



NTAA Weekly Update

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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

Please join all of us at NTAA in welcoming Carol Kriebs as the new NTAA Chairwoman!

Chairwoman Carol A. Kriebs is also the Environmental Director for the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho in Region 10 and has been working in Tribal Air Quality for eight years. For those eight years Carol has been an NTAA Executive Committee representative for Region 7 Tribes and then in 2018 relocated to the Kootenai Tribe of Idaho. In 2019, Carol was voted and honored to represent Region 10 Tribes as their NTAA Executive Committee representative.



Chairwoman Kriebs commented that even though leadership has changed, NTAA's message is still to help empower Tribes to protect and enhance air quality for everyone. She is replacing Wilfred J. Nabahe as the outgoing Chairman. Congratulations Carol!

TOP STORIES

Atlanta Journal-Constitution - [Georgia Democrats on the cusp of flipping the U.S. Senate](#)

Science Magazine - [Power shift in Senate could bring major changes in U.S. science and climate policy](#)

NPR - [Trump EPA Erects New Barriers To Crucial Science](#)

EPA – [Final Rule Strengthening Transparency in Pivotal Science Underlying Significant Regulatory Actions and Influential Scientific Information](#)

NY Times – [A Plan Made to Shield Big Tobacco From Facts Is Now EPA Policy](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

Missoula Current - [Court orders feds to recalculate distribution of coronavirus relief dollars to tribes](#)

US News – [Vaccine Rollout Slower Than Hoped](#)

High Country News – [The battle for the Black hills](#)

NY Times – [Wall Street Eyes Billions in the Colorado's Water](#)

The Washington Post – [Trump administration keeps existing smog limits rejecting calls to toughen them](#)

Cronkite News - [Cherokee Trail of Tears just one of many forced removals of Eastern tribes to Oklahoma](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

AP – [Colorado coal-fired power plant to close ahead of schedule](#)

NY Times – [Home Solar Is Growing, but Big Installers Are Still Losing Money](#)

MIT Technology Review – [The pandemic taught us how not to deal with climate change](#)

Ensis – [Fragile cities are being inundated with people fleeing the impacts of climate change. How can they cope?](#)

NPR – [After Decades-Long Push, It's Not Clear Who Will Bid In Arctic Refuge Oil Lease Sales](#)

NY Times – [How Trump Tried, but Largely Failed, to Derail America's Top Climate Report](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

E&E – [Are pipeline companies buying justice?](#)

NY Times – [Sale of Arctic Drilling Leases Draws an Unusual Taker. It May Be the Only One](#)

Bloomberg – [Exxon Knows Its Carbon Future And Keeps the Data from View](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Science Daily – [Sweat, Bleach and gym air quality: Chemical reactions make new airborne chemicals](#)

News-Medical.net – [Study captures high bodily emissions during workouts](#)

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

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

Webinar: Difference Between the Influenza Vaccine and the Vaccine for COVID-19

Wednesday, January 6th; 2-3pm ET / [Register Here](#)

Join NIHB and a speaker from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to learn more about the differences between the Influenza vaccine and the vaccine for COVID-19. Both Influenza (flu) and COVID-19 are contagious respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses. Flu is caused by infection with influenza viruses and COVID-19 is caused by infection with a coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and because some of the symptoms of flu and COVID-19 are alike, it is hard to distinguish them by symptoms only and testing is needed. Flu vaccination has many important benefits; this vaccine can decrease the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death, but getting a flu vaccine will not protect us against COVID-19. These two disease, share many similar characteristics, but there are some key differences between them.

Wildland Fire Research Tribal Listening Sessions

January 26, 2021; 2-4pm EST / [Register Here](#)

January 27, 2021; 2-4pm EST / [Register Here](#)

EPA Office of Research and Development's (ORD) Air and Energy National Research Program invites tribes to participate in the Wildland Fire Research Listening Session! This session will include:

- A short overview of current ORD research on wildland fires. • Listening sessions for tribes to inform ORD's update to its Wildland Fire Research plan.
- Overview of key resources currently available to tribes ([AirNow Fire and Smoke Map Pilot Project](#), Smoke Sense, [Smoke Ready Toolbox for Wildfires](#), Wildfire Smoke Guide, etc.)

