



NTAA Weekly Update

Week of August 3 - 7, 2020

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Indian Country Today - [COVID spikes at Alaska fish processing plants raise alarm](#)



Men unloading fish that had been iced down to stay chilled, Cordova. (Photo by Brandon Blake, Copper River Seafoods)

TOP STORIES

In case you missed last week's NTAA Informational Webinar, an *Overview of COVID-19 in the Workplace and Funding for Tribes on July 29, 2020*, you can watch on our website! As Tribes consider opening public spaces safely, this webinar included individuals from a variety of backgrounds including ITEP, Tribal entities, HUD, EPA, and a special guest, Philmer Bluehouse a traditional Diné Peacemaker, who grounded the presentation in Indigenous knowledge around the pandemic. You can listen to the webinar video or download the presentations on

NTAA's [IAQ Work Group web page](#) and scroll down to the 'COVID-19' tab. The work group is also planning the next webinar on best practices, so stay tuned!

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Indian Country Today - [Indian Country headlines for Wednesday](#)

Indians.com - ['We have been vindicated': Oneida Nation celebrates victory in long-running sovereignty case](#)

NPR - [Air Quality Disparities Persist Despite Overall Gains](#)

Inverse - [You can see American Air Pollution Inequality from Space](#)

Phys.org - [Drivers from the world's poorest cities who keep their windows down are exposed to 80 percent more air pollution](#)

The Washington Post - [With deaths rising and cases falling, mortality rate goes out of fashion as a White House talking point](#)

Indians.com - [Cherokee Nation provides new opportunities in a difficult time](#)

Native News Online - [Federal Troops in Portland Use Brutal Tactics Water Protectors Faced at Standing Rock](#)

Cronkite News - [Navajo 'Water Warrior' drives miles during COVID to deliver to those in need](#)

Native Sun News - [Aftermath: Trump's Black Hills Trip](#)

The Hill - [EPA transition back to the office alarms employees](#)

McClatchy News - [At EPA, coronavirus disrupts research and raises questions over air quality impact](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

ENN - [NASA Puts Visible and Water Vapor Eyes on Tropical Storm Isaias](#)

CarbonBrief - [‘Extreme’ glacier loss events linked to human-caused climate change for first time](#)

NY Times - [A Quarter of Bangladesh Is Flooded. Millions Have Lost Everything.](#)

Native News Online - [Alliance of 5 Michigan tribes highlights treaty rights to call for oil pipeline closures](#)

NY Times - [Gold vs. Salmon: An Alaska Mine Project Just Got a Boost](#)

The Hill - [Global coal capacity shrinks in first half of 2020 for the first time on record](#)

Native Sun News - [Oil pipeline builders face new court challenges](#)

E&E - [As natural gas bans go national, can cities fill the gap?](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

ENN - [The Problem With Natural Gas Flaring](#)

Utility Dive - [PSEG to sell almost 7 GW of fossil fuel generation, retain nuclear plants](#)

Carbon Brief - [Analysis: The global coal fleet shrank for the first time on record in 2020](#)

NY Times - [EPA Inspector General to Investigate Trump’s Biggest Climate Rollback](#)

Science Magazine - [Trump moves to regulate greenhouse emissions from planes, but critics skeptical](#)

Indoor Air Quality

TopHotelNews - [Why indoor air quality matters even more now](#)

Seattle Times - [Steps you can take to improve the air quality in your home](#)

WBUR - [What You Should Know About COVID-19, Air Conditioning And Indoor Air Quality](#)

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

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Best Practices for Meaningful Engagement for Environmental Justice without Public Meetings

Wednesday, August 5; 2pm ET

[Register Here](#)

Meaningful public engagement is more important than ever, from early in the planning stages to the NEPA review process. It's also clear that considerations around equity and diversity have intensified dramatically in 2020. In this 'new normal' as public engagement moves online for public safety, how can agencies and their consultants meaningfully engage with traditionally underrepresented communities without public meetings? In this webinar, EPA will share updates on Environmental Justice and explore promising practices for reaching traditionally underrepresented communities. They will zero in on challenges like the digital divide and how to engage disadvantaged communities without internet access.

NEW! 2020 Healthy Homes Production for Tribal Housing Grant Funding Opportunity

Thursday, August 6; 2-3:30pm EDT

We want to make you aware of an important funding opportunity to improve the health and safety of Tribal housing. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes provides grant funding to remediate housing-related health and safety hazards in Tribal housing.

- Native American tribal governments (including Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages) are eligible to apply for these grants. A Tribally designated housing entity (TDHE) may apply on behalf of one or more Indian Tribes.
- The maximum grant award for these 42-month grants is \$1 million; the minimum, \$500,000.
- **TO APPLY** (applications are due August 24th) please visit [this link](#)
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING:** To ask specific questions before or after the webinar, email AJ Salkoski at L.Salkoski@HUD.gov
- **HUD IS HOLDING A NO-COST INTERACTIVE WEBINAR** to discuss and answer questions about this Tribal funding opportunity.

