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NTAA will be hosting an informational webinar with the State of Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency to discuss EPA's Proposal Increasing Consistency in Considering Benefits and Costs in the Clean Air Act Rulemaking Process. The webinar will take place on Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at 2 pm ET. You can listen in and register here.

EPA has been seeking input on whether and how to set national standards agency-wide for how costs and benefits are calculated when EPA performs economic analyses of the impacts of their actions. These analyses are known as Benefit-Cost Analyses, or BCA. The ANPRM was related to EO 13777, which seeks to reduce regulations. The current proposed rule is the next step in the rulemaking process, and applies specifically to BCA for future regulations under the Clean Air Act (CAA), as opposed to agency-wide.

NTAA is working on a <u>Policy Resource Kit</u> for Tribes including this fact sheet to use to respond to EPA's request for comments that closes on July 27, 2020.

NTAA will host the next NTAA/EPA Wood Smoke Work Group call on Thursday, July 16th at 2pm ET. During the call, representatives from the California Air Resources Board will discuss the lessons learned from their statewide wood stove change-out program. Feel free to register and listen in here.

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