NEW! Webinar—Communicating Air Quality During Fires: the Science Behind the AirNow Sensor Data Pilot

Thursday, January 28; 1-3pm EST / [Register Here](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) conducted the AirNow Sensor Data Pilot during the 2020 fire season to provide the public with air sensor information on the air pollutant, fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), especially during smoke events from fires. The sensor data is shown on the [Fire and Smoke Map](#), part of the popular [AirNow.gov](#) website. This webinar will provide an overview of the AirNow Sensor Data Pilot and the development of the U.S.-wide correction equation for PurpleAir PM_{2.5} sensor data and its appropriateness for correcting PM_{2.5} measurements during smoke events.

Updates to Asthma Management Guidelines

The [National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute](#) (NHLBI), part of the National Institutes of Health, has just released updates to its Asthma Management Guidelines, which help health care providers around the country treat people with asthma. The new recommendations focus on six priority topic areas for methods used to manage asthma:

1. **Inhaled corticosteroids** help control inflammation in the airways and can be used for recurrent wheezing or persistent asthma.
2. **Long-acting antimuscarinic agents**, a type of inhaled medication that helps keep airway muscles relaxed, can be used with inhaled corticosteroids for long-term asthma management.
3. **Reducing exposure to indoor asthma triggers** can be done using a number of methods, many of which will be familiar to members of [AsthmaCommunityNetwork.org](#)
4. **Immunotherapy**—allergy shots containing very small amounts of allergens—can help some people with allergic asthma become less sensitive to allergens.
5. **Fractional exhaled nitric oxide tests** can help some patients manage asthma and providers confirm an asthma diagnosis. These tests measure nitric oxide, which can increase when airways are inflamed.
6. **Bronchial thermoplasty**—a procedure that uses heat to reduce muscle around the airways—can help treat some adults with persistent asthma.

To read about the new recommendations in more detail, [download the full report](#) from NHLBI.

FEMA is seeking feedback on the recently updated [“Comprehensive Preparedness Guide \(CPG\) 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans](#) (this link is to draft pdf document 2.4Mb)”

This document provides guidelines on developing emergency operations plans and promotes a common understanding of the fundamentals of community-based, risk-informed planning and decision making to help planners examine a threat or hazard and produce integrated, coordinated, and synchronized plans.

FEMA will host a series of 60-minute webinar sessions to discuss changes to the updated CPG 101 and gather feedback from whole community partners. The sessions will include facilitated discussions with stakeholders to help improve the existing draft. For more information about the FEMA planning guides and webinars please visit this [website](#).

Please provide any comments, or recommendations by the close of business on *January 25, 2021*. Email feedback or any questions to NPDPlanning@fema.dhs.gov

FEMA Tribal Affairs: Tribal governments and their members are an essential part of our nation's emergency management team. Effective relationships with tribes are necessary to fulfill FEMA's mission of working together to improve our nation's disaster preparedness and response. FEMA is committed to supporting Indian Country in its efforts to build more resilient and better prepared communities.

The FEMA National Tribal Affairs Advisor is Denise Bambi Kraus at (202) 212-7215 or Bambi.Kraus@fema.dhs.gov.

The 2020 Tribal Air Resources Journal in Region 5 has been released! The Tribal Air Resources Journal was started by Tribes in EPA Region 5 to better publicize Tribal Air Quality Program achievements, progression, and struggles to their Tribal communities as well as in Indian Country. The Journal provides Tribes with a platform to promote their accomplishments and successes along with sharing obstacles and setbacks encountered along the way. **You can access the 2020 Tribal Air Resources Journal on [NTAA's website here](#).**

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality 2021 Call for Proposals!

