



# NTAA Weekly Update

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## PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Great Falls Tribune - [Montana tribal members react to Washington NFL team name, logo change](#)



This photo of Blackfoot Chief Two Guns White Calf, taken around 1912, is believed to be an inspiration for both the Indian Head Nickle and the modern Washington Redskins football team logo. (Photo: Courtesy of the Library of Congress )

## TOP STORIES

**Be sure to join NTAA for today's Informational Webinar with the State of Minnesota's Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) on EPA's Proposal Increasing Consistency in Considering Benefits and Costs in the Clean Air Act Rulemaking Process.** The hour-long webinar starts today at 2 pm ET and you can listen in and [register here](#). This webinar is free and open to the public.

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 [Policy Resource Kit](#) for Tribes including a template letter that will be published by the end of this week as well as [this fact sheet](#) to use to respond to EPA's request for comments that closes on August 3, 2020.

**NTAA Announces a Webinar Series hosted by the NTAA IAQ Work Group on IAQ and COVID Considerations to Assist Tribes in Re-Opening Tribal Buildings.** The first webinar will take place on Wednesday, July 22, 2020 at 2pm ET and will provide an overview of COVID in the Workplace and Funding for Tribes. [You can listen in and register here.](#) Contact [andy.bessler@nau.edu](mailto:andy.bessler@nau.edu) for more information!

In the coming weeks, dates will be set for:

- Webinar Two: Overview of COVID in the Workplace and Best Practices for Re-Opening Tribal Buildings
- Webinar Three: Overview of COVID in the Workplace and Resources for Tribes

### **EPA Job Opening Extended!**

EPA's Office of Air and Radiation (OAR), Office of Radiation and Indoor Air (ORIA), National Center for Radiation Field Operations (NCRFO) has extended the job opening for an Environmental Protection Specialist – Air, GS-0028; Grade 13 located in Las Vegas, NV. The job is open to the public and closes on Friday, July 17, 2020. To view the specifics of this announcement, please click the following link: <https://www.usajobs.gov/Search/Results?k=RTP-OAR-DE-2020-0035>

## **HEADLINES**

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

The Guardian—[‘Compelling’ evidence air pollution worsens coronavirus – study](#)

EPA—[Ozone Pollution Continues to Decline Under President Trump, EPA Proposed to Retain Existing NAAQS for Ozone](#)

The Atlantic—[The McGirt Case Is a Historic Win for Tribes](#)

Indianz.com—[‘On the far end of the Trail of Tears’: Nation’s highest court holds U.S. to promise in tribal treaty](#)

NY Times—[Redskins to Drop Name, Yielding Pressure from Sponsors and Activists](#)

Yes! Magazine—[What Is the U.S.-Mexico Border to Indigenous Peoples Who Have Lives There?](#)

Yes! Magazine—[History Shows That Sustained, Disruptive Protests Work](#)

Native News Online—[Kumeyaay Nation fights to secure safety of sacred artifacts and remains in the midst of border wall reconstruction](#)

Adirondack Daily Enterprise - [Court: EPA dodging Clean Air Act duty](#)

Cronkite News—[‘We have to do something’: Inmate’s brother seeks his release to escape COVID-19 behind bars](#)

Cronkite News—[Tribes say delayed COVID-19 funds hurt coronavirus relief, other efforts](#)

Goats and Soda—[Coronavirus World Map: Tracking The Spread Of The Outbreak](#)

Healio—[Air pollution exposure during pregnancy, early life may reduce lung function in childhood](#)

NPR—[Statues Of Conquistador Juan De Onate Come Down As New Mexico Wrestles With History](#)

ENN—[1 in 3 Young Adults May Face Severe COVID-19, UCSE Study Shows](#)

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

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

ENN—[New Solar Material Could Clean Drinking Water](#)

CarbonBrief—[Global warming edges closer to Paris Agreement 1.5C limit](#)

High Country News—[‘What choice do we have?’ & Wildland firefighters are rising their mental health](#)

Ensia—[Heads Up, America: Animal-Borne Diseases Are Closer Than You Think](#)

NPR—[PG&E Pleads Guilty On 2018 California Camp Fire: ‘Our Equipment Started That Fire’](#)