Nominate Experts: Committee on Anticipatory Research for EPA's Research and Development Enterprise to Inform Future Environmental Protection: The Road Ahead

Deadline: August 5, 2020

[Submit Nominations Here](#)

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine are now assembling a committee to identify emerging scientific and technological advances from across a broad range of disciplines that EPA's Office of Research and Development (ORD) should consider in its research planning to support EPA's mission for protecting human health and the environment. In addition, the committee will recommend how ORD could best take advantage of those advances to meet current and future challenges during the next 10-20 years. You are invited to nominate individuals to serve on this study committee with expertise from a wide range of disciplines that can be applied to current and emerging environmental challenges facing society.

NEW! Redlining's Intensifying Harm: Rising Temperatures, Hotter Neighborhoods, and How Trees Can Help

Wednesday, August 12; 1pm ET

[Connect to the Webinar Here](#)

Many are well aware of the inequitable distribution of trees in our urban areas. Black, Indigenous, and people of color communities often face the greatest burden of heat, air pollution, and flooding, all of which urban greening can help to mitigate. These inequitable patterns and the related persistent disparities in human health are an enduring legacy of various forms of housing segregation, which were officially legal through the late 1960s. In this presentation, Dr. Vivek Shandas will provide a summary of one pernicious and federally sponsored urban planning policy officially begun in the 1930s -- redlining -- and the current day implications on the distribution of tree canopy, extreme urban heat, and the quality of life for those historically underserved communities. Cate Mingoya will discuss the Climate Safe Neighborhoods Partnership and how residents are working to intervene in municipal planning systems to ensure a more equitable distribution of climate mitigation resources.

The National Indian Health Board is hosting a Webinar Series: Culture is Prevention

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.

The sessions include one remaining session out of four sessions:

- [Session 4: How We Can Culturally Navigate Between The Two Communities](#), August 5, 2020 at 2:00 PM ET

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](#).

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 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.

Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, August 20, 2pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, August 6, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, September 17, 2pm ET
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, September 24, 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
	2020		
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</i> http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/			

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! 2020 Tribal Energy Webinar Series: Behind-the-Meter Projects

Wednesday, August 26; 11am MT

[Register Here](#)

The easiest energy projects to complete are the ones you have the most control over. “Behind-the-meter” projects typically give you that control. This webinar will focus on the benefits and nuances of behind-the-meter projects and why they work.

NEW! EPA’s GHG Management Self-Assessment/Benchmarking Resource

Wednesday, August 5; 1pm ET

[Register Here](#)

This EPA webinar will highlight its recently released Corporate GHG Inventorying and Target Setting Self-Assessment—a technical resource to help companies evaluate their approaches to GHG inventorying and target-setting. Learn how this tool can be used by both leading companies and companies beginning to address their GHG emissions as an internal communication and management resource and a high-level benchmarking assessment.

Registration is now open for ITEP’s *Virtual National Tribal & Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC)*! There is no cost for attendance.

Listen and learn from various partners who will be joining us to share their knowledge and stories about the work they are doing to address the climate crisis occurring in our communities. The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals is honored to feature many amazing speakers including our warriors, Winona LaDuke of [Honor the Earth](#) and [Xiuhtezcatl Martinez](#) of [Earth Guardians](#), Melanie Goodchild of Canada’s [Turtle Island Institute](#), Janene Yazzie of Diné Nation & [International Indian Treaty Council](#), and many more. For more information, please see attached PDF or view the announcement [here](#).

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.

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 is scheduled for 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 or 480-258-3963.

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 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 for more details.

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! Road Dust Webinar #3: Sharing Community Experiences

Wednesday, August 5, 11am PDT

[Register Here](#)

Road dust from unpaved roads is a major air quality concern in many tribal communities. Dust (also called Particulate Matter (PM)) has negative impacts on health, road safety and quality of life. This webinar is the third in a series of four webinars to help tribal environmental and transportation staff managing road dust, resulting in improved air quality.