Deadline for submissions is February 10, 2021

The National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) brings together environmental professionals from Tribes, U.S. EPA, and other agencies and organizations to DISCUSS current policy initiatives, EXPLORE up-to-date technology solutions, and SHARE practical knowledge and experiences from tribal air quality programs nationwide. The NTFAQ planning committee is actively seeking proposals for presentations. Please click on this [LINK](#) for more information and instructions to submit a proposal abstract.

The Forum is open to attendees from across Indian Country, as well as U.S. EPA and other local and national partners working to improve human health and the environment. For More Information Contact: Andy.Bessler@nau.edu, Mehrdad.Khatibi@nau.edu, and/or Christopher.Lee@nau.edu

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.

Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ): This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ.	Monday, January 4, 3:30pm ET
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, January 7, 2pm ET
Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country.	Thursday, January 21, 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, January 28, 2pm ET
Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country.	Thursday, February 18, 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 http://www7.nau.edu/itep/main/Training/training_air/</i></p>			

Climate Change / Energy

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

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

- December 28, 2020: [EPA finalizes greenhouse gas \(GHG\) emission standards that apply to certain new commercial airplanes, including all large passenger jets.](#)

- December 28, 2020: [EPA finalizes changes to the test procedures for heavy-duty engines and vehicles to improve accuracy and reduce testing burden.](#)
- December 28, 2020: [EPA publishes a report that provides information on how refiners and importers have complied with gasoline sulfur standards from the years 2011-2019.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

NEW! January National Radon Action Month

This January is National Radon Action Month (NRAM). Every January, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) urges everyone across the United States to test their homes for radon gas. [Radon](#) is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can seep into homes from the ground. It is both colorless and odorless, so the only way to know if you have high levels in your home is to test.

[Testing for radon](#) is easy, inexpensive and can be done yourself. Test kits can be purchased online, or individuals can hire a qualified professional to conduct a radon test. [Contact your state or tribal radon program](#) for advice.

5 Radon Health Facts You Need to Know:

1. Breathing radon in your home can cause lung cancer.
2. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States and the number one cause of lung cancer among non-smokers.
3. Radon is responsible for about 21,000 lung cancer deaths every year.
4. Elevated radon levels have been found in every state.
5. Addressing radon in your home is one of the best ways to prevent cancer for you and your family.

Summary of Evidence Related to Indoor Ventilation to Reduce SARS-CoV-2 Transmission | December 21, 2020

Mitigation of SARS-CoV-2 transmission in indoor spaces is crucial, especially during the winter season when activities are mostly held in enclosed indoor environments. Understanding SARS-CoV-2 transmission mechanisms relating to ventilation of indoor air and what evidence-based environmental measures are available will be key to infection control. *This document is a brief summary of published evidence on SARS-CoV-2 transmission mechanisms that relate to ventilation of indoor spaces and ventilation standards/best practices for minimizing spread.* References are mainly drawn from the COVID-19 Literature Report (Lit Rep) team database and guidelines published by the CDC. References that appeared in the daily Lit Rep are marked with an asterisk*, and the summary

is shown in the annotated bibliography [here](#). Published by the Washington State Department of Health.

SAVE THE DATE: Solutions for Managing In-Home Environmental Asthma Triggers During the Pandemic

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Webinar: 2:00–3:00 p.m. EST | Q&A: 3:00–3:30 p.m. EST

Join the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and experts from around the country for a live panel discussion about strategies for and lessons learned about delivering in-home asthma care and environmental interventions during the pandemic, including virtual home visits. Please visit

www.asthmacommunitynetwork.org/node/17205 for more information.

Comment Period Open for EPA’s Indoor airPLUS Version 2 New Construction Specifications

EPA’s Indoor Environments Division has opened a public comment period with the release of newly proposed requirements for the Indoor airPLUS Program, EPA’s voluntary label for improved indoor air quality (IAQ) in new homes. EPA is requesting feedback from interested parties and stakeholders on the proposed Version 2 of the Indoor airPLUS New Construction Specifications. EPA seeks to continuously improve its Indoor airPLUS program guidance and materials in response to partner and stakeholder feedback, revised industry standards, and evolving best practices in building science and home performance. More information on Indoor airPLUS can be found online at epa.gov/indoorairplus. EPA is conducting a comment period *December 18, 2020* through *March 17, 2021* on these draft specifications. The draft documents and instructions for submitting comments [are available here](#).

