



National Tribal Air Association

NTAA Weekly Update

*Week of April 16th-April
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TOP STORIES

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NTAA establishes new Woodstove Work Group

NTAA is establishing a workgroup to partner with Tribal, state and EPA entities with a purpose to research, develop and implement a national residential woodstove program to address both the indoor and ambient air quality impacts from residential wood/coal burning stoves. If you wish to help, please join the first call on Wednesday, April 25th at 11 am PT / 2pm ET. Please contact andy.bessler@nau.edu to learn more and to join the call.

The U.S. EPA invites nominations to be considered for appointment to its Mobile Sources Technical Review Subcommittee (MSTRS). Topics such as gliders and VW will likely be discussed on this subcommittee. Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by fall 2018. Nominations must be postmarked or emailed by May 22, 2018. For more information, see the [Federal Register notice for Tuesday, April 17](#), or contact Courtney McCubbin, Designated Federal Officer, U.S. EPA; telephone: (202) 564-2436; email: mccubbin.courtney@epa.gov.

Cronkite News – [Lawmakers, witnesses grapple with how to save Navajo Generating Station](#)

EPA – [U.S. EPA grants three Southern California tribes approval to implement water, air programs](#)

USA Today – [California has eight of 10 most polluted U.S. cities](#)

HEADLINES

Photos from the field

NPR – [Environmental Group Plans Methane-Tracking Satellite](#)



A new satellite, called MethaneSAT, will track methane emissions from oil and gas fields, as well as agriculture and natural sources. It's due for launch in three years.

Photo credit: Environmental Defense Fund

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Yes Magazine – [How Indigenous Knowledge Is Transforming the March for Science](#)

E&E News – [Agency leaders tout ‘great work’ on climate under Trump](#)

EPA – [U.S. Senate Confirms Andrew Wheeler to Serve as Deputy EPA Administrator](#)

Native Sun News – [Inspector General orders better consultation with tribes on uranium, nuclear permits](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

E&E News – [Exelon exec: ‘We’re not going to build more nuclear plants’](#)

NPR – [Atlantic Ocean Current Slows Down To 1,000-Year Low, Studies Show](#)

E&E News – [FEMA: Disaster chief: We can’t stop sea-level rise](#)

NY Times – [New Jersey Takes a Big Step Toward Renewable Energy \(and Nuclear Gets Help, for Now\)](#)

Ensia – [What Will We Do With All those Solar Panels When Their Useful Life Is Over?](#)

NY Times – [In Canada, 2 Provinces Feud Over Pipeline: Will It Bring Jobs or Spills?](#)

E&E News – [Pipelines: Enviros set stage for next Sabal Trail battle](#)

Ensia – [Plants Are Great at Storing CO2. These Scientists Aim to Make Them Even Better.](#)

NY Times – [Climate Fwd: Taking a Leaf out of Thoreau’s Book](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Wall Street Journal – [In Defense of Keeping the CAFE Standards](#)

Detroit Free Press – [Why California is fighting for tough vehicle emissions standards](#)

Salt Lake Tribune – [Mayors: EPA move to roll back vehicle emissions standards threatens Utahns' health, air quality improvements](#)

MPR – [MN urges EPA to reconsider rollback of vehicle emission standards](#)

BBC – [Global shipping in 'historic' climate deal](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Down to Earth – [How indoor pollution affects women & children](#)

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UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Exceptional Events Mitigation Plans Webinar

The EPA Exceptional Events Team (including OAQPS and Regional offices) would like to invite states, tribes, and other interested stakeholders to participate in an Exceptional Events Mitigation Plans Webinar during which we will review and clarify provisions for mitigation plans under the 2016 Exceptional Events Rule.

When: Wednesday, April 18, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EDT Webinar URL:

<https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/excep-events>

EPA Staff Contact: Ben Gibson at

gibson.benjamin@epa.gov<<mailto:gibson.benjamin@epa.gov>>

Advance Registration Not Required

Continuation of Interstate Transport Submittals for the 2015 Ozone NAAQS Call

During the call on April 12, we did not get through all of our agenda topics. We will continue our discussion on Thursday, April 19, from 11 am to noon. We hope that you will join us for Thursday's call to continue discussing our March 27, 2018, Transport memorandum conveying the 2023 modeling and contribution data and to gather feedback on the preliminary list of potential flexibilities identified in Attachment A to the memo.

