



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

New York Times - [‘The Coal Industry Is Back,’ Trump Proclaimed. It Wasn’t.](#)



The Navajo Generating Station's 775-foot-tall smokestacks tower above everything else in the area, including the region's famed sandstone formations. Photo Credit, Christie Hemm Klok for The New York Times

TOP STORIES

TYT—[EPA Grants Oklahoma Control Over Tribal Lands](#)

** Editor's Note: [Click here](#) to see the letter EPA Administrator Wheeler sent Oklahoma Governor on October 1, 2020.

Reuters - [Tribes slam EPA move to give Oklahoma control of environmental rules](#)

The Washington Post—[CDC says airborne transmission plays a role in coronavirus spread in a long-awaited update after a website error last month](#)

**Editor's Note: NTAA recently held several informational webinar with IAQ experts to discuss airborne transmission of COVID and proper ventilation recommendations when re-opening public spaces. You can find a recording of those webinars and can download the presentations [here](#).

NTAA has published the latest Policy Resource Kit to help Tribes respond to EPA's proposed standards for greenhouse gas emissions for certain new commercial airplanes. The proposed standards would match the standards that

were adopted by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in 2017. The NTAA has developed a [Fact Sheet](#) and is developed a [Tribal Template Comment Letter](#) to help you respond to this proposal. Additionally, the [NTAA Mobile Sources Work Group](#) heard a presentation on this proposal from the Office of Transportation and Air Quality (OTAQ) on September 3, 2020, posted [here](#). The deadline for comment is **October 19, 2020 11:59pm ET** and is published in the [Federal Register](#) as Docket ID No. **EPA-HQ-OAR-2018-0276**.

HEADLINES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Thred - [Air pollution will kill more people this year than coronavirus](#)

The Hill - [Biden would face hurdles undoing Trump environmental rollbacks](#)

NY Times—[As Trump Seeks to Project Strength, Doctors Disclose Alarming Episodes](#)

Grist - [Report: Environmental agencies are violating civil rights laws — and the EPA is letting them](#)

EPA - [EPA Awards Competitive Grant to NAU's Institute of Tribal Environmental Professionals](#)

LungCast—[A Pulmonary Podcast Series by the American Lung Association and HCPLive](#)

NY Times—[Is Air a Scam?](#)

The City—[For Some Near the Cross Bronx Expressway, COVID-19 is an Environmental Justice Issue, Too](#)

Sierra Magazine - [Why Is the EPA Really Repealing Methane Emissions Regulations?](#)

The Hill - [Democrats allege EPA plans to withhold funding from 'anarchist' cities](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Reuters - ['We don't give up really easy': Navajo ranchers battle climate change](#)

BBC - [September was world's 'hottest on record'](#)

Bloomberg Law - [EPA Authority Over Power Sector's Climate Impacts Heads to Court](#)

Vox - [Hurricane Delta: What we know about the storm in the Gulf of Mexico](#)

The Washington Post—[Tropical Storm Gamma forms, rapidly intensifies and is battering Yucatan Peninsula](#)

CNN—[Fall foliage faltering under 'extreme drought' conditions](#)

LA Times—[California fire season shatters record with more than 4 million acres burned](#)

NY Times—[What Made This a Record Fire Season? It Started With Lightning](#)

Reuters - [JPMorgan aims to back clients to align with Paris climate pact](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

The Hill—[Supreme Court to decide whether climate suit can be moved to federal court](#)

Natural Gas Intel—[Oil, Natural Gas Industry Said 'Exploiting' Federal Relief through Historic Borrowing Spree](#)

Drilled—[Blood of the Devil: A brief history of oil colonialism in Ecuador, and what happened in the decades leading up to a landmark lawsuit against Texaco in the 1990s](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Financial Times - [The battle against indoor air pollution](#)

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

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES
Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Meeting Current School Health Challenges and Beyond: New Tools to Assess and Address IAQ Health and Safety

Thursday, October 22, 2020; 1-2:30pm ET

[Register Here](#)

Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a webinar highlighting risk reduction strategies and resources for a safer return to school that are applicable both before reopening and throughout the academic year. This webinar will focus on how to use indoor air quality (IAQ) management best practices and strategies to reduce exposure to viruses in schools and apply findings from a study to help decision makers select changes to HVAC operation that can reduce aerosol exposure.