When sending feedback to Indoor_airPLUS@epa.gov, you are encouraged to use the Word Document Comment Tool for formatting your comments. If you chose another format, please send your comments in an attachment with your name and organization at the top. Where possible, please reference the specific item numbers and, if applicable, provide suggested changes that would address your concern. Please do not submit marked-up versions of the draft specifications as your attachment.

EPA representatives held the [Indoor airPLUS Version 2 webinar](#) on November 10 to provide context and background on many of the newly proposed Indoor airPLUS Version 2 Construction Specifications. To access the recording, please [enter your information and click “Register”](#).

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

RESOURCES & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Now Hiring!

Director of Congressional Relations

[Download Application Form](#)

The National Indian Health Board's [Congressional Relations Director](#) serves as the organization's lead advocate on Capitol Hill and their work is driven in service to NIHB's mission. The position requires a candidate that possesses a superb combination of relevant political acumen, experience, education, and cultural competency that would adequately prepare one for a critical role at a national, Tribal, advocacy organization. The Congressional Relations Director has substantial internal and external facing responsibilities grounded in serving the nation's Tribes and advancing NIHB's mission through excellence in strategic advocacy, legislative drafting and tracking, policy analysis, outreach, technical assistance, research, and related projects. [Read Full Position Description](#)

Policy Analyst

[Download Application Form](#)

The [Policy Analyst](#) will help with activities to support tracking and responding to federal health policies and regulations as they impact Indian Country. Policy Analyst reports to the Director of Federal Relations and will be a member of the Congressional Relations Department. This is a position requiring a combination of education, experience, cultural competency and political acumen that would adequately prepare one for a senior role at a national, Tribal, non-profit organization. The Policy Analyst will have both internal and external facing responsibilities grounded in serving the nation's Tribes to advance the mission of NIHB through excellence in regulatory tracking, policy, advocacy, outreach, technical assistance, research and related projects. [Read Full Position Description](#)

[Find More Public Health Policy and Programs Positions Here](#)

National Program Coordinator

The National Program Coordinator aids and supports the National Program Director and National Program Manager in implementing [Trees, Water & People's](#) (TWP) programs on U.S. Tribal Lands. This position will provide technical and operational support to TWP's Landscape Regeneration programs, including reforestation, agroforestry, rangeland management, and riparian restoration. They will be responsible for monitoring project outputs over time, evaluating outcomes, mapping intervention areas, grant prospecting and writing, and contributing to TWP's marketing / communications efforts.

TO APPLY: Email your cover letter and resume to Dr. Valerie Small, valerie@treeswaterpeople.org All Required Skills must be addressed in your application. Please tell us where you found the job posting and no phone calls. Candidates selected for interviews will be emailed directly which are slated to

begin in January. Members, citizens or direct descendants of a US Tribe are highly encouraged to apply.

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy

Clean Energy for Biden (CE4B) has launched a screening committee to identify, vet and endorse highly qualified clean energy professionals to potentially serve in a Biden-Harris administration.

[Apply for this Job!](#)

If you are interested in this The Biden-Harris administration is committed to starting day one of their Administration by leading by example, making sure political appointees, including their Cabinet, and our entire federal workforce look like the country they serve. CE4B is not part of the official Biden-Harris campaign, but we are gathering names for all levels of clean energy positions within a Biden-Harris administration, with a focus on underrepresented groups. If you or someone you know would make a good addition to government clean energy leadership, please complete this application.

If you are interested in this particular role, please submit your resume to CE4B's clean energy professionals database, which we will make available to the Biden-Harris Transition Team. Please ensure you are also signed up as a member of Clean Energy for Biden. Sign up [here](#) if you're not already registered.