Serious Adverse Health Events Associated with Methanol-based Hand Sanitizers

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) issued the following Health Alert Network (HAN) Health Advisory on July 5, 2020. On June 19, 2020, the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration](#) (FDA) advised consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by “Eskbiochem SA de CV” in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol, a “toxic alcohol”, as an active ingredient, which can cause blindness and/or death when absorbed through the skin or when swallowed. Since then, [FDA](#) has identified additional ABHSR products that contain methanol and is working with manufacturers and distributors on a voluntary recall of these products. [Read more.](#)

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 31, 2020: [EPA issues a direct final rule that corrects an error in EPA's regulations for test procedures used in the Corporate Average Fuel Economy \(CAFE\) program finalized in a 2012 rulemaking](#)
- July 22, 2020: [EPA proposes greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emission standards and test procedures to control of air pollution from airplanes and airplane engines](#)
- July 7, 2020: [EPA releases the annual Fast Facts document that provides information about U.S. transportation sector greenhouse gas emissions \(1990-2018\)](#)

- July 1, 2020: [EPA and NHTSA finalize the Safer Affordable Fuel-Efficient \(SAFE\) Vehicles Rule for Model Years 2021-2026 Passenger Cars and Light Trucks; Correction.](#)

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

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

NEW! Cleaning for Health: Proactive Plans to Effectively Clean and Promote Healthy IAQ in Schools

Thursday, August 6; 1-2:30pm EDT

[Register Here](#)

Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as we hear from custodial experts at the school district level who are implementing robust cleaning for health procedures to help reduce the spread of viruses and bacteria.

NEW! Pests Don't Socially Distance: Back-to-School Challenges and IPM Solutions (90-minute webinar)

Wednesday, August 11; 12-1:30pm MDT

[Register Here](#)

While schools have been closed, facility managers are finding that rodents, cockroaches and other pests have been enjoying the run of buildings and defiantly not socially distancing. Over 124,000 K-12 schools with over 55 million students, are headed back to colleges and universities. It is critically important that students return to clean, healthy learning environments.

Building managers can use this time of unexpected facility closures to conduct extra scouting, cleaning and exclusion work needed to reduce pest pressure through IPM. This webinar will provide detailed information on how to help schools and universities control pests through IPM strategies.

NEW! What Schools Need to Know: Practices and Principles for Healthy IAQ and Reducing the Spread of Viruses

Thursday, August 13; 1-2:30pm MDT

[Register Here](#)

Register for this webinar to hear about strategies for developing a proactive, comprehensive IAQ management plan to help implement guidance for schools and prevent the spread of viruses and bacteria. You will learn how to identify key considerations that address a range of critical areas related to controlling the spread of diseases in schools, including ventilation, filtration and air cleaning, cleaning/disinfection of high-contact surfaces, personal protective equipment (PPE), social distancing, and managing special spaces (e.g., toilets, sick rooms).

Announcing EPA's New Indoor Air and COVID-19 Webpage

COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly through close contact from person-to-person. However, some uncertainty remains about the relative importance of different routes of transmission of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). There are straightforward steps that can be taken to reduce potential airborne transmission of COVID-19 and the focus of this material

is on those measures. EPA recommends precautions to reduce the potential for airborne transmission of the virus. These precautions include increasing ventilation with outdoor air and air filtration as part of a larger strategy that includes social distancing, wearing cloth face coverings or masks, [surface cleaning and disinfecting](#), handwashing, and other precautions.

Topics Covered on [EPA's Indoor Air and COVID-19 webpage](#) include:

- [Indoor Air in Homes and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Ventilation and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Air Cleaners, HVAC Filters and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Additional Measures to Address COVID-19 in Public Indoor Spaces](#)
- [COVID-19, Wildfires, and Indoor Air Quality](#)
- [Science and Technical Resources related to Indoor Air and Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)
 - [Indoor Air and COVID-19 Key References and Publications](#)

Healthy Indoor Environments in Schools: Plans, Practices, and Principles for Maintaining Healthy Learning Environments

Join the U.S. [Environmental Protection Agency](#) (EPA) for a three-part webinar series on creating and maintaining healthy learning environments in schools. The webinars will feature experts, including school district leaders who will discuss the plans, practices and principles they have put in place to sustain comprehensive indoor air quality (IAQ) management programs. Each webinar includes a moderated question-and-answer session with speakers and representatives from EPA and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

- [Let's Clear the Air: Using Ventilation Practices to Promote Healthy IAQ in Schools](#)—*Thursday, July 30; 1-2:30pm EDT*
- [Cleaning for Health: Proactive Plans to Effectively Clean and Promote Healthy IAQ in Schools](#)—*Thursday, August 6; 1-2:30pm EDT*
- [What Schools Need to Know: Practices and Principles for Healthy IAQ and Reducing the Spread of Viruses](#)—*Thursday, August 13; 3-4:30pm*

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!

National Center for Atmospheric Research / UCAR

Title: Post-Doctoral Fellow 1 (Hydrology & Water Temperature Modeling)

Location: Boulder, Colorado

Type: Full-time, Exempt

Position Term: 1 year

Work Authorization: UCAR/NCAR will sponsor a work visa to fill this position.

Application Deadline: This position will be posted until August 5th, 2020.

Thereafter, applications will be reviewed on an as-needed basis.