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

Miami Herald - [‘Catch and kill’ air filter could destroy coronavirus instantly, Texas experts say](#)

The Verge - [15 states will follow California’s push to electrify trucks and buses](#)

NY Times—[Fracking Firms Fail, Rewarding Executives and Raising Climate Fears](#)

High Country News—[The West’s invisible menace: Microplastics](#)

Indianz.com—[Bureau of Indian Affairs orders pipeline company to pay \\$187 million for trespassing](#)

NPR—[Bayer To Pay More Than \\$10 Billion To Resolve Cancer Lawsuits Over Weedkiller Roundup](#)

## ***Indoor Air Quality***

NPR—[Coronavirus Sparks New Interest In Using Ultraviolet Light to Disinfect Indoor Air](#)

GlobeNewswire—[Camfil Canada Air Filtration Experts Explain Cleaning with Bleach is Bad for Indoor Air Quality](#)

CNN - [Can the AC filter in your home, office or local mall protect you from Covid-19?](#)

PRNewswire—[Carrier Launches Higher-Capacity OptiClean Air Scrubber for Healthy Indoor Air Quality in K-12 Schools](#)

The South End—[FP&M playbook covers campus cleaning, indoor air quality, FAQs and more](#)

Be sure to subscribe to [EPA's IAQ Bulletins](#)

## **UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES**

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

**NEW! National Indian Health Board to host All-Tribes Call with Centers for the Disease Control and Prevention**

*Thursday, July 23; 1-2:30pm ET*

### [Register Here](#)

The CDC utilizes many approaches to provide COVID-19 support and services. To enhance efforts to support COVID-19 efforts for Indian Country, the CDC, will participate in the upcoming NIHB call. CDC is committed to supporting Indian Country in their efforts to address COVID-19 in their communities. In respecting tribal sovereignty and self-determination, we want to hear from tribal leaders and other tribal stakeholders on how CDC can improve COVID-19 response efforts and assistance opportunities for you and your communities. CDC would like to take this time to hear from tribal leaders and learn and understand the needs of tribes and their challenges in addressing COVID-19.

**NEW! The National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is pleased to announce the release of an interactive e-course: Working with Tribal Nations Training.** This free, approximately two-hour e-course is intended to educate state and federal government officials and other non-Tribal stakeholders on effective engagement with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes. [You can take the training here.](#) If you have any questions about this training or the [Public Health training](#) published earlier this year, please contact Brett Weber [atbweber@nihb.org](mailto:atbweber@nihb.org).

### **Culture is Prevention – Webinar Series**

Culture is fundamental to develop a successful career or a successful organization, and building that culture is everyone's responsibility. Despite recent progress, health disparities continue a challenge among Latino/Hispanic, Native Americans, and Alaska Natives, compared with the US population as a whole. National data show the need to enhance services and access to services for culturally and linguistically diverse communities. Providing culturally and linguistically appropriate prevention services requires an understanding of cultural competence/Humility.

This session is the first of four sessions:

- [Session 2: Spirituality In The Native American culture And Its Role In Prevention And Healing](#), *Tuesday, July 14, 2pm ET*
- Session 3: Spirituality in the Hispanic and Latino Culture And Its Role In Prevention And Healing, *TBD*
- Session 4: How We Can Culturally Navigate Between The Two Communities, *TBD*

### **Home Characteristics and Asthma Triggers Checklist and Training for Home Visitors: Making Homes Healthier**

*Save the Date: Tuesday, July 28; 1-2:30pm EDT*

### [Register Here](#)

Join us later this month to learn how trained home visitors can help to find common asthma triggers in homes and discuss ways to reduce and remove these

triggers. Removing asthma triggers from the home, along with proper medical care, can improve health. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Indoor Environments Division, with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Asthma and Community Health Branch and U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes, has developed the Asthma Home Environment Checklist and a new co-branded training slide set to share with attendees.

**EPA is now accepting applications for the 2020 Clean Air Excellence Awards**

The application guidelines and entry form can be found at [here](#). EPA senior officials will present the awards at a celebration in late 2020 in Washington, DC (date to be determined).

