keep the Dust Down](#)

[Clean Air, Healthy Villages: Road Dust](#)

[Dust Radio Commercial](#)

[Dust Pamphlets](#)

[Dust Fact Sheet](#)

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***

**Attention Region 10 Tribes and Native Villages:**

**Region 10 Tribal Radon Survey Open until September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

The goal of this survey is to gather information about past and current radon efforts and radon needs for Region 10 tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Results from the survey will be used to identify tribal radon strengths, barriers to radon work, and opportunities for solutions.

The survey should take between five and fifteen minutes to complete. We recommend discussing the questions with your tribal housing or environmental office and submitting one survey. Survey link will remain live for one week from when you start the survey. All responses will remain anonymous.

Link to the Survey: R10 Tribal Radon Survey

[https://miamioh.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9udlBAM0b7WSTwF](https://miamioh.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9udlBAM0b7WSTwF)

Thank you and if you have any questions, please contact:

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Johna Boulafentis, Nez Perce Tribe Air Quality, [johnab@nezperce.org](mailto:johnab@nezperce.org) or 208.621.3821

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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

#### **ANTHC opens RFPs for Air Quality Sub-Awards**

Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC) recently released their FY18 Request for Proposals for Air Quality Sub-Awards. These sub-awards provide funding for federally recognized tribes in Alaska to address air quality concerns in their communities. Proposals should describe a project that will address an air quality concern in a tribal community such as road dust, indoor air quality, solid waste burning, ambient air pollution, and wood smoke. Awards can be funded up to \$20,000 and are limited to one sub-award per tribe. If an air quality project includes any type of monitoring, assessment/surveys, or data collection, ANTHC will assist in the development of the required Quality Assurance Project Plan. This opportunity is competitive and is funded by a Clean Air Act grant from the US Environmental Protection Agency – Region 10 that is administered by ANTHC.

DEADLINE: August 31, 2017

Please note: These Sub-awards are competitive and limited to only one Sub-award per Tribe. Please see the eligibility requirements below as they have changed from FY'17.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Federally recognized Tribes within the State of Alaska
- Federal Tax ID Number & DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) included with application
- Completed Phase I Air Quality Assessment submitted before or with application

#### Application Point Breakdown: *(Please see application for full breakdown)*

- Community Information (5 points)
- Description of the current air quality situation and problems posed by the situation (40 points)
- Project Capacity (10 points)
- Grant Timeline (15 points)
- Itemized Budget (10 points)
- Narrative Budget (10 points)
- Documented Support (10 points)
- Attachments: Pictures, Letters of Support, Negotiated Indirect Cost Rate Agreement *(if applicable)*

Total maximum points = 100

Please use the below contacts to request detailed instructions on the grant application, a sample cooperative agreement, as well as an ANTHC Phase I Air Quality Assessment tool that MUST be completed and submitted along with the grant proposal.

Please submit your completed Sub-Award application to:

Fax: 1-888-500-1205

Email: [air@anthc.org](mailto:air@anthc.org)

If you have any questions about grant ideas, eligibility, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact any of us directly.

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## **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.

## **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***

## ***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, August 23, 2017.*

(Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Proposed Rule**

**Mid-Term Evaluation of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Model Years 2022-2025 Light-duty Vehicles:**

#### **Public Hearings**

FR Document: [2017-17866](#) Citation: 82 FR 39976 [PDF](#) Pages 39976-39977 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

### **Notice**

**Agency Information Collection Activities; Proposals, Submissions, and Approvals**

FR Document: [2017-17859](#) Citation: 82 FR 39997 [PDF](#) Pages 39997-39998 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Voluntary Criteria for Random Credentialing Organizations**

FR Document: [2017-17860](#) Citation: 82 FR 39993 [PDF](#) Pages 39993-39997 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

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