Study Links HAP Exposure to 9-Percent Increase in COVID Death Rate

(September 11, 2020) – Authors of a peer-reviewed study published in the journal *Environmental Research Letters* found that exposure to hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) could be associated with a 9-percent increase in COVID-related mortality. Specifically, the study focused on the combined hazard index and individual respiratory hazard quotient from the EPA 2014 National Air Toxics Assessment for five HAPs: formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, acrolein, naphthalene and diesel particulate matter (PM). The researchers controlled for socioeconomic status, population health indicators and exposure to PM_{2.5} and ozone and determined that “an increase in the respiratory hazard index is associated with a 9% increase in COVID-19 mortality. Although differing in magnitude, this association holds for individual HAPs acetaldehyde, and diesel PM.” Previous studies relating COVID outcomes with air pollution have focused on criteria pollutants. For further information, [click here](#).

In 2006 ITEP established the Virgil Masayesva Native American Environmental Scholarship Fund in memoriam of ITEP’s co-founder and original director. This year the centerpiece of ITEP’s fundraising campaign will be a virtual run / walk.

October 9 – 17th, 2020 | [Registration Link](#)

Virgil, a member of the Hopi tribe, was an avid runner, and to this day running is an integral part of many Native American communities. So it is in this spirit that we are announcing the [2020 ITEP Virtual Run & Fundraiser!](#) Our goal is to raise \$20,000 by the end of October. Please visit our [event website](#), register, and share this announcement with your friends and colleagues. Most importantly, please consider making a [direct donation](#) to the endowment. Together we can make a positive and lasting impact and support the next generation of Native American environmental leaders!

This is a courtesy announcement that the U.S. EPA intends to consult with tribal governments on the action mentioned below:

- Consultation Title: Update of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Environmental Information Quality System Policy and Procedure
- EPA Lead Organization: EPA Office of Mission Support (OMS)/Office of Environmental Information (OEI)
 - Start Date: 09/02/2020
 - End Date: 11/06/2020

To obtain additional information about this action and other EPA consultations ongoing or planned, please visit EPA's Tribal Consultation Opportunities Tracking System (TCOTS) at <http://tcots.epa.gov>.

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.

Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, October 8, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, October 15, 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, October 29, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, November 19, 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
<p><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/</p>			

Climate Change / Energy

Attention California Tribes!

California tribal governments can receive funds to help fight climate change while addressing community needs for clean transportation, clean air, land conservation, agricultural equipment, and more.

- California Climate Investments has a [new webpage](#) that lists California Climate Investments Programs that California Tribal Governments are eligible to receive funding from.
- California Climate Investments Webinars- Agency and grantee speakers will highlight resources and share pathways to success in an upcoming webinar series. You can request updates for more information as it becomes available [on our website](#).
- [California Climate Investments](#) is a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment — particularly in disadvantaged communities in California.

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.

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! 2020 School Bus Rebates Program Webinar

Wednesday, October 7, 2020; 3-4pm ET

Go to the following link a few minutes before the webinar starts: [2020 School Bus Rebates Webinar](#) | Call-in Number: 1-202-991-0477, Access Code: 562 579 487#
 More info below under 'Funding Opportunities > Toxics/Mobile Sources'

Model Policies to Accelerate Electric Vehicle Adoption

This one-hour webinar will highlight state, local, and utility policies that can spur the switch to electric vehicles (EVs) in an effective and equitable way. The webinar will feature the updated [AchiEve Toolkit](#) — a free resource that highlights policy options and case studies along the full EV spectrum from vehicle purchase to charging infrastructure to battery recycling. In addition to hearing from the toolkit's authors, participants will hear how the State of North Carolina is putting the policy pieces together in a comprehensive EV strategy.

Agenda:

- Introduction – Andrea Denny and Jessica Daniels, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- AchiEve: Model Policies to Accelerate EV Adoption – Sue Gander and Andrew Linhardt, Electrification Coalition; Katherine Stainken, Plug in America; Hieu Le, Sierra Club
- North Carolina's Electrification Policies – Jeremy Tarr, State of North Carolina
- Question and Answer Session

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

October 2020

- October 2, 2020: [EPA releases updated Port Emissions Inventory Guidance: Methodologies for Estimating Port-Related and Goods Movement Mobile Source Emissions.](#)

September 2020

- September 29, 2020: [EPA awards up to \\$73 million for Clean Diesel Projects.](#)
- September 14, 2020: [EPA denies petitions for small refinery exemptions for past compliance years, the so-called “gap-filling” petitions for the 2011-18 compliance years.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

EPA’s Indoor Air Quality Science Webinar: Investigating Indoor Chemistry

Tuesday, October 13; 1-2:30pm EDT

[Register Here](#)

Research results have indicated that the indoor environment is a dynamic chemical system driven by infiltration of the outdoor environment, surface chemistry, and the addition of emissions from consumer products such as cleaners and building materials. Though observed health effects, such as exacerbation of asthma, have been associated with indoor environments, a clear and temporal link between exposure to chemical species and health effects has not been made. Could the relevant species evade routine sampling amidst the complex chemical mixtures? What are the mechanisms leading to the health effects? What are the molecular initiating events or the key events of indoor environments that lead to health effects? This presentation will highlight some of the recent efforts to investigate indoor chemistry and potential health effects. With guest speaker Ray Wells, PhD, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH).