Please help us spread the word by forwarding this information to other organizations and individuals who may be interested and encouraging good candidates to apply for these prestigious awards. Applications are due by **July 31, 2020**.

**On June 25, 2020 the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has evaluated the risks remaining after fully implementing the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Iron and Steel Foundries facilities and determined that risks from this source category are acceptable.** In addition, the Agency identified no developments in practices, processes or control technologies that would further reduce emissions of hazardous air pollutants. EPA is proposing no significant changes to the original NESHAP for this source category and has determined the standards continue to provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health and the environment. A [pre-publication version of the rule](#) and [summary fact sheet](#) are available.

**On June 5, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed an Information Collection Request (ICR) for ethylene oxide commercial sterilization facilities and is requesting public comment on the action.** The data collected through the ICR, in combination with the December 2019 questionnaire that was sent to nine ethylene oxide sterilization companies, will enable EPA to have a better understanding of emissions, emissions sources, processes and control technologies in use at ethylene oxide sterilization facilities nationwide. EPA's analysis of the ICR data will support the agency's ongoing review of the Ethylene Oxide Commercial Sterilization and Fumigation Operations National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants. EPA will accept comment on the proposed ICR for 60 days after publication in the *Federal Register*. A pre-publication version of the proposed ICR is [available here](#).

**EPA finalized minor amendments to the 2004 National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) for the Plywood and Composite Wood Products (PCWP) source category.** The PCWP source category includes 230 facilities: 93 PCWP facilities, 121 lumber mills and 16 facilities that produce both PCWP and lumber. EPA identified acetaldehyde, acrolein, formaldehyde, methanol, phenol and propionaldehyde as the main pollutants emitted from this sector. Based on the results of required residual risk review, EPA determined that risks from the source category are acceptable. In addition, based on the results of the technology review, the agency identified no developments in practices, processes or control technologies that would further reduce emissions of air toxics from the emission units regulated under the PCWP NESHAP. EPA is finalizing no significant changes to the original NESHAP for this source category and concludes that the standards continue to provide an ample margin of safety to protect public health and the environment. A fact sheet and pre-publication version of the final rule are [available here](#).

**NEW! Course APTI SI-470, Quality Assurance for Air Pollution Measurement Systems**

[Register Here](#)

This is a new comprehensive online course covering aspects of quality assurance for air pollution measurement systems. It provides essential information staff need to be able to carry out ambient air monitoring QA responsibilities. It is a new online version of a course that has been taught in the classroom for many years; it covers the same procedures and information. It consists of 12 modules, is narrated, and includes knowledge checks and exams for each module.

**Updated APTI 423, Air Pollution Dispersion Models: AERMOD**

*3-Day Lecture Course: June 2020 thru May 2021*

[Register Here](#)

APTI 423 is a three-day course intended for air quality scientists to give a better understanding of the AERMOD modeling system and how to appropriately set up and run the various components of the modeling system (e.g. AERMAP, AERMET, and AERMOD). The course will cover inputs, execution, analysis of outputs, and QA of inputs/outputs of the various system components. The course will focus on the EPA issued version of the AERMOD modeling system used by consultants, federal, state, and local air quality agencies. In addition to the instructor presentation and lecture, participants will have opportunities to apply their knowledge through modeling scenarios provided in the course materials. More information about APTI 423, as well as the direct link to the course materials, can be found [here](#).

**Updated APTI 474, Continuous Monitoring Systems (CMS)**



*3.5-Day Lecture Course: June 2020 thru May 2021*

[Register Here](#)

APTI 474 (a 3-and-a-half-day course) has been updated to provide a deeper dive into many of the key concepts covered under NACT 221 (a one-day classroom course). Brand new to APTI 474 is a day-long session covering performance specifications, quality assurance, and commonly used technologies for CMS. In addition to the instructor presentation and lecture, participants have opportunities to apply their knowledge through practical exercises, facilitated discussions, and knowledge check games. More information about APTI 474, as well as the direct link to the course materials, can be found [here](#).

