



**National Tribal Air Association**

# **NTAA Weekly Update**

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## TOP STORIES

### **NTAA is urging all Tribes to use NTAA’s Policy Response Kit to provide comments on EPA’s Draft Strategic Plan for FY 2018-2022.**

Comments are due into EPA by COB on October 31, 2017. EPA’s Strategic Plan is an important management tool used by EPA to set goals and track progress towards meeting EPA’s mission of protecting human health and the environment. [You can read EPA’s Draft Strategic Plan here.](#)

NTAA’s PRK includes [a comment letter](#) from the NTAA’s Executive Committee and the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center’s Steering Committee as well as [a fact sheet](#) and [template letter Tribes can use to submit their own comments.](#)

On Thursday, October 19, 2017, at 2 PM EST/11 AM PST, the National Tribal Air Association (NTAA) Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group will be hosting an upcoming webinar/federal listening session on the topic of **IAQ & Methamphetamine.**

Speakers lined up include a Tribal community member talking about finding meth in homes, its acute effect on health, and community; a representative from Apple Environmental will discuss the training they conduct to train community workers to do clean up; and a representative from the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) will highlight trends they are seeing in Indian Country and nationwide.

We invite you to join us as we learn more about this ongoing problem in Tribal communities and the sensitive challenges it presents for families and Tribal officials. Call into 1-800-309-2350 and use code 928-523-0526# [Click here to register for the webinar](#) and to view documents presented.

EPA – [Electric Utility Generating Units: Repealing the Clean Power Plan: Proposal](#)

EPA – [Administrator Pruitt Addresses National Tribal Operations Committee](#)

High Country News – [Northern California tribes face down massive wildfires](#)

E&E News – [2 global lenders say trillions needed for adaptation](#)

## **HEADLINES**

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

E&E News – [Senate to release Interior-EPA bill](#)

AP – [Navajo, Hopi tribes get funding to ease coal plant shutdown](#)

Bloomberg – [The End of Coal Will Haunt the Navajo](#)

Washington Post - [Scott Pruitt suggests he will restrict scientists who get EPA grants from advising the agency](#)

Pittsburg Post-Gazette – [Trump’s EPA to curb legal settlements with environmentalists](#)

Mother Jones – [Michael Bloomberg is Fighting Back against Trump’s Attack on the Environment](#)

NPR – [More Destructive, Expensive, Dangerous: What’s Ramping Up Wildfires?](#)

Inside Climate News – [Trump Pick for Top Environmental Post: Carbon Dioxide Is ‘The Gas of Life’](#)

E&E News – [The ANWR fight is back. Here’s what you need to know](#)

Native Sun News – [Oneida Nation donates Indian Country Today to NCAI](#)

Indianz – [Bears Ears remains in limbo as Republicans leave tribes out of monument bill](#)

AZ Central – [Western Arizona tribes could lease Colorado River water to areas thirsty for development](#)

Bloomberg Technology – [Wind and Solar’s Future Hangs on Taxes, Not Clean Power Plan](#)

E&E News – [The climate thing Pruitt and Obama agree on](#)

Must Read Alaska – [Chris Hladick new pick for Region 10 EPA](#)

Must Read Alaska – [Trump: Alaska's Tara Sweeney to head up BIA](#)

MPR News – [Tribes launch review of controversial MN pipeline project](#)

The Guardian – [Indigenous rights 'serious obstacle' to Kinder Morgan pipeline, report says](#)

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

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

Los Angeles Times - [Fires, droughts and hurricanes: What's the link between climate change and natural disasters?](#)

Alaska Public Media - [In Iliamna, EPA hears mixed reactions to its new course on Pebble Mine](#)

Tribal Tribune – [Elders to bear witness on climate changes](#)

E&E News – [Project approvals splinter FERC, trigger rare dissent](#)

Ensia – [South Australia Goes All Out on Renewables Despite Federal Focus on Coal](#)