Call in to 202-991-0477, passcode 9582037. For questions please contact Beth Palma, 919-541-5432, palma.elizabeth@epa.gov.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Science and Technology National Technology Support Centers presents [Fire, Smoke, and Air Quality](#)
Apr 23, 2018 3:00 pm US/Eastern

Save the Date: Protecting Mother Earth Conference

June 28-July 1, 2018

Nisqually Territories, between Olympia and Tacoma, Washington

An international gathering on how Indigenous Knowledge can foster climate justice through exploring environmental health, the harms of extreme energy projects, finding solutions through clean renewable energy and how to uphold the territorial integrity of Mother Earth. More information: pme2018@ienearth.org

Air Sensors International Conference Now Accepting Abstracts

[Submit your work](#) for consideration as a Podium or Poster Presentation!

Important Dates

Abstracts Open: March 5, 2018

Abstracts Close: April 23, 2018

Abstracts Acceptance: May 11, 2018

Conference Dates: September 12-14, 2018

2018 EPA Region 6/State National Clean Air Act Inspector/Enforcement Officer Training Workshop

The workshop will be held on May 8 - 10, 2018. Your registration from this site allows you access to all workshop sessions, either on-site in the EPA Region 6 Office in Dallas, Texas or via Adobe Connect Webinar over the internet. [Click here](#) to register for the Workshop and to review the agenda, logistics, and workshop description.

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

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

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

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.

Status of Tribal Air Report Work Group: This group meets every other Wednesday, January-April, to produce the STAR	Wednesday, April 18, 1pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Help implement IAQ priorities and develop webinars	Thursday, April 19, 2pm ET
New Woodstove Work Group: NTAA is establishing a workgroup to partner with Tribal, state and EPA entities with a purpose to research, develop and implement a national residential woodstove program	Wednesday, April 25, 2pm ET <i>**NTAA's regular line will not be used for this call. Contact andy.bessler@nau.edu to join the call**</i>
EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, April 26, 2pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Continue to track the ongoing developments and help guide the process	Thursday, May 3, 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 2018 AIAQTP Course Schedule

Course Title	Dates	Location
IAQ Diagnostic Tools for Alaska	May 1-3	Tazlina, AK
<i>National Tribal Forum on Air Quality</i>	<i>May 14-18</i>	<i>Duluth, MN</i>
Management of Tribal Air Programs and Grants (lower 48)	June 5-7	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
Quality Assurance Project Plans (QAPP)	Open	Online
Emissions Inventory (self-paced, instructor assistance as needed)	Open	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 a 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

Climate Change Adaptation Planning In-Person Training: June 5-7, 2018, Glennallen, Alaska

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is excited to be collaborating with *Copper River Native Association* on an *Introduction to Climate Change Adaptation Planning* course. This course provides an overview to planning for climate change impacts, highlighting the work of several tribes.

If you are interested in applying for this course, please fill out the online application form at <http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/tcc/Training/Trainings>

*If you are unable to complete the online form, please contact us for a form to be sent to you which you must sign and return as an attachment (*PDF format preferred*) by email to Colleen.Davis@nau.edu or by fax to ITEP at 928-523-1266 to the attention of *Colleen Davis*. Applications received by Friday, May 04, 2018, will have priority consideration.

Upcoming EPA Clean Energy Webinars for State, Local, and Tribal Governments

There are many upcoming webinars on climate and energy topics offered by federal agencies and others. All webinars are offered free of charge, but space may be limited. [Let us know](#) if you have upcoming webinars you would like us to include in future newsletters. [Visit our website](#) for energy resources for state, local, and tribal governments. Our archived webinars can be found [here](#).

EPA Webinars

April 25, 1PM (ET) - Introduction to the Local Government Solar Project Portal

EPA is working with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) to support local governments in meeting their environmental and energy goals through greater utilization of solar energy from on- and off-site solar projects that serve municipal operations. Local governments that are considering developing solar projects over the next two years, can participate in this effort by providing regular updates on their project development efforts.

EPA is hosting an introductory webinar focused on this initiative, the [Local Government Solar Project Portal](#), that outlines the renewable energy project development pathway steps and the associated tools and resources, project engagement opportunities, timelines and next steps. [Register](#)

ENERGY STAR Webinars

April 4, 11, 18, 25, Noon (ET) – Portfolio Manager: Ask the Expert

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

April 26, 2 PM (ET) – Preparing for EPA’s ENERGY STAR Metric Updates

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

Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Policies and Programs Webinars**April 25, 1 PM (ET) - Best Practices in Tribal Energy Business Models**

The DOE Office of Indian Energy Policy and Programs and the Western Area Power Administration will co-sponsor the 2018 webinar series [Tribal Sovereignty and Self-Determination through Community Energy Development](#). The series is intended for tribal leaders, tribal staff, and others interested in energy development in Indian Country. During the April webinar, attendees will learn best practices for tribal energy business structures, including their advantages and disadvantages, goals associated with different business models, and examples of various models. Tribal leaders and community members will also learn how to select the best structure for their goals, existing codes, and laws. [Register](#)