### 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! **\*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.

<b>Wood Smoke Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, July 16, 2pm ET
<b>EPA Policy Call:</b> Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, July 30, 2pm ET
<b>Indoor Air Quality Work Group:</b> Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, August 20, 2pm ET
<b>Mobile Sources Work Group:</b> This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, August 6, 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 [FY20 AIAQTP Course Schedule](#)**

Course Title	Dates	Location	Course Level
	<b>2020</b>		
Air Pollution Technology ( <i>Postponed!</i> )	TBD	Flagstaff, AZ	2
Meteorological Monitoring ( <i>Postponed!</i> )	Fall 2020	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Pollution Modeling	Fall 2020	TAMS Center, Las Vegas, NV	3
Air Quality Outreach	TBD	TBD	1
National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) ( <i>Postponed!</i> )	May 2021	Tulsa, OK	n/a
Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke	Anytime	Series of 6 recorded webinars	n/a
Indoor Air Quality - Independent Study	Anytime	Independent Study	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates	Open	Online	1
Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Warm Climates	In development	Online	1
Residential Building Science Review	Open	Online	1
Radon Fundamentals	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Fundamentals (QA 101)	Open	Online	1
Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) (QA 201-209)	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Fundamentals	Open	Online	2
Emissions Inventory Advanced	Open	Online	3
<i>Note: This schedule is subject to change. For up-to-date information, course descriptions, and applications please visit <a href="http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/">http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</a></i>			

**Climate Change / Energy**

## **Call for Community Engagement Workshop Participants and Papers for a Special Issue**

*Workshop Series: Winter/Spring 2021*

[Apply Here](#)

This USDA NIFA funded and professionally facilitated Engagement Workshop Series will convene a multidisciplinary group of researchers, community stakeholders, practitioners, students, funders, and policy makers to discuss the design and impacts of stakeholder engagement to address socio-environmental problems in working landscapes. The workshop series includes virtual meetings in winter/spring 2021 and a two-day in-person workshop at Penn State University, US in June 2021. Intended outcomes include 1) a special issue of a journal on workshop themes, 2) a collaboratively defined and co-produced research agenda on the “science of engagement,” and 3) formation of a new collaborative research network. Among the questions to be addressed are: *What risks does engagement entail and for whom? What challenges and risks are posed to indigenous and underrepresented communities through engagement? Which approaches effectively and equitably engage underrepresented stakeholders?* [Apply here to participate](#) in the virtual meetings and/or to submit a paper. Funding is available for travel to the June 2021 conference on a competitive basis. More information available at the [workshop website](#). Questions or a request for more information can be sent to Georgia Hart-Fredeluces at [hartgeo2@isu.edu](mailto:hartgeo2@isu.edu).

## **Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group Webinar Series**

The Indigenous Peoples Climate Change Working Group (IPCCWG) would like to invite you to join us for a 4-part webinar series that will discuss the future generations of American Indian and Alaskan Native geoscience professionals, educators, and workforce. An in-person IPCCWG meeting will take place at the [National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference](#). We also greatly appreciate you sharing within your networks. The webinar schedule is as follows:

- July 16 1pm PT/3pm CT/4pm ET
- August 13 1pm PT/3pm CT/4pm ET

If you have any questions regarding registration or anything else, please do not hesitate to reach out to Althea Walker at [awalker@aihec.org](mailto:awalker@aihec.org) or 480-258-3963.

## **South Central Climate Adaptation Science Center: Earth to Sky Workshop**

Earth to Sky is a partnership between NASA, NPS, and USFWS that enables and encourages informal educators to access and use relevant NASA science, data, and educational and outreach products in their work. The partnership’s focus is on climate change science and communication. Join us for three days of training with native informal educators from across the South Central region who recognize the importance of teaching climate change. The workshop will take place *July 15-17* in Sulphur, OK. [Learn more here](#).

## **Save the Date: Southwest Tribal Climate Resilience Camp**

Date: *July 26-31, 2020*

Location: Navajo Technical University – Crownpoint, NM

The Tribal Climate Resilience Camp will support teams of Tribal Leaders, climate change coordinators, planners, and program managers to build skills, gather information, and develop Tribal policies and plans needed for Tribal Nations to address climate change impacts. Information about travel, lodging, and registration will be available soon. You may contact Althea Walker, Tribal Climate Science Liaison, at [AWalker@aihec.org](mailto:AWalker@aihec.org) or (480) 258-3963 with questions.