Four Steps to Becoming an IAQ Champion and Reducing the Spread of Viruses in Schools

The latest on-demand webinars available to view on EPA’s website outline a four-step process for implementing indoor air quality (IAQ) management strategies to reduce the spread of viruses and bacteria in schools. Identify the important steps for improving IAQ in your school or school district by viewing the webinars listed below.

- Step 1: Learn how [operating and maintaining efficient HVAC systems](#) in schools goes hand in hand with controlling the spread of airborne viruses and bacteria.
- Step 2: Learn how to [tailor your cleaning and maintenance plan](#) and procedures to help implement cleaning guidance in your school or school district.
- Step 3: Learn how to [identify additional key IAQ considerations](#) that address a range of critical areas related to controlling the spread of diseases and bacteria in schools.

- Step 4: Turn your [knowledge into action](#) by integrating what you've learned into your school's plans for IAQ management, preventive maintenance, and a safe reopening and operation.

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](#)

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! Archaeological Field Technician, 2 Openings

Where: Flagstaff, AZ | Hire Type: Temporary

[Apply Here!](#)

Do you thrive in the pursuit of ensuring excellence in environmental consulting services for your clients? SWCA Environmental Consultants is expanding their team and looking for dynamic individuals who are following their passion in delivering the highest-quality project work.

Our Cultural Resources Team in our Flagstaff Office is looking for archaeological technicians to assist with upcoming local survey projects in the Flagstaff area.

Bay Mills Indian Community, Biological Services Department is hiring an Environmental Coordinator to work on a variety of environmental initiatives at Bay Mills Indian Community. Please see the attached document or the Bay Mills [website](#) for details. Closing date is October 21, 2020. Please submit resume, cover letter, references and all college and university transcripts to: Erin Forrester, HR Generalist eforrester@baymills.org Subject: Environmental Coordinator

Washington State Department of Health is hiring!

The Washington State Department of Health is actively recruiting for new position that will focus on indoor air quality. It is a project position that will focus on interventions for vulnerable populations to reduce exposures as part of wildfire smoke response. The application is due **October 4**. Here is the [link](#) to the job posting—please forward to others who you think would be interested!

NOAA Climate & Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship Program

Deadline is January 8, 2021

We are pleased to announce the 2021 call for applications for NOAA's Climate and Global Change Postdoctoral Fellowship (C&GC) program. The fellowship program has an outstanding reputation for attracting the best and the brightest PhDs in the sciences relevant to climate change. Each appointed fellow is hosted by a mentoring scientist at a U.S. university or research institution to work in an area of mutual interest.

C&GC fellows are UCAR employees and receive a fixed annual salary, plus UCAR's benefits and allowances for relocation, travel and publications.

Appointments will be announced by April 1, 2021. For [more information go here](#) or [email us!](#)

Department of Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences seeking Post-Doctoral Scholar

[Link to the post doc position](#)

The DEOHS at the University of Washington (UW) School of Public Health in conjunction with the UW Center for Health and the Global Environment (CHanGE) seek an outstanding Post-Doctoral Scholar to assist in a suite of climate and health projects. These projects include an effort to collect information on

municipal heat action plans and activities to reduce exposure to extreme heat and an effort to assess the impact of an indigenous climate change health adaptation effort undertaken by the Swinomish Indian Tribal Community. The work represents a unique opportunity to work across the fields of public health and climate change, with access to leading experts in [DEOHS](#) and [CHanGE](#) as well as partners in the Climate Impacts Group ([CIG](#)), the Program on Climate Change ([PCC](#)), and other UW organizations working on climate and health. While the position will be housed under DEOHS, extensive cross-disciplinary interaction is anticipated.

Executive Director, [the Christensen Fund](#)

[Apply Here](#)

The new Executive Director will join the Fund at a pivotal moment and will help shape the trajectory of the new strategy. They will hold a vision and lead the team bringing the rights-based focus to life through investments and partnerships designed to:

- amplify grassroots indigenous voices;
- build solidarity between and across Indigenous Peoples' movements; and,
- increase awareness of international frameworks that protect LTRG rights.

Reporting to the board of directors, the executive director will partner with the board and staff to bring the Fund into its next phase of impact by building on its exceptional reputation and track record of programmatic accomplishments.