Clean Energy States Alliance Webinars**April 26, 1 PM (ET) – FERC and Clean Energy**

In this webinar, John Moore, Director of the Sustainable FERC Project at NRDC, will discuss some of the issues currently before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and the regional markets it regulates, including the potential threats for state RPSs and related state energy policies. Among the issues he will discuss are the increasing tensions between state and federal energy policies, energy storage, resilience, aggregation of rooftop solar and other distributed energy resources, PURPA, and transmission planning. There will be time for audience questions. This webinar is presented by the Clean Energy States Alliance (CESA) for the RPS Collaborative. [Register](#)

The ITEP Climate Change Team is launching a new Climate Change 201 course that would serve cohorts of tribes working through the entire process of developing a strategic climate change adaptation plan focusing on a particular topic. (Potential topics are listed below. You will be asked to rank your top three choices.) The course will take place mainly online with one in-person meeting over 1 1/2 years.

For more information: Please see our course description [here](#).

To apply: Visit our [Trainings webpage](#).

Please note that you cannot save our online application and return to it later. It must be filled out all at once. At our website, we have provided a pdf of the application form for you to reference before beginning the application process.

Course fee: There is no fee for this course. However, we ask for a time commitment of four hours per week to be divided among the members of a core climate change planning team.

Questions: Please feel free to email or call the ITEP Climate Change Program co-managers, Nikki Cooley or Karen Cozzetto with questions:

- Nikki Cooley, nikki.cooley@nau.edu, 928-523-7046
- Karen Cozzetto, karen.cozzetto@nau.edu, 928-523-6758

Application deadline: Wednesday, April 25th.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

Six Easy Pieces: EPA guidance for Moisture Control in Buildings

Date and Time: Thursday, April 26, 2018, 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EDT

To register, [click here](#).

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RESOURCES

Now Hiring!

Forest County Potawatomi is hiring a Natural Resources Biologist – Aquatic Sciences

Posted: 4-11-19

Closing: Until Filled

More Information: <https://www.fcpotawatomi.com/job/natural-resources-biologist-aquatic-sciences/>

Kootenai Tribe of Idaho is hiring an Environmental Director

Closes: May 4, 2018

Questions: call 208-267-3519

Swinomish Indian Tribal Community is hiring an Air Quality Specialist

Open until filled.

[More information can be found here.](#)

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The Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians is hiring an Environmental Director

Application deadline: April 30, 2018

For more information or questions please contact Thomas Jordan at (707) 533-2870.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

New Video from Fort Peck Tribal Community and World Wildlife Fund Shines a Light on the Return of the Bison to Native Lands

[*The Path Back*](#) was produced by leaders from Fort Peck Reservation in northeastern Montana in partnership with World Wildlife Fund. This short film provides a unique perspective on the loss and return of plains bison to tribal lands. A primary intended audience for [*The Path Back*](#) will be young people from the Native American community who may not be aware of the history of the bison's demise and how their community leaders are working diligently for its return. You can watch or share the video from this page (<https://vimeo.com/244873118>).

Tribal Capacity and Needs Assessment on Environmental Data Collection and Management

This Needs Assessment is being conducted by the [Tribal Governance Group \(TGG\)](#), which is seeking input from tribal leaders, environmental program staff, and information technology staff that support tribal environmental projects. We would value 15 minutes of your time to complete a brief questionnaire seeking information on your tribes' environmental data management activities and technological capacity. Please distribute this questionnaire to the tribal representative(s) and/or staff person(s) most appropriate to respond; multiple responses per tribe will accepted.

As funding for tribal programs continues to shrink and become more competitive, it is essential that federal agencies are informed with robust, representative input directly from tribes. The TGG has continued to advocate for increased funding support for tribal programs that is also responsive to tribal needs and constraints, and supports tribal goals and priorities.

The needs assessment is easy to complete using either a computer or mobile device. Please click on the link below to access the online form (if the link does not open automatically, copy and paste the link into a web browser to access). The needs assessment will be accepting responses through June 30, 2018.

http://nau.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b42EtWFq3AU7IEp

For more information, visit: www.tribalexchangenetwork.org or contact Frank Harjo, TGG Chair at fharjo@mcn-nsn.gov

EPA Tools and Resources Webinar Series

Usually held the third Wednesday of every month from 3:00-4:00 PM ET

Who should attend? Representatives of state environment and health agencies, tribes, local governments, communities, and others interested in learning about EPA tools and resources available to help inform decision-making.

[Access past webinars and learn more here.](#)

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

The National Tribal Waste and Response Steering Committee is seeking applications for five openings.