[Apply 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

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Teton Science Schools Graduate Program Native American Fellowship Opportunity

The Teton Science Schools' (TSS) Graduate Program is offering a full scholarship, covering tuition and room and board, to someone who is currently affiliated with a Native American tribe as an educator, or aspiring educator, or is of Native American descent. The scholarship recipient will be awarded a full scholarship to cover tuition and room and board for the Graduate Program at TSS. Incidental

costs, for books, gear, travel to and from the program etc. would need to be covered by the scholarship recipient and may be covered by FAFSA student loans. Interested scholarship candidates should begin the [enrollment process for the TSS Graduate Program](#). If you have specific questions or want more information, please contact Dr. Nikki Gamrath, Vice President of Educator Development, at the Teton Science Schools at nikki.gamrath@tetonscience.org.

Request for Proposals, Rising Voices: Seed Funding for Catalyzing Research and Action

Proposals Due: *August 14, 2020 @midnight (local time)*

The Rising Voices Center for Indigenous and Earth Sciences is offering three \$5000 awards to launch small-scale but impactful projects OR to support the time and effort to write a proposal for a large-scale project. Applications must demonstrate how the proposed work will bring together Indigenous and Earth sciences to address pressing community-driven research and action. Successful applications will support projects to begin around September 1, 2020 and conclude around January 31, 2021.

To apply, please click on the link below to begin your [online application](#) or submit application as a Word document to: RisingVoicesinAction@gmail.com

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 (Youth and Pre-professionals Tab_

Contact Ashly Carlisle, Education Coordinator at acarlisle@nafws.org

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

On-Request Technical Assistance from DOE Office of Indian Energy

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: tribal governments

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](#).

DOE GFO Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation - \$10 million

Applications Due: September 28, 2020

Eligible Entities: city or township governments, state governments, federally recognized tribal governments, county governments

The Building Technologies Proving Ground – Public Sector Field Validation funding opportunity will invest up to \$10 million to allow state, local, and tribal government entities to compete for funding designed to meet U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) goals via field validation of high impact commercial building technologies. Projects funded through this FOA will have the potential to significantly reduce energy use in U.S. commercial buildings, develop new value streams for commercial building owners, and provide the end use flexibility required to dynamically balance the distribution grid. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#)

DOI BIA Tribal Energy Development Capacity Grant - \$1 million

Applications Due: September 01, 2020

Eligible Entities: federally recognized tribes or tribal organizations

The Secretary of the Interior (“Secretary”), through the Division of Energy and Mineral Development (DEMD), Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development (IEED), is soliciting grant proposals from Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to build Tribal capacity for energy resource regulation and management.

The Tribal Energy Development Capacity (TEDC) grant program seeks to develop the Tribal management, organizational and technical capacity needed to maximize the economic impact of energy resource development on American Indian and Native Alaskan land. TEDC grants equip Federally recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Federally recognized Tribal entities to regulate and manage their energy resources through development of organizational and business structures and legal and regulatory infrastructure. For more information, visit the funding opportunity [description](#).

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

DOE Clean Cities Coalition Network Technical Assistance

Applications Due: Not Applicable

Eligible Entities: Clean Cities Coalitions

Clean Cities connects transportation stakeholders with objective information and experts to assist with alternative fuels, fuel economy improvements, and emerging transportation technologies. Through these trusted, time-tested resources, Clean Cities has helped fleets and fuel providers deploy hundreds of thousands of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations that serve a growing market. Clean Cities continues to support the entry of new transportation technologies into the marketplace.

For more information, visit the technical assistance [description](#).

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

NEW! HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes Webinar—2020 Lead Hazard Reduction NOFA

Interactive Webinar: Wednesday, August 5; 2pm ET

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes provides [grant funding to remediate lead related hazards in housing](#). We know that our partners and stakeholders support lead and healthy homes standards and may be aware of city, county, or state or other stakeholders that may want to consider this opportunity.

- **TO APPLY:** please visit [this link!](#)
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING:** To ask specific questions in advance, you can contact Yolanda.a.brown@hud.gov

NEW! HUD Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes: 2020 Healthy Homes Production Grant Program for Tribal Housing

Interactive Webinar: Wednesday, August 6; 2pm ET

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes provides [grant funding to remediate housing-related](#)

health and safety hazards in Tribal housing. We know that our partners support healthy homes standards and may be aware of city, county, state and/or other stakeholders that may want to consider this opportunity.

- **TO APPLY:** please [click here](#).
- **FOR MORE INFORMATION BEFORE APPLYING:** You can also contact “AJ” Salkoski at with questions and to get more information at Aaron.J.Salkoski@hud.gov
- **AN INTERACTIVE WEBINAR** will be held *August 6 at 2:00 pm Eastern* about this Tribal funding opportunity. Please click [this link](#) to register for the webinar and to receive any updates to the materials to be provided that day.

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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