E&E News – [Coal plant closures are coming to Texas. Now what?](#)

Arizona Daily Star – [The end of the monsoon as we know it? Climate change may slash our rainfall](#)

Reuters – [New energy vehicles top China's list of subsidy questions for U.S.](#)

Vox – [Americans are willing to pay \\$177 a year to avoid climate change](#)

The Guardian – [Geoengineering is not a quick fix for climate change, experts warn Trump](#)

BBC – [NASA carbon space observatory ‘watches Earth breathe’](#)

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

The Guardian – [Oxford aims for world’s first zero emissions zone with petrol car ban](#)

NPR – [Paris Mayor Plans To Eliminate All Non-Electric Cars By 2030](#)

EPA – [Navajo Nation: Cleaning Up Abandoned Uranium Mines](#)

Detroit Free Press – [746 miles on a charge? Experts say sweet spot for electric vehicles is less](#)

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

Mother Jones – [No, “Essential Oils” Will Not Clear the California Fire Smoke Out of Your Air](#)

Wall Street Journal – [Why Office Buildings Should Run Like Spaceships](#)

### ***Photos from the field***

E&E News – [Here’s what we know about wildfires and climate change](#)



*Homes burned by a wildfire are seen Wednesday in Santa Rosa, Calif. Scientists say climate change is intensifying fire disasters. Jeff Chiu/Associated Press*

Sierra Club – [The Largest Coal-Fired Power Plant in the West Is Slated for Closure](#)



*The Navajo Generating Station has dominated the economy of the Navajo and Hopi Nations for more than 40 years. Photo credit: Sierra Club/Evelyn Nieves*

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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 Webinar and Federal Listening Session: Methamphetamines and IAQ</b>	Thursday, October 19, 2pm ET <a href="#">Register here!</a>
<b>EPA Policy Update Call:</b> Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, October 26, 2pm ET
<b>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group:</b> Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, November 2, 2pm ET <b>*Note that this a change in date*</b>

### **Webinar on EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples & EJ SCREEN - EPA's Environmental Justice Screening Tool**

The USEPA Office of Environmental Justice and USEPA Region 9 EJ Program are hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the [EPA Policy on Environmental Justice for Working with Federally Recognized Tribes and Indigenous Peoples](#) (Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy) & the EPA's environmental justice screening tool –[EJSCREEN](#). Through this webinar, EPA seeks to expand the awareness and understanding of federally recognized tribes, other indigenous peoples, states and other interested stakeholders about this Policy and this tool in order to promote their use and identify opportunities for coordination and collaboration to advance environmental justice.

Scope and Focus of the Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy - The Policy focuses on EPA's work with federally recognized tribes, state recognized tribes, tribal members, indigenous community-based/grassroots organizations, Native Hawaiians, individual Native Americans, and others living in Indian country. The Policy also

discusses EPA's work with other federal agencies, state agencies, and other interested groups on addressing environmental justice concerns.

**EJSCREEN** - is an environmental justice mapping and screening tool that provides EPA with a nationally consistent dataset and approach for combining environmental and demographic indicators.

The webinar will be held on **Thursday, October 19, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time** for interested parties. The Adobe Connect link

is: <http://epawebconferencing.acms.com/tribalindigenousejpolicy-ejscreen/>

Conference call number: 1-866-299-3188, access code 202-564-2576#.

Information on the Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy and EJSCREEN can be found at: Tribal/Indigenous EJ Policy -

<https://www.epa.gov/environmentaljustice/environmental-justice-tribes-and-indigenous-peoples>

EJSCREEN - <https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen>

### **Northern Arizona University HHS/OMH, OMHRC - Vision, Design and Capacity (U-VDC) Grant Writing Workshop**

October 26-27 at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ

Hosted by Northern Arizona University Office of the Vice President for Research, this FREE two-day technical writing workshop is best for junior faculty, staff and college/university health professionals who are interested in community-based participatory research; who are committed to working with underserved populations; and who want to build their institution's capacity to compete and receive competitive grant awards.