### **SEEKING TRIBAL DELEGATES**

We are currently recruiting 10 Southwest Tribes to participate in the 2020 Camp. Each Tribe should identify three delegates per Tribe. The delegates must participate for the entire week curriculum. Delegates may include climate change staff, tribal policy leaders, Tribal Council, natural resource and environmental managers and staff, administrators, department staff from health, public works, education, housing, and other relevant departments that should engage in climate change planning. FOR APPLICATIONS [Visit this link](#).

## **Save the Date: Shifting Seasons Summit 3, October 6-8, 2020, Keshena, WI**

*Contingency dates: March 2021*

The Shifting Seasons Summit is a gathering that focuses on climate resilience planning and implementation within Tribes and across Tribal ceded territories in the Northeast Region. This summit will also include network-building opportunities and initiatives developed outside of the Northeast by capacity building organizations, academic institutions and Tribes. Visit [www.NICRN.org](http://www.NICRN.org) for more details.

## **ITEP's Climate Change Adaptation Training Courses registration is online!**

[Learn more about the courses and register here.](#)

## **Toxics/Mobile Sources**

### **Webinar: Making the Financial Case for Battery Electric Buses**

*Thursday, July 16; 10:30am PT*

[Register Here](#)

It seems that transit buses may be the first heavy-duty vehicle segment to significantly electrify. But are they cost-effective compared to traditional diesel buses?

A new report from the National Renewable Energy Lab (NREL) aims to help transit fleet managers determine if investing in battery electric buses (BEBs) would have an acceptable net present value (NPV) and payback period. It first sets a baseline scenario, representing common project characteristics.

The baseline involved four BEBs and four depot chargers, received a grant of \$1,500,000 (or \$375,000 per bus with charger), and saw a value of \$785,000 over the 12-year bus life. To determine whether to invest, the analysis examined 33 key inputs and recorded the NPV as those parameters shifted. Knowing how these parameters effect the overall value of the investment can help fleets determine if a BEB investment is likely to be cost-effective for them.

*The recent additions to OTAQ's website in July 2020 is listed below. [You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.](#)*

- July 2, 2020: [Public Hearing for Vehicle Test Procedure Adjustments for Tier 3 Certification Test Fuel \(PDF\)](#)
- July 1, 2020: [Determinations of Light-Duty Vehicle Alternative Greenhouse Gas Emissions Standards for Small Volume Manufacturers \(PDF\)](#)

### **Green Transportation Summit & Expo (GTSE) and West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting (WCCPM) Webinar Series**

*Thursday, July 16; 10:30-11:30 am*

[Register Here](#)

Amid rising concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic throughout Washington state, the Tacoma Convention Center will not be able to host the Green Transportation Summit and Expo / West Coast Collaborative Partners Meeting in August of 2020. The GTSE / WCCPM planning team has made the necessary decision to postpone the conference to take place May 24-26, 2021. In addition, they are converting a number of the planned sessions for 2020 into webinar format, and will be hosting 1-2 GTSE / WCCPM webinars per month from now through May of 2021. The webinar series will include the following subjects with exact dates to be confirmed:

- Financial Analysis of Battery Electric Transit Buses—*July 16th, 2020; 10:30 - 11:30 am ET*
- Medium & Heavy Duty Electrification—*TBD*
- Workforce Development—*TBD*
- Method to Create an SAE Certification for Technicians Working with High Voltage and High-Pressure Systems—*TBD*
- It Pays to Decarbonize: How Clean Fuel Programs are Rewarding Early Adopters—*TBD*
- Federal Funding: 2020 & Beyond—*TBD*

### **Tribal Consultation Period Extended for EPA's Draft Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country**

*Extended through August 3, 2020*

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) – Office of Pesticide Programs is provide notice to federally-recognized tribes that EPA's Tribal Consultation on the *Draft EPA Plan for the Federal Certification of Applicators of Restricted Use Pesticides within Indian Country* is extended through August 3, 2020 to accommodate a recent tribal request. The timeline for the consultation and consultation period will extend from February 10–August 3, 2020. During this period, a third consultation session will be conducted. To participate, the Office of Chemical Safety and Pollution Prevention (OCSPP) invites you and/or your designee to join us during the following consultation session:

- Session 3: Wednesday, July 15th from 12:00pm-2:00pm ET  
Conference Line: 866-299-3188; Code: 202-566-0603  
Adobe Connect: <https://epawebconferencing.acms.com/draftepaplan3>

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

#### **SARS-Cov-2 in Indoor Air: Principles and Scenarios Webinar**

*Thursday, July 16; 1-2:30pm EDT*

[Register Here](#)

There is growing evidence that aerosols play an important role in the transmission of COVID-19. People release respiratory droplets and aerosols spanning a wide range of sizes during breathing, talking, coughing and sneezing, and these may contain microorganisms that are derived from our respiratory fluid.

Prior work has identified influenza virus and other coronaviruses in fine aerosols released by infected individuals. SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, has been found in air samples, associated with particles small enough to remain suspended for hours. Laboratory studies indicate that the virus can maintain its infectivity in aerosols for over an hour.

This webinar will include a presentation of fundamental principles related to the generation and fate of SARS-CoV-2 in aerosols, with several practical scenarios, including cars, elevators, bathrooms, and classrooms used for purposes of illustration and comparison.

### **Damp Buildings, Human Health, and HVAC Design**

[Download Here](#)

This report summarizes dampness-related health risks in buildings as understood within ASHRAE. It provides simple-to-recognize symptoms of dampness, describes its capacity to increase the probability of negative health effects, and provides suggestions that HVAC system designers can apply to minimize such risks. The text also suggests monitoring instruments and threshold values that can provide early warning of trends that, if allowed to continue, could eventually result in health-relevant dampness.

Be sure to subscribe to [CodeTalk](#), HUD's Office of Native American Programs newsletter, for webinars and opportunities!

## RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

### **Now Hiring!**

#### **NEW! PNW Research Station**

**Title:** GC 12/13 Research Social Scientist

**Location:** La Grande OR or Wenatchee, WA

**Deadline to Apply:** Tuesday, July 14

To apply, click [here](#)

#### **Choctaw Nation**

**Title:** [Environmental Coordinator](#)

**Location:** Hugo, Oklahoma

**Classification:** Full-time

**Description:** This position will be responsible for developing, effectively implementing and managing Choctaw Nation's environmental programs for all tribal facilities, fee and trust lands as well as individually owned Indian lands.

#### **Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission Vacancy Announcement**

**Title:** [Outreach Coordinator](#)

**Department:** Division of Intergovernmental Affairs

**Closing Date:** *August 7, 2020*

**Classification:** 1 year, full-time (renewable dependent upon funding)

**Salary Range:** \$32,805 - \$36,564 (dependent on qualifications)

Submit a letter of interest with a writing sample and resume (including 3 references) to Leanne Thannum, Litigation Support Specialist: Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission Chief Blackbird Center P.O. Box 9 72682 Maple Street Odanah, Wisconsin 54861 (715)682-6619 [lthannum@glifwc.org](mailto:lthannum@glifwc.org)

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

#### **NEW! NIHB Offering Tribal Telehealth Capacity Mini-Grants**

Applications due: *Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 11:59 PM ET*

With funding from the Johns Hopkins University Center for American Indian Health, as part of the national Nick Kristof's C-19 Impact Initiative, the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) is offering [18 COVID-19 Tribal Telehealth Mini-grants](#) to Tribes, Tribal organizations or inter-Tribal consortia in amounts up to \$10,000 each to assist with building capacity and responding to telehealth services and needs. The project period will run from approximately August 1 through December 31, 2020. [Read more here.](#)

**NEW! 2020 NAFWS National Scholarship**

**Eligibility:** Applicants must be Native American and/or Alaskan Native college student in the field of natural resources or environmental sciences.

