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TOP STORIES

The NTAA Indoor Air Quality (IAQ) Work Group is hosting an upcoming webinar on the topic of **IAQ & Methamphetamine on Thursday, Oct 19, 2017, at 2 PM EST, 11 AM PST**. We invite you to join and learn more about this ongoing problem in tribal communities and the sensitive challenges it presents for families across Indian Country. Please [click here](#) to register for the webinar. We look forward to your participation!

CNBC – [US trade agency rules imports harmed solar panel makers, setting up Trump tariff decision](#)

Seattle Times - [Washington state denies key permit for Columbia River coal terminal, potentially dooming project](#)

Indian Country Today – [Indian Country Today Media Network To Cease Active Operations](#)

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

E&E News - ['People are designed to deal with dust' — EPA air nominee](#)

Washington Post - [EPA spending almost \\$25,000 to install a secure phone booth for Scott Pruitt](#)

Esquire - [Update on Scott Pruitt's EPA: Still Crooked](#)

HuffPost - [Will EPA Administrator Pruitt Tap Polluter-Friendly Scientists For Key Advisory Panel?](#)

Reuters – [China's top smelting province to cut output in several industries in clean air push](#)

E&E News – [Greens win big battle in 16-year war over roadless rule](#)

The Hill – [Green, industry groups file appeals to save EPA greenhouse gas rule](#)

E&E News – [Staffers huddled to talk energy, environment](#)

E&E News – [Workers who helped nab VW named employees of the year](#)

Native Sun News – [Seismic tests to enable fracking alarming. Oglala leaders concerned](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Colorlines – [Senate Committee Confirms Guy Who Wants to Drill for Oil in Alaska to Work in Department of Interior](#)

NPR – [Simulating The Bodily Pain Of Future Climate Change](#)

NPR – [Gassy Cows Warm The Planet. Scientists Think They Know How To Squelch Those Belches](#)

US News – [Climate Change's Southern Salvo](#)

New Yorker – [“Eden Is Broken”: A Caribbean Leader Calls For Action On Climate Change](#)

NPR – [Montana Wildfires Reignite Logging Debate](#)

E&E – [‘Supercharged’ states, cities vow to pick up Trump’s slack](#)

Newsweek – [The Weird Way That Climate Change Could Make Earthquakes Worse](#)

E&E – [Is Arctic warming causing extreme weather? Experts disagree](#)

Reuters – [On an overheating planet, parched nations look to the clouds](#)

The Guardian – [What would an entirely flood-proof city look like?](#)

NY Times – [A Battle to Save the World’s Favorite Treat: Chocolate](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NPR – [Arkansas Defies Monsanto, Moves To Ban Rogue Weedkiller](#)

NPR – [Guess What’s Showing Up In Our Shellfish? One Word: Plastics](#)

E&E News – [China used ‘chaos’ and lots of cash to dominate competitors](#)

E&E News – [Oil and gas groups sue over beetle protections](#)

E&E News – [Agency nixes ‘climate’ from website for trucking](#)

E&E News – [Millions of acres of grouse habitat opening to mining](#)

Washington Post – [EPA removes waste at Texas toxic sites, won’t say from where](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Hindustan Times – [How indoor air pollution is leading to stunted growth in India’s children](#)

Reuters – [Energy-efficient green buildings may emit hazardous chemicals](#)

Science Daily – [Air quality in ‘green’ housing affected by toxic chemicals in building materials](#)

Photos from the field

High Country News - [Coal. Guns. Freedom?](#)



Navajo Generating Station and the cloud of smog with which it blankets the region. Photo by Jonathan Thompson.

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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 if you have any questions about any call!

EPA Policy Update Call: Receive updates from EPA	Thursday, September 28, 2pm ET
Volkswagen Settlement Work Group: Stay informed about the VW settlement with these monthly calls	Thursday, October 5, 2pm ET *Note this is a change in date*
Indoor Air Quality Work Group Webinar:	Thursday, October 19, 2pm ET

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.

The Federal Interagency Committee on Indoor Air Quality (CIAQ) will hold its next public webinar meeting on Wednesday, October 4, 2017, beginning at 1:00 p.m. EDT. Webinar registration: attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8571619312710119683.

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 or phone: 202-564-3332) or Allison Mihalich (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>

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		
Air Quality & IAQ in Alaska	October 10-13	Nome, AK
IAQ in Tribal Communities (lower 48)	November 6-8 *Note this is a correction in the dates listed in the last Weekly Update!	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
2018		
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 or phone 928-523-6721. For more information, please visit [ITEP's website](#).