Learn to write winning grants and build sustainable partnerships to improve minority health. This workshop is intended for university/college junior faculty, staff, and health professionals. For further information, please contact Tamara Henry: [thentry@minorityhealth.hhs.gov](mailto:thentry@minorityhealth.hhs.gov) Register here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4MTMyiFbsPdPspa7UybXMUW\\_qq09T4JBRC9iDtN-iyYO4kQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4MTMyiFbsPdPspa7UybXMUW_qq09T4JBRC9iDtN-iyYO4kQ/viewform)

### **R9 Tribal EPA 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference**

October 30-November 2, 2017

Alpine, California, Viejas Casino & Resort

[Register here!](#)

### **Notice of Tribal Consultation for EPA's Draft FY18-22 Strategic Plan**

EPA's Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) is currently conducting consultation and coordination with tribes on EPA's FY2018-2022 Strategic



Plan. The Strategic Plan communicates the agency's priorities, the measurable environmental and human health outcomes the public can expect over the next four years, and the long-term blueprint for achieving those results. It also serves as the basis for agency-wide program planning and informs annual budget development and decision making. The plan covers important areas of interest that impact tribes.

The Plan is expected to be available for review in late September, with the consultation period ending on October 31, 2017. Several conference calls are being planned and communication has been sent to tribal leadership on Sept. 7, 2017. For more information, contact Emily Heller ([heller.emily@epa.gov](mailto:heller.emily@epa.gov) or phone: 202-564-3332) or Allison Mihalich ([mihalich.allison@epa.gov](mailto:mihalich.allison@epa.gov) or phone: 202-564-1534).

Tribal Consultation Conference Calls:

- Tuesday October 17, 2-4 pm Eastern (Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188; Access code: 202-564-4855)
- Tuesday October 24, 2-4 pm Eastern (Call-in number: 1-866-299-3188; Access code: 202-564-4855)

The draft plan will be made available on EPA's Strategic Planning website in the coming weeks: <http://www2.epa.gov/planandbudget/strategicplan>

**Check out this [Public Service Announcement](#) produced by the Gila River Indian Community for the upcoming Tribal Environmental Health Forum: Bridging Tribal Communities to Healthy Futures, on Thursday, October 19-Friday, October 20, 2017 at the [Anthony B. Shelde Building](#) at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino, 5692 West North Loop Road, Chandler, AZ 85226. [Click here](#) for more information.**

**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](#)**

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		

IAQ in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	November 6-8	Albuquerque, NM
Treatment As a State (TAS)	November 14-16	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Fundamentals of Air Monitoring	December 4-6	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
<b>2018</b>		
Introduction to Tribal Air Quality	January 9-12	Flagstaff, AZ
IAQ Diagnostic Tools	February 6-9	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality Computations	February 27- March 2	Phoenix, AZ
Air Pollution Technology	March 13-16	Flagstaff, AZ
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke (hybrid course)	March 27-28	Boise, ID
GIS for Air Quality	April 17-19	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV
Air Quality in Alaska	April 17-20	AK
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	May 1-3	TBD
NTF	May	TBD
Air Pollution & Ecosystems	June 5-8	Flagstaff, AZ
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	Online
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	January-March	Hybrid (webinars/ classroom)

Note: This schedule is subject to change. [Click here](#) for up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications. If you have questions regarding the pre-requisites or your eligibility for this course, please contact Patricia

Ellsworth, Air Quality Curriculum Coordinator, at [Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu](mailto:Patricia.Ellsworth@nau.edu) or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

## **Climate Change / Energy**

### **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

#### **VW Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries Webinars**

The Trustee of the Volkswagen Diesel Emissions Environmental Mitigation Trust for Indian Tribe Beneficiaries would like to invite you to attend one of three identical, informational webinars. The webinar session is designed to accomplish the following:

- Define and Provide an overview of the Indian Tribe Trust
- Review the Beneficiary Certification and Designation Process as outlined in the Trust Agreement
- Discuss the Beneficiary Eligible Mitigation Action Certification as outlined in the Trust Agreement
- Introduction of the Technical Assistance Provider – Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals (ITEP)
- Introduction of: the Public-Facing Web Site; Secure Beneficiary-Trustee Communication Portal (Intralinks); and, On-Line Portfolio/On-Line Statements
- Briefly Review Investment of Trust Assets
- Discuss the Trustee's Security Procedures
- Detail important dates, timelines and deadlines
- Provide you with Trustee Team contact information
- Question and Answer Period

**We will hold the weekly webinar sessions on Thursdays @ 3:00 pm Eastern Time on the following dates: October 19<sup>th</sup>; October 26<sup>th</sup>.**

*Note: The content covered in each session will be the same, so you need only attend one of the weekly sessions. This webinar covers the exact same content as the session we held on October 12<sup>th</sup> – if you attended that session, you do not need to attend either of these.*

**\*\*\*Pre-registration is now available for both the October 19<sup>th</sup> and the October 26<sup>th</sup> webinars. Kindly select only one session by clicking appropriate link below to register. \*\*\***

**===Indian Tribe Beneficiaries Training of October 19, 2017 at 3:00 pm Eastern Time===**

The following Link works both to register and to view the webinar. You can log in to watch the webinar up to 15 minutes beforehand if you wish to do so.

Registration link: <http://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1519881-1/150D032CFB4FD95CF3B19657E8C813D3>

OR

===**Indian Tribe Beneficiaries Training of October 26, 2017 at 3:00 pm Eastern Time**===

The following Link works both to register and to view the webinar. You can log in to watch the webinar up to 15 minutes beforehand if you wish to do so.

Registration link: <http://event.on24.com/wcc/r/1519884-1/5EAC1DA5D0A67443CF1536A3279D02E6>

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

### **Tackle Energy Efficiency and Indoor Air Quality Together: Best Practices in Multifamily Housing Upgrades**

October 19, 2017

1:00–2:15 PM EDT

#### [Registration](#)

Interested in taking a proactive approach to protecting indoor air quality (IAQ) while boosting energy efficiency in your multifamily building? This webinar will take you through the steps of getting started. You'll learn how to integrate energy management activities (including a retrofit or other building upgrade project) and IAQ protection activities using the recommendations in EPA's [Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor Air Quality Guidelines for Multifamily Building Upgrades](#).

Use of these guidelines can lead to substantial improvements in IAQ and cost savings. To learn more about protecting IAQ in your home, please visit EPA's Indoor Environments Division website on remodeling and energy upgrades [here](#).

By attending this webinar, participants will—

- Learn how to integrate IAQ protection activities into energy efficiency retrofit projects.
- Learn how to use EPA's [Multifamily Checklist Generator Tool](#), a custom verification checklist spreadsheet that accompanies the [Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor Air Quality Guidelines for Multifamily Building Upgrades](#).
- Hear case studies on the City of Mankato Economic Development Authority and the Hempstead Housing Authority's multifamily building retrofits to learn best practices and real-world application of content found in the guidelines.

Hosted By: The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **NEHA 2018 AEC and HUD Healthy Homes Conference, Anaheim, CA – June 25-28, Call for Abstracts due: Oct. 31, 2017**

NEHA is excited to announce the [Call for Abstracts](#) for the NEHA 2018 Annual Educational Conference (AEC) & Exhibition and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Healthy Homes Conference, being held on June 25–28, 2018, at the Anaheim Marriott in California. NEHA and HUD are partnering again to offer their conferences together.

Don't miss this opportunity to share your knowledge, experience, and research with a global environmental health audience.