[More information can be found here.](#)

Application deadline is May 25, 2018

Indoor Air Quality

Information on State IAQ Laws and Policies—Environmental Law Institute

Have you ever wondered what your state's IAQ laws or policies are? The Environmental Law Institute (ELI) has a wealth of information on how states are addressing long-standing and emerging indoor air quality (IAQ) issues.

ELI's materials on IAQ are all available *free* at www.eli.org/buildings, ELI's portal for its Indoor Environments and Green Buildings Program. From the portal, you can browse among general topics or choose a type of publication

Available On-Demand: Linking IAQ, Energy Efficiency, and Preventive Maintenance

The webinar “Making the Connection: Linking IAQ, Energy Efficiency, and Preventive Maintenance Together for Healthy Schools” can now be [viewed online here](#).

This webinar will demonstrate how to—

- Explain the critical connection between IAQ, energy efficiency and preventive maintenance, as well as the importance of properly integrating them for optimal occupant health and building performance during a renovation project.
- Use resources to help with energy efficiency and preventive maintenance efforts, including the Energy Savings Plus Health guide and the accompanying Interactive Air Quality Planner for Schools that helps you create a custom verification checklist for both your building upgrades and concurrent IAQ assessment protocols for each step of the upgrade process.
- Use a case study from a school district on getting started using these resources to create healthy indoor learning environments.
- Start or improve a preventive maintenance program to include IAQ and energy efficiency components as part of a comprehensive building management approach.

You can also download the [“Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor air Quality Guidelines for School Building Upgrades”](#).

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Climate Change/Energy

DOE Announces Up To \$11.5 Million Available for Energy Infrastructure Deployment on Tribal Lands. Applications are due April 19, 2018.

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) builds on efforts to strengthen tribal energy, economic infrastructure resource development, and electrification on tribal lands. This is also the first time that the Office of Indian Energy is issuing a FOA on an entirely fuel and technology neutral basis. This will expand the potential for tribes to use the particular resources available to them and is consistent not only with an all-of-the-above energy policy, but also with the principles of tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

This funding opportunity will address the gaps and barriers by soliciting and selecting applications from Indian Tribes, which include Alaska Native Regional Corporations and Village Corporations, and Tribal Energy Resource Development Organizations in the following areas:

1. Topic Area 1: Install energy efficiency measures and/or energy generating systems for tribal buildings that may include deep energy retrofits, energy generating systems, or a combination of energy efficiency measures.
2. Topic Area 2: Deploy community-scale energy generating systems on tribal lands to provide electricity to a substantial number of buildings or even an entire tribal community.
3. Topic Area 3: Install energy systems for autonomous operation to power single or multiple essential tribal loads during emergency situations, or to power a substantial number of essential tribal loads for community resilience.

Selected projects will take on a 50% cost-share in order to reduce or stabilize energy costs, as well as increase energy security and resilience for Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages.

For additional details, read the [full press release](#). Download the [full FOA](#). An [informational webinar](#) was held Feb. 27, 2018, to provide potential applicants with more information. See the Office of Indian Energy [website](#) for a map and summaries of these competitively funded projects.

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA Solicits Applications for Grants to Provide Businesses with Pollution Prevention Technical Assistance and Training

EPA is calling for grant proposals from state and tribal agencies, universities, colleges and other organizations to provide pollution prevention (P2)

technical assistance or training to businesses. These two-year projects are expected to be performed in each EPA region.

The solicitation for this grant competition can be found at www.Grants.gov and at www.epa.gov/p2/grant-programs-pollution-prevention (Funding Opportunity Number – EPA-HQ-OPPT-2018-001). **Grant applications are due April 26.**

Pollution Prevention (P2) means reducing or eliminating pollutants from entering any waste stream or otherwise released into the environment *prior to recycling, treatment, or disposal*. In keeping with the Pollution Prevention Act of 1990, EPA is encouraging P2 because implementing these approaches can result in reductions in pollutants, the use of water, energy and other raw materials, while also lowering business costs. All grant awards will support the delivery of P2 technical assistance and/or training for businesses, and the identification, development, documentation and sharing of P2 best management practices and innovations.

Grant proposals should focus on one or more of the following P2 priority areas, referred to as National Emphasis Areas (NEAs):

- NEA #1: Business-Based Pollution Prevention Solutions Supporting Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Priorities and Chemical Safety:
- NEA #2: Food and Beverage Manufacturing and Processing:
- NEA #3: Hazardous Materials Source Reduction Approaches in States or Communities

Webinar for Potential Applicants

EPA's national P2 Program will host an informational webinar for potential applicants and interested stakeholders on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 from 1:00 PM– 2:30 PM EDT. To register, please go to:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1881359341448649473>. Attendees are advised to connect early (12:45 pm to 1:00 pm EDT) to ensure proper connection and to type in questions. The webinar link works best when using the Google Chrome browser

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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