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!](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Environmental Justice Webinar for Indigenous Peoples on EPA's Competitive Grants Award Process

Wednesday, February 3; 2:30 – 4pm ET / [Register Here](#)

This webinar will cover EPA's competitive grants process and general management and administrative issues. It is being offered to indigenous peoples (state-recognized tribes; indigenous and tribal community-based organizations; individual members of federally recognized tribes, including those living on a

different reservation or living outside Indian country; individual members of state-recognized tribes; Native Hawaiians; Native Pacific Islanders; and individual Native Americans); other interested parties are welcome to participate. The webinar will cover grants topics, including:

- How to find and apply for grant opportunities
- EPA's [Grants.gov](#) requirements
- Information about the [competitive process](#)
- Preparing a proper budget detail

****ATTN California Tribes! ****

Tribal Set-Aside CDBG-CV2 and 3 NOFA Workshop

January 5, 2021; 10:30 – 12:30pm PST / [Register Here](#)

The California Department of Housing and Community Development is pleased to announce the release of the Community Development Block Grant - Coronavirus 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA). The Department will be hosting a [NOFA workshop for the CDBG-CV2 and 3 Tribal set-aside](#) on *January 5, 2021 at 10:30am PST*. Approximately \$3.8 million will be available to Tribes statewide to help prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19.

HOME Investment Partnerships Program Tribal Listening Session

Wednesday, January 13, 2021 | [Register Here](#)

HCD invites Tribal entities to listen and comment on:

- Proposed HOME NOFA changes implementing AB 1010
- Expanding access to the HOME program
- Identifying and expanding housing opportunities and activities that fit tribal housing needs
- Overcoming barriers in tribal housing

[HUD COVID-19 Resources and Fact Sheets](#)

NEW! First Nations Development Institute grant opportunity

With the generous support of the Indigenous Peoples Fund at Tides Foundation, First Nations will establish a Gather Food Sovereignty Grant that will support work contributing to building a national movement that will fulfill a vision of Native communities and food systems that are self-directed, well-resourced and supported by community policies and systems. This opportunity is targeting emerging projects that focus on developing Tribal Food Sovereignty. Through the first round of the Gather Food Sovereignty Grant, First Nations expects to award up to 13 grant awards of approximately \$32,000 to support Native American-led food sovereignty work.

The grant period for this funding opportunity will commence March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2022. Application on the [Gather Food Sovereignty Grant site](#).

National Environmental Leadership Award

Applications are now being accepted for EPA's National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management! [Click here to apply](#)

The National Environmental Leadership Award in Asthma Management is the highest recognition a program and its leaders can receive for delivering excellent environmental asthma management as part of their comprehensive asthma care services. Each year, EPA honors exceptional health plans, health care providers and communities in action with this prestigious award. [Learn more here](#)

FEMA Opens \$600 Million Grant Process

The [Federal Emergency Management Association](#) (FEMA) opened applications on September 30, 2020 for two hazard mitigation grant programs totaling \$660 million. The two grant programs, the [Flood Mitigation Assistance grant](#) and the [Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities grant, or BRIC](#), will provide funds to states, local communities, Tribes and territories for eligible mitigation activities. These programs allow for funding to be used on projects that will reduce future disaster losses and strengthen our nation's ability to build a culture of preparedness. Both grant applications are open from *Sept. 30 to Jan. 21, 2021*. Eligible applicants must apply for funding using the new [FEMA Grants Outcome \(FEMA GO\)](#). Applications received by FEMA after this deadline will not be considered for funding.

Request for Public Nominations for Authors and Scientific/Technical Inputs and Notice of Planned Public Engagement Opportunities for the Fifth National Climate Assessment

The U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) announced the Call for Authors and Scientific/Technical Inputs for the NCA5. USGCRP is seeking nominations for authors with relevant subject matter expertise and backgrounds in the natural or social sciences. In addition, USGCRP is seeking submissions of relevant scientific and/or technical publications, including peer-reviewed and published literature (or literature that has been accepted for publication), as well as regional and topical information and information for cross-cutting or new topics since the previous assessment. *Nominations are due November 14, 2020*. To learn more about the call and access the submission portal, please visit the [Open Notice](#