NEHA welcomes abstracts that cover a full range of environmental health topics, as well as emerging and current topics such as the safety of marijuana edibles and home restaurants, the opioid epidemic, groundwater issues, and proven technologies.

We seek abstracts that bring the latest advances in environmental health, unique responses to protection problems, and practical applications in the public and private sectors.

Submission deadline is October 31.

To submit your abstract online, please view our [AEC Abstract Submission Guidelines](#). Check out the [2018 AEC website](#) for more details about the conference.

Questions? Please contact [Kristie Denbrock](#), NEHA's Education Coordinator.

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## **RESOURCES**

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

#### **The USFS and the Wildlife Society are seeking Native American Research Assistantships**

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Premier Partner of The Wildlife Society, is sponsoring a research assistantship program for Native American students. Short-term assistantships are available for Native American students interested in wildlife and forest resources and excited to learn and work with an interdisciplinary team of researchers. Applicants must be a member of an American Indian or Alaska Native tribe, First Nations, or a Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, or have some other indigenous identification, and be currently

enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program from an accredited academic institution. A bachelor's or master's degree in wildlife biology, ecology, forestry or other closely related natural resource discipline is preferred. Students with Associates degrees from TCUs or other community colleges will be considered. The deadline application is October 18, 2017. [Follow this link for more information.](#)

**Assistant or Associate Professor of Indigenous and Environmental Studies at Bemidji State University**

CLOSING DATE: November 1, 2017

**RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Teach courses in the areas of Indigenous Studies and Environmental Studies.
- Work with members of the Indigenous Studies and Environmental Studies programs to create curriculum for the new Indigenous Studies/Environmental Studies (IS/ES) Sustainability degree program.
- Develop and teach new undergraduate and graduate courses presenting both IS and ES perspectives.
- Lead efforts throughout the three-year grant period to start the necessary long-term conversations with faculty in all departments at BSU about incorporating Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainability perspectives into existing courses.
- Contribute to a program of scholarship, student advising, service to the University and community, and other associated faculty duties.
- Contribute to interdisciplinary teaching and involvement in activities that support Bemidji State University's shared fundamental values: Environmental Stewardship, Civic Engagement and Leadership, International and Multicultural Understanding, and Belief in the Power of the Liberal Arts.
- The successful applicant will be expected to contribute to a collegial and supportive environment that advances the goals of the University.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

**Minimum:**

- Earned Master's degree from a regionally accredited institution at the start of employment.
- Experience with and understanding of Indigenous Knowledge.
- Graduate academic background in an area of the natural sciences or allied field.
- Meet Higher Learning Commission faculty credentials in the areas of Environmental and Indigenous Studies.

- Demonstrated commitment to quality teaching.

Preferred:

- Earned doctorate from a regionally accredited institution at the start of employment.
- Interest/experience in curriculum development.
- Teaching experience.
- Experience working with Indigenous communities.
- Skills/ability to design and deliver online courses.
- The applicant should demonstrate a knowledge of and interest in diverse cultures and populations.

[More information here.](#)

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

#### **No-Cost Technical Assistance from DOE**

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

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

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

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

Sign up for the [Alliance for Green Heat](#)'s newsletter!

To view and/or receive ITEP's [Climate Change newsletter, click here!](#)

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

#### **Free Underground Storage Tanks Remediation and Inspector Training and Resources Online**

You can obtain free remediation and UST inspector training and resources online. Below are short descriptions and links to these websites.

**TechDirect** – Information service that highlights new publications and events of interest to site remediation and site assessment professionals. More information available [here](#).

**ITRC Training** – Remediation training in-person, online, and archived courses [here](#). (Note some courses have registration fees.)

