



National Tribal Air Association

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TOP STORIES

Paris Agreement Coverage

ABC News – [Trump pulls US from global warming accord, to allies’ dismay](#)

BBC – [Paris climate deal: Trump pulls US out of 2015 accord](#)

Arizona Daily Sun - [Trump's claim that US is cleanest lacks support from studies](#)

Washington Post - [EPA head Scott Pruitt defends Paris exit](#)

CNN – [What does the Paris climate deal look like without the United States?](#)

Climate Nexus – [Paris Agreement: What Experts Say vs. What the White House Says](#)

Colorlines – [Politicians and Environmentalists React After Trump Pulls US From Paris Agreement](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

E&E News - [EPA delays ozone rule](#)

CNN - [Google uses Street View cars to collect pollution data](#)

Colorlines – [Report Claims the Company Behind DAPL Tried to Sabotage the Movement](#)

Colorlines – [Report Outlines How Federal Agencies Can Improve Tribal Consultation](#)

CBC News - [Air pollution results in 7,700 premature deaths in Canada each year, report says](#)

Reuters - [Green groups ask court to reverse EPA's freeze of methane rule](#)

Indianz.com - [Tribes succeed at bringing endangered antelope back to homelands](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

ABC News – [How climate change and air pollution can affect your health](#)

Los Angeles Times - [China is now looking to California – not Trump – to help lead the fight against climate change](#)

New York Times – [Climate Science Meets a Stubborn Obstacle: Students](#)

Reuters - [Most Americans want 'aggressive' action on climate change](#)

Colorlines – [READ: How Prisons Are Affected by Climate Change](#)

Newsweek – [Another Climate Change Bomb: Interior Secretary Zinke Signs Alaskan Oil-Drilling Order](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

New York Times - [Germany Investigates Audi Emissions in Europe, Widening VW Inquiry](#)

University of Innsbruck - [NOx: Traffic Dramatically Underestimated as Major Polluter](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Photos from the field

USA Today – [Residents on remote Alaska island fear climate change will doom way of life](#)



For the residents of a remote Alaskan island, the effects of climate change are all too real. For these people, a changing climate means many people will have to move their entire community. Trevor Hughes/USA TODAY

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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 Elaine.Wilson@nau.edu if you have any questions about any call!

<p>Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join the IAQ WG to help improve IAQ in Indian Country</p>	<p>Thursday, June 8, 2pm ET</p>
<p>Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls</p>	<p>Thursday, June 15, 2pm ET</p>

EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, June 29, 2pm ET
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The June AK Tribal Air Workgroup Call is scheduled for June 8, 2017, 10 – 11:30am Alaska time.

Teleconference Line: 1-800-832-0736 and use code: *6298822#

Webinar Link: <http://anthc.adobeconnect.com/airquality>

FEMA Region 9 hosting online workshops to develop Emergency Operating Plans (EOPs)

Having an updated Emergency Operating Plan (EOP) is not only important for responding to an event, it is also a requirement to receive some Federal assistance.

This virtual workshop series has been established on an aggressive timeline to support specific efforts to complete EOPs by the end of the year, but attendees at any stage of plan development are welcome. Additionally, many of the group sessions will be recorded, allowing participants to review the material at their convenience. Workshop sessions will take place on the third Thursday of the month, as indicated below:

- June 15: Overview of the CPG101 process, virtual workshop schedule, and discussion of Step 1 (Form the Team) and Step 2 (Assess Risks)
- July 20: Review of progress on Step 1 and 2 and introduction of the process for setting priorities, goals, and objectives
- August 17: Scheduled one-on-one check-ins and a webinar to introduce the process for developing Courses of Action
- September 21: Review of progress on Courses of Action and discussion on assembling the plan
- October 19: Review of progress and discussion of challenges
- November 16: Scheduled one-on-one calls to discuss progress on individual plans

Virtual workshop sessions will be hosted through Adobe Connect, and will be available at: <https://fema.connectsolutions.com/r9eop/>

Audio will also be available through the FEMA conference bridge at: 1-800-320-4330, 372328#

Any questions or interest in participating should be sent to:

joel.palmer@fema.dhs.gov

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is seeking nominations for technical experts to serve on its Board of Scientific Counselors (BOSC), a federal advisory committee to the Office of Research and Development (ORD). The BOSC provides independent scientific and technical peer review, consultation, advice, and recommendations for each of its research programs.