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Rising Voices, ARCUS Early Career Conference Funding Award

Deadline to Apply: November 1, 2020; 5pm AK Time

[More info here](#)

The Arctic Research Consortium of the US (ARCUS) announces the Early Career Conference Funding Award to support up to twenty, US-based, early career researchers and students to participate in meetings and events relevant to Arctic research. In lieu of full travel grants during 2020/21, these funding awards will cover registration fees, session/abstract submission costs, and other relevant expenses related to virtual conference attendance (recognizing that many events have moved online or may be forced to do so) for one conference or event scheduled to take place through 31 May 2021. This award aims to increase participation of early career, underrepresented minorities (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color; BIPOC) in Arctic research by providing at least half of the awards to BIPOC students and early career researchers. This award is for conference attendance and participation—submitting an abstract will be optional.

Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive Notice of Funding Availability

Due: December 10, 2020

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) published the FY20 Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the [Indian Housing Block Grant \(IHBG\) - Competitive Grant Program](#) earlier today. It announced the availability of approximately \$91 million in competitive grants to eligible Indian tribes and tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs). This program provides competitive grant funding to Tribes and TDHEs to carry out affordable housing activities for the benefit of low-income Native American families. In accordance with the FY20 Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, projects that will spur housing construction and rehabilitation will be prioritized.

HUD recognizes the many challenges faced by Tribes and TDHEs during the ongoing COVID-19 National Emergency. Accordingly, this year, HUD is providing a longer application period than the application period in last year's competition to allow applicants additional time to develop and submit applications. Therefore, applicants will have until 11:59:59 EST on December 10, 2020, to submit applications via <https://www.grants.gov>. If applicants are unable to submit an electronic application, they may request a waiver in accordance with Section IV.A. of the NOFA.

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.

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

Advancing Climate Adaptation and Coastal Community Resilience **FY 2021 Notice of Funding Opportunity**

The Adaptation Sciences Program will design and implement research investments through competitions, co-develop activities with partners, and support communities of practice around adaptation pathways. It will build on and maintain strong connections established by its highly successful predecessors - the Coastal and Ocean Climate Applications (COCA) Program, the International Research and Applications Project (IRAP), and the Sectoral Applications and Research Program (SARP).

Please feel free to reach out with questions about the FY 2021 competition or the AdSci Program; you can contact Nancy Beller-Simms (Nancy.Beller-Simms@noaa.gov) or Lisa Vaughan (Lisa.Vaughan@noaa.gov) at any time. Please refer to the [upcoming events section](#) of the NOAA/CPO website for information regarding a FY21 AdSci competition information session, and finally, please feel free to share this information with your colleagues.

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](#).

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

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

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! DERA School Bus Rebates Program Applications Being Accepted

Deadline to Apply: October 30, 2020; 4pm ET

[More Info Here](#)

We are excited to announce a funding opportunity for school bus fleets that serve public schools. EPA's Office of Transportation and Air Quality is accepting

applications nationwide for rebates to assist in replacing older, dirtier diesel school buses with new school buses certified to EPA's cleanest emission standards. EPA anticipates awarding over **\$10 million** in this funding opportunity. Selected applicants that scrap and replace their old diesel buses will receive a rebate of **\$20,000-\$65,000 per bus** depending on the fuel type of the replacement bus.

Eligible Entities:

- Regional, state, or tribal agencies including school districts and municipalities; or
- Private entities that operate school buses under a contract with an entity listed above.
- Applications are limited to 10 buses. Fleets that own more than 100 buses can submit two applications.

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 August 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

U.S Department of Housing and Urban Development Funding Opportunity

To fund Healthy Homes and Weatherization Program Cooperation Demonstration grants in localities that are served by both Healthy Homes and Weatherization Assistance Programs to determine whether coordination between the programs with respect to the implementation of healthy homes remediation activities and energy conservation measures achieves cost effectiveness and better outcomes in improving the safety and quality of homes. If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact: Brenda M. Reyes, MD, MPH Brenda.m.reyes@hud.gov. Original Closing Date for Applications is on November 9, 2020 at 11:59:59 pm Eastern Standard time.

Valuable resources from the latest webinar: Healthy Indoor Environments in Schools: Plans, Practices, and Principles for Maintaining Healthy Learning Environments

IAQ Tools for Schools:

- **[IAQ Tools for Schools: Preventive Maintenance Guidance](#)**
 - Use the guide in conjunction with the [IAQ Preventive Maintenance Checklist and Model Plan \(Appendix A and B\)](#) to access best practices and critical information to prioritize your goals and develop a tailored plan unique to your school's specifications.
- **[IAQ Tools for Schools Action Kit](#)**
- **[Framework for Effective School IAQ Management](#)**
- **[School IAQ Assessment Mobile App](#)**
- **[Energy Savings Plus Health: Indoor Air Quality Guidelines for School Building Upgrades](#)**
- **[IAQ Professional Training Webinars](#)**

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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