**NEIWPCC UST Inspector Training Webinar Archive** – UST inspector and equipment webinar archive [here](#).

**NEIWPCC LUST/Corrective Action Webinar Archive** – Leaking UST webinar archive [here](#).

**EPA UST website** – Information on preventing and detecting UST releases [here](#).

**EPA Leaking UST website** – Information on cleaning up UST releases [here](#).

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

#### **NTAA Indoor Air Quality Work Group task sign up sheet**

We are initiating the work of implementing the tasks that were identified at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality in May 2017. We will begin with three highly prioritized tasks and seek your participation by signing up [using this sign up sheet](#). Please provide your name, Tribal affiliation, email address and work phone number underneath the task(s) (*you can sign up for more than one task*) you wish to be involved in. Click the "NEXT" button at the bottom of each section/page to see all three options (i.e., tasks). You may use the "BACK" button at bottom of each page to view the previous section/page. After you select a task or tasks and input your contact information, go to the last section/page, and click the "SUBMIT" button when you are done.

Please provide your response by Friday, October 20, 2017. Or if you wish, you may send an email message to indicate your interest in a task by emailing to [Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu](mailto:Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu).

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## **FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

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



### **Cultural Survival Keepers of the Earth Fund Call For Applications**

Cultural Survival is pleased to announce the Keepers of the Earth Fund (KOEf) Call for Applications. The KOEF is a small grants fund that supports Indigenous values-based community development. These grants have supported Indigenous-led projects on the leading edge of solutions to the most pressing issues for Indigenous Peoples everywhere.

Through the general KOEF, Cultural Survival intends to provide grants ranging between \$500 and \$5,000 to Indigenous-led and -controlled organizations and groups around the world.

Grants can support projects focused on a vast array of development activities. Applications will be viewed with an eye toward innovation, Indigenous values woven into the design of the project, and projects addressing real-time development needs. The connection between Indigenous values and the proposed project should be clearly articulated.

The primary purpose of the Keepers of the Earth Fund is to empower grassroots Indigenous communities in establishing their rights and retaining their traditional values.

We seek to fund projects that work in collaboration with others for the larger community as opposed to working alone. We encourage partnerships and networking, capacity building for results, and strategic approaches to Indigenous development.

Grant applications will be accepted through October 27, 2017. For guidelines and grant applications for the KOEF, please visit <https://www.cs.org/programs/advocacy/koef> or contact [koef@cs.org](mailto:koef@cs.org).

### **The Center for Indigenous Politics and Policy (CIPP) is accepting applications for the Native American Political Leadership Program (NAPLP) for Spring 2018**

NAPLP is a full scholarship program for American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian undergraduate and graduate students to study applied politics at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. As part of the Semester in Washington Politics program, NAPLP is funded by a generous gift from AT&T. The scholarship covers up to nine credits in tuition, on-campus housing, round-trip air travel, and a stipend for books (\$250) and living expenses (\$2,400 in two installments). Students also have the opportunity to have an internship in places such as a congressional office, national tribal organization, or a federal agency, and to develop lasting connections with a cohort of Native American students from across the country.

Students may apply online at [www.naplp.gwu.edu](http://www.naplp.gwu.edu). Applications are due November 1, 2017. Please contact the NAPLP office at 202-994-3284 or at [naplp@gwu.edu](mailto:naplp@gwu.edu) with any questions you may have.

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

The Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) program makes available Federal funds to State, Local and Tribal Governments to implement and sustain cost-effective measures designed to reduce the risk to individuals and property from natural hazards, while also reducing reliance on Federal funding from future disasters. The PDM program strengthens national preparedness and resilience and supports the mitigation mission area in the National Preparedness System and National Preparedness Goal.

#### Key Dates and Times

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

Application Start Date: 08/14/2017

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

Anticipated Funding Selection Date: 01/30/2018

Anticipated Award Date: 12/30/2018

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

### **FY 2017 Economic Development Assistance Programs, Department of Commerce**

Full details [here](#)

There are no submission deadlines under this opportunity.

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

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

new Economic Development Assistance Program Federal Funding Opportunity announcement.