- Information on the BOSC can be found [here](#).
- Information on ORD's research can be found [here](#).

Individuals and organizations can nominate themselves or others by using the [nomination form](#) on the BOSC website. The nomination period is open until June 30, 2017.

Details regarding areas of expertise sought, process for submitting nominations, and selection criteria can also be found in the [Federal Register](#). Please contact the BOSC Designated Federal Officer, Tom Tracy (tracy.tom@epa.gov), for assistance.

U.S. EPA's National Enforcement and Training Institute (NETI) is offering courses that are open to federal, tribal, state, and local government environmental compliance and enforcement personnel. NETI offers live broadcast and on-demand training covering virtually every environmental media and issue that confronts compliance monitoring and enforcement personnel.

Additional information is available on the [NETI website](#).

EPA Office of Water announces participation opportunities and activities related to the Safe Drinking Water Act and Clean Water Act.

- **Tribal Consultation Opportunity: Forthcoming Proposal to Revise the Definition of "Waters of the United States"**

Tribes will have until June 20, 2017, to comment on the new definition. To stay up to date on this effort, please visit EPA's Tribal Consultation website: <https://tcots.epa.gov>. For more information, see the [EPA's Clean Water Rule website](#).

- **Registration Open for the 2017 Tribal Lands and Environment Forum (TLEF).**

This year's Tribal Lands and Environment forum will be held at the COX Business Center in Tulsa, Oklahoma, August 14-17, 2017. The Forum will feature trainings, field trips, and breakout sessions focused on solid/hazardous waste management, brownfields, UST/LUSTs, Superfund sites, and emergency response. Tribal water program topics will include

breakout sessions, trainings, and field trips related to water quality, drinking water, and habitat restoration (including wetlands, streams, and fisheries). Registration for the event is now open. For more information and to register: http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Conferences/confr_tlef.

The U.S. EPA 2017 International Emission Inventory Conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency Baltimore on the Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD August 14-18, 2017. This conference will focus on how emission inventories meet the challenges posed by improving emissions inventory science and also streamline inventory creation processes to improve the resulting inventories. [Click here](#) to learn more about the conference and how to submit abstracts.

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 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)

Course Title	Dates	Location
2017		
Reviewing NSR and Title V Permits	July 11-14	Fargo, ND
Quality Assurance (QA) Fundamentals	Open	Online
Building Performance: Improving Energy Efficiency & IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory - Fundamentals	Closed	Online
Emissions Inventory - Advanced	Closed	Online
Wildfire and Air Quality	Dates TBD	Online

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

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

Climate Change / Energy

Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit

The La Jolla Band of Luiseno Indians, Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals and the University of San Diego are collaborating on the 2017 Southwestern Tribal Climate Change Summit.

Event: *2017 Southwestern Climate Change Summit*

Location: *University of San Diego*

When: *September 19-21, 2017*

More information including registration details will be provided in the near future.

If you have any questions, please direct them to: Nikki.Cooley@nau.edu

6th Annual Arizona Student Energy Conference (AZSEC) on Renewable Energy Science, Technology, and Policy will be held on October 19th & 20th, 2017

Location: Arizona State University, Tempe, ASU Memorial Union

Online registration July 15 – September 15

Join us for 2 exciting days of student presentations, poster session & prizes, faculty lectures, site tours, and more!

Possible site tour on 10/18 as well.

More information to come later this month at www.energy.arizona.edu/AZSEC

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar meeting on Wednesday, June 7, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT.