Climate Change / Energy

EPA webinar series: Bringing Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy to Low-Income Communities: What's Working

To showcase promising practices for ensuring that low-income households share in the multiple benefits of energy efficiency and renewable energy programs, EPA hosted a webinar series covering different themes (multifamily affordable housing, solar energy, and others) that feature on-the-ground experts sharing their practical insights on how to design and deliver successful programs. All three recorded webinars are available online:

- **Webcast 1** - [Better Together: Linking and Leveraging Energy Efficiency Programs for Low-Income Households](#)
- **Webcast 2** - [Beyond the Light Touch: Next Steps for Improving Energy Efficiency in Multi-Family Affordable Housing](#)
- **Webcast 3** - [Solar for All: Making it Happen in Low-Income Communities](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

Indoor Air Quality

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 27th National Radon Training Conference announcement and registration has been posted to the CRCPD website. You may

access the 27th 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!

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.](#)

Western Mining Action Network is hiring an Indigenous Caucus Coordinator

Application deadline: September 29, 2017

WMAN is a network of Indigenous, conservation, and public interest groups that works to limit the adverse environmental, economic, and social impacts of the mining industry in North America. The Network Indigenous Coordinator is responsible for facilitating Network communications, especially among WMAN's Indigenous Caucus participants and between the Indigenous Caucus and Network as a whole; fundraising for the Indigenous Coordinator Position and Indigenous Caucus; promoting, utilizing and acquiring tools and resources for WMAN's Indigenous participants; and assisting the WMAN Coordinator in Network functions and operations. For more information and to apply, please contact Mary Costello, WMAN Coordinator, wmancoordinator@outlook.com

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Indian Health Service is pleased to announce the Zero Suicide Initiative Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement (NOFO).

IHS anticipates making a total of 8 awards for \$3.2 million to IHS facilities, Tribes, and tribal or urban Indian organizations to improve the health care system for those at risk for suicide by implementing a comprehensive, culturally-informed, multi-setting approach. Individual award amounts are anticipated to be \$400,000. The deadline for the application submission is October 12, 2017.

For Tribes, Tribal organizations, and UIOs:

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/08/21/2017-17599/division-of-behavioral-health-office-of-clinical-and-preventive-services-zero-suicide>

For IHS Federal Facilities:

<https://www.ihs.gov/suicideprevention/zerosuicide/fundingannouncement/>

For any questions, please contact LCDR Sean K. Bennett by phone at: 301-443-0104 or by email at: sean.bennett@ihs.gov

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

The Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs have developed a series of short videos on climate change impacts and community concerns. You can learn more and view them [by following this link](#).

U.S. EPA Information Resources on Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy in Low-Income Communities Now Available

EPA has recently completed a collection of [11 case studies and program profiles](#) to highlight effective efforts by state and local agencies, non-profits, and utilities to bring energy efficiency and renewable energy to low-income communities. The collection features proven, practical, scalable, replicable, and sustainable programs and policies, focusing on how they overcame common barriers that often prevent effective delivery of energy efficiency and renewable energy projects to low-income households.

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

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

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FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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.

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. Applications are due November 1, 2017. Please contact the NAPLP office at 202-994-3284 or at 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

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The Minnesota Department of Health Lead and Healthy Homes Program (LHHP) is announcing the availability of healthy housing grants for the 2017-2020 grant period. The Healthy Housing Grants are intended to provide funding to perform activities related to housing-based health threats. The total amount of the grant funding for the entire grant period (December 1, 2017-June 30, 2020) is \$720,000. This will be distributed to grantees at amounts up to \$120,000 per grantee total for three years.

Applicants must complete the Healthy Housing Grant Application and submit it by email to Katie Haugen at katie.haugen@state.mn.us by 4:00 P.M. Central Standard Time, Friday, October 13, 2017. The Healthy Housing Grant RFP, Healthy Housing Grant Application, and more information can be found at the [MDH Healthy Housing Grants webpage](#).

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, September 27, 2017.

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

Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Delaware; State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for 2008 Ozone Standard

FR Document: [2017-20598](#) Citation: 82 FR 44932 [PDF](#) Pages 44932-44936 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

Pesticide Tolerances:

Fluazifop-P-Butyl

FR Document: [2017-20748](#) Citation: 82 FR 44936 [PDF](#) Pages 44936-44942 (7 pages) [Permalink](#)

Oxathiapiprolin

FR Document: [2017-20747](#) Citation: 82 FR 44942 [PDF](#) Pages 44942-44945 (4 pages) [Permalink](#)

Proposed Rule

Air Quality State Implementation Plans; Approvals and Promulgations: Delaware; State Implementation Plan for Interstate Transport for 2008 Ozone Standard

FR Document: [2017-20599](#) Citation: 82 FR 44984 [PDF](#) Page 44984 (1 page) [Permalink](#)

Notice

Certain New Chemicals:

Receipt and Status Information for July 2017

FR Document: [2017-20727](#) Citation: 82 FR 45019 [PDF](#) Pages 45019-45023 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

Receipt and Status Information for June 2017

FR Document: [2017-20749](#) Citation: 82 FR 45015 [PDF](#) Pages 45015-45019 (5 pages) [Permalink](#)

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