### **U.S. EPA Air Grants and Funding:**

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

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

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

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

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

Important dates

Thursday, October 5, 2017	RFP Opens
Tuesday, October 24, 2-3:30 pm (ET)	<a href="#">Webinar #1</a> Dial-In - 866-299-3188; Passcode 3439147#
Thursday, November 9, 2-3:30 pm (ET)	<a href="#">Webinar #2</a> Dial-In - 866-299-3188; Passcode 3439147#
Thursday, January 18, 2018; 11:59 pm (ET)	RFP Closes – Proposals Due
Spring 2018	Anticipated Notification of Selection
Spring/Summer 2018	Anticipated Award

Eligible Entities

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

#### Eligible Vehicles and Technologies

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

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

#### Additional Resources

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

[www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants](http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-tribal-grants).

For questions, please contact:

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

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

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

1. The due date for ALL nominations is **COB November 30, 2017**.
2. Instructions on how/where to submit your designation proposal are contained in the RFN.
3. The RFN requires more corridor/station specific information to be included in the nomination proposal, such as station addresses, first and last fueling station on the corridor, distances between stations, connector type for EVSE, and corridor map.

4. Provides ability to nominate new corridors or add fuel types to existing corridors from the initial round
5. Focus is on Interstate highways but allows for a compelling case to be made for other roads/routes
6. Requires a description of the plan for signage on the corridor
7. GIS shapefiles required
8. Only DCFC sites will be considered for EV Corridors this round (i.e. no Level 2 sites)

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

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

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative\\_fuel\\_corridors/nominations/index.cfm](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/alternative_fuel_corridors/nominations/index.cfm)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

**The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Funding Opportunities!](#) Additionally, THHN has developed a [Funding Guide for American Indian and Alaska Native Communities.](#)**

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## **Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register**

*EPA Rules posted today from the Federal Register for Wednesday, October 18, 2017.* (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

### **Rule**

**Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: District of Columbia; Interstate Transport Requirements for the 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard**

FR Document: [2017-22253](#) Citation: 82 FR 48439 [PDF](#) Pages 48439-48442 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Illinois; Redesignation of Chicago and Granite City Areas to Attainment of 2008 Lead Standard**

FR Document: [2017-22512](#) Citation: 82 FR 48448 [PDF](#) Pages 48448-48459 (12 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Illinois; Regional Haze Progress Report**

FR Document: [2017-22502](#) Citation: 82 FR 48431 [PDF](#) Pages 48431-48435 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Michigan; Regional Haze Progress Report**

FR Document: [2017-22510](#) Citation: 82 FR 48435 [PDF](#) Pages 48435-48439 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Minnesota; Regional Haze Progress Report**

FR Document: [2017-22505](#) Citation: 82 FR 48425 [PDF](#) Pages 48425-48431 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Ohio; Redesignation of Fulton County Area to Attainment of 2008 Lead Standard**

FR Document: [2017-22495](#) Citation: 82 FR 48442 [PDF](#) Pages 48442-48448 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Proposed Rule****Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: District of Columbia; Interstate Transport Requirements for 2010 1-Hour Sulfur Dioxide Standard**

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**Illinois; Redesignation of Chicago and Granite City Areas to Attainment of 2008 Lead Standard**

FR Document: [2017-22511](#) Citation: 82 FR 48475 [PDF](#) Page 48475 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

**Illinois; Regional Haze Progress Report**

FR Document: [2017-22500](#) Citation: 82 FR 48473 [PDF](#) Pages 48473-48474 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Michigan; Regional Haze Progress Report**

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**Minnesota; Regional Haze Progress Report**

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FR Document: [2017-22494](#) Citation: 82 FR 48474 [PDF](#) Pages 48474-48475 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

**Notice**

**Draft Documents Related to Review of Primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for Sulfur Oxides**

FR Document: [2017-22678](#) Citation: 82 FR 48507 [PDF](#) Pages 48507-48508 (2 pages) [Permalink](#)

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