We are honored to have Dr. Andrew Persily of the National Institute of Standards and Technology as our guest speaker for the webinar. Dr. Persily will present on recent work on estimating rates of carbon dioxide generation by people.

Webinar registration: attendeegotowebinar.com/register/376384103635526403.

For audio, participants should call toll-free 855-637-8650 and provide the operator with the conference ID (24963012) when prompted.

If you would like to make an IAQ- or IED-related presentation to the Committee and webinar audience in the future, please send a brief proposal to ciaq@epa.gov and include your contact information.

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Navajo Nation EPA Hiring Environmental Specialist

Posted: 3/27/17, Closed: Open Until Filled

This is an entry level, full-time permanent Environmental Specialist position with the Resource Conservation and Recovery Program, Waste Regulatory Compliance Department of the Navajo Nation Environmental Protection Agency (NNEPA). The incumbent would be based out of the NNEPA Window Rock, AZ., office.

More information: <http://www.dpm.navajo-nsn.gov/JVA/03.27.2017/EPA01513561.pdf>

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Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge

Six federal agencies have announced a Wildland Fire Sensors Challenge seeking an accurate, lower-cost, and low-maintenance air quality monitoring system that can be used during a wildfire or controlled fire. The data provided by the sensor system will help federal, state, local and tribal agencies protect the health of first responders and communities affected by the smoke.

Developers are encouraged to submit a prototype sensor system that measures fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), carbon monoxide (CO), ozone (O₃) and carbon dioxide (CO₂). The system should be capable of rapid deployment and continuous real-time monitoring of highly dynamic air pollution levels during a fire event. Developers should also aim for designs that are easy to use and self-powered; include location data; and wirelessly transmit data to a central data-receiving station.

Written submissions are due by **Nov. 22, 2017** and prototypes must be submitted by **Jan. 5, 2018**. The sensor systems will be evaluated in government specialty labs based on 1) accuracy over a wide range of pollutant levels, 2) system cost, and 3) operation requirements relevant for wildland fire deployment. All developers who submit prototypes will receive direct feedback on laboratory tests

and end user review.

The Challenge total award pool is \$60,000, which may be awarded in total to one winner if all the requirements are met, or divided into several partial awards. Prize winner(s) will be selected following the conclusion of judging in summer 2018.

To learn more, visit: www.challenge.gov/challenge/wildland-fire-sensors-challenge

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

Climate Change/Energy

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The presentations of the VW Settlement Training at the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality held in Tucson, Arizona on May 1, 2017 are now available on video!

[Use this link](#) to access presentations made by NTAA, EPA and DOJ regarding the VW Settlement for Tribes. If you have a hard time hearing the audio on the videos, a separate audio file is included that you can use to play instead.

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) has established a [repository for state and local agency information and links](#) pertaining to the Volkswagen (VW) settlement and the Mitigation Trust Fund. The information accessible from the repository includes state and local agency webpages, public outreach materials, drafts of documents, etc.

Indoor Air Quality

The Tribal Healthy Homes Network (THHN) has a webpage dedicated to [Healthy Homes Resources!](#)

U.S. HUD's Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) Code Talk: [Codetalk Homepage:](#)

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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

Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program FY 2017, Environmental Protection Agency

Full details [here](#)

Applications close July 20, 2017.

Award Ceiling: \$2,500,000

EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is soliciting proposals nationwide for projects that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions in terms of tons of pollution produced by diesel engines and diesel emissions exposure, particularly from fleets operating at or servicing goods movement facilities located in areas designated as having poor air quality. Further, priority for funding may be given to projects which result in outcomes that benefit affected communities, those that engage affected communities with respect to the design and performance of the project, and those which can demonstrate the ability to promote and continue efforts to reduce emissions after the project has ended. Eligible entities include regional, state, or local agencies, tribal governments (or intertribal consortia) and native villages, or port authorities, which have jurisdiction over transportation or air quality, and nonprofit organizations or institutions that: a) represent or provide pollution reduction or educational services to persons or organizations that own or operate diesel fleets or b) have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Attention Region 9 Tribes:

Free Technical Assistance to Communities for Brownfields Sites EPA Region 9 Targeted Brownfields Assessment Program Soft Deadline – June 9, 2017

EPA provides contractor assistance to research historic property uses, conduct environmental sampling and identify cleanup options and cost estimates. By submitting a short, on-line application, public entities, nonprofits and tribes can access up to \$100,000 worth of technical assistance for eligible sites. At no cost to the applicant, EPA contractors evaluate whether a property is contaminated and provide follow-up recommendations.

EPA is currently accepting applications with a soft deadline of June 9, 2017. This is an easy, online application. A new requirement is to submit a [site access consent](#) form with the application.

For more information, please click on the following hyperlinks for our [website](#), [brochure](#) and [application](#).

Federal Transit Administration Low or No Emission Bus Discretionary Grant Program

Funds will be awarded competitively for the purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles that use advanced technologies for transit revenue operations, including related equipment or facilities. Projects may include costs incidental to the acquisition of buses or to the construction of facilities, such as the costs of related workforce development and training activities, and project administration expenses.

Application deadline is June 26, 2017. [More information can be found here.](#)

DERA Funding Available: 2017 Clean Diesel Funding Assistance Program

Deadline for Proposals - June 20, 2017

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is excited to announce the availability of \$11 million in Diesel Emission Reduction Program (DERA) funds to support projects aimed at reducing emissions from the nation's existing fleet of older diesel engines. Under this competition, between 20 and 80 awards are anticipated to be made to eligible applicants.

Eligible applicants include regional, state, local or tribal agencies, or port authorities, with jurisdiction over transportation or air quality. Nonprofit organizations may apply if they provide pollution reduction or educational services to diesel fleet owners or have, as their principal purpose, the promotion of transportation or air quality.

Learn More at: www.epa.gov/cleandiesel/clean-diesel-national-grants.

If you have questions, please contact cleandiesel@epa.gov.

Indoor Air Quality

Rural Development Acting Deputy Undersecretary Roger Glendenning announced that USDA is seeking applications for grants to make housing repairs for low- and very-low-income rural residents. The grants are being provided through USDA Rural Development's [Housing Preservation Grant program](#).

“These grants help rural homeowners and rental housing owners repair and improve their properties,” Glendenning said. “Funds may be used to resolve health or safety issues, make accessibility modifications for people with disabilities, or make energy-efficiency improvements to lower utility costs.” USDA provided Housing Preservation Grants for 107 organizations in 46 states and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in FY 2016. The grants renovated nearly 1,000 rural housing units.

Eligible applicants for Housing Preservation Grants include town or county governments, public agencies, federally recognized Indian tribes, and nonprofit

and faith-based organizations. USDA does not provide funding directly to homeowners under this program. For additional eligibility information, see page 25228 of the June 1, 2017 [Federal Register](#).

Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on July 17, 2017. For questions, California applicants can contact [Debra Moretton](#).

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, June 7, 2017. (Past copies can be accessed [here](#)).

Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Nevada, Lake Tahoe; Second 10-Year Carbon Monoxide Limited Maintenance Plan

FR Document: [2017-11699](#) Citation: 82 FR 26351 [PDF](#) Pages 26351-26354 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standard for Davidson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson Counties, Tennessee; Minor Technical Corrections for Federal Reid Vapor Pressure Gasoline Volatility Standards in Other Areas

FR Document: [2017-11700](#) Citation: 82 FR 26354 [PDF](#) Pages 26354-26359 (6 pages) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Proposed CERCLA Cost Recovery Settlements:

Puerto Rico Electric Power Authority Palo Seco Superfund Site, Toa Baja, PR

FR Document: [2017-11461](#) Citation: 82 FR 26482 [PDF](#) Page 26482 (*1 page*)

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