**Amount:** \$2500.00 for Fall 2020

**Due Date:** *August 15, 2020 11:59PM MST*

Visit [nafws.org](http://nafws.org) (Youth and Pre-professionals Tab\_

Contact Ashly Carlisle, Education Coordinator at [acarlisle@nafws.org](mailto:acarlisle@nafws.org)

**Indigenous Environmental Network's COVID-19 Emergency Mutual Aid Fund**

IEN has launched a COVID-19 Emergency Mutual Aid Fund to quickly mobilize resources to our frontline communities and groups that have a demonstrated need experiencing financial hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Community-based Indigenous peoples and organizations from the U.S. and Canada are [eligible to apply](#). Small grants up to \$2,000 are being offered to assist with either of the following three situations:

1. Purchase of essential provisions: food, water, medication, diapers, cleaning supplies, pet food, etc.
2. Support with transportation for essential needs and provisions, such as medical appointments and clinic/hospital visits, medication, groceries etc. This includes deliveries, gas money, local transport and getting a ride from your relatives, so long as everyone is practicing precautionary measures to avoid transmission of the virus. In some situations, this can also support getting/leaving home from long distances to care for family members as long as all legal guidelines around travel restrictions are recognized and "Stay in Place" mandates, curfews, etc. are observed.
3. Home business slowdowns in sales and other cash flow difficulties (maybe your supplier is shut down, or a big order for an event is canceled). For this support "home business" is referring to things like quilting, regalia making, bead and quillwork, moccasin making, basket making, pottery, silversmithing, etc.

In line with the Principles of Respect and the Consciousness of Caring for our Relatives, IEN invites those in need, to apply for support. [Link to the Application Form](#).

**Tribal Grants Education and Technical Assistance Webinar Series Second Wednesday of Every Month at 1pm ET**

[For more information, click here!](#)

**Two New Funding Opportunities Available Through Engagement Opportunities in NASA's Minority University Research and Education**



## **Project for American Indian and Alaska Native STEM Engagement – NASA MAIANSE**

This National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Research Announcement (NRA), entitled *Engagement Opportunities in NASA STEM (EONS) – 2020*, solicits proposals for competitive funding opportunities in support of the Minority University Research and Education Project (MUREP) administered by NASA’s Office of STEM Engagement. EONS 2020 is an omnibus announcement that includes a wide range of NASA science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) Engagement opportunities for basic and applied science and technology research and education. Specific opportunities will be issued periodically throughout the year as Appendices to this solicitation with individual requirements and milestones. For more information regarding the following opportunities and scheduled information sessions, please visit the [ENGAGEMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN NASA STEM \(EONS-2020\)](#) page on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System ([NSPIRES](#)) website and click on ‘List of Open Program Elements’.

## **DOI BOR Native American Affairs: Technical Assistance to Tribes for FY20 and FY21 – \$1 million**

*Applications Due: October 28, 2020 for FY21*

*Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations of the 17 Western States identified in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902*

The objective of this opportunity is to invite federally recognized Indian tribes and tribal organizations to submit proposals for financial assistance for projects and activities that develop, manage, and protect tribal water and related resources. Through this opportunity, Reclamation provides funding for projects that increase water reliability consistent with sections 3 and 4 of the October 19, 2018, Presidential Memorandum on Promoting the Reliable Supply and Delivery of Water in the West. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

## **Assistant Secretary Sweeney Announces \$3 Million Living Languages Grant Program Funding Opportunity**

Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Tara Mac Lean Sweeney announced today that the Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED) is soliciting applications to the Living Languages Grant Program (LLGP). This \$3 Million grant program will fund between 15 and 60 grants, ranging from \$25,000-\$200,000, to federally recognized American Indian tribes and Alaska Native entities to document, preserve and revitalize Native languages and build active speaker capacity. IEED’s solicitation for LLGP funding and details on how to apply can be found in the [Federal Register](#) and at [Grants.Gov](#).

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

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

Join NCAI's [Climate Action email](#) listserv here!

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

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

**Recent additions to OTAQ's website in July 2020**

You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ [on our website](#).

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

**Resource for Healthy Indoor Air Quality**

Check out the website <https://forhealth.org/> for many resources related to healthy homes and 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](#).

**Most Recent Listing: EPA Rules from the Federal Register can be [found here](#).**

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