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NTAA has published a Tribal Template Letter to help Tribes respond to EPA's Proposal entitled, "Increasing Consistency and Transparency in Considering Benefits and Costs in the Clean Air Act Rulemaking Process."

Since June 11, 2020 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. Learn more on our PRK page and how you can use this template to comment on the proposed rule! The deadline for comment is **August 3, 2020** and must be submitted online here. In addition, NTAA partnered with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to host an informational webinar on this proposal on July 15, 2020. To see the informational webinar, click here!

The NTAA IAQ Work Group will host a webinar on IAQ Considerations to Assist Tribes in Re-Opening Tribal Buildings. The webinar is scheduled for Wednesday, July 27, 2020 at 2pm ET. The webinar will provide Tribes an <u>Overview of COVID in the Workplace and Funding for Tribes</u>, as Tribes consider opening public spaces safely. More information will be sent out in the coming days but if you have questions, please contact <u>Andy Bessler</u>.

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NTAA has updated membership forms to join on the NTAA website here! Any state-recognized Tribe, organization or individual who support's NTAA's mission can join as an Associate Member of NTAA by filling out this application. It is totally free to join NTAA and there are no fees or annual dues. Federally-Recognized Tribes join NTAA as Principal Members and enjoy voting rights within NTAA. Associate Members get all the access to NTAA's resources without the voting rights. Contact NTAA's Program Coordinator Mariah Ashley to learn more and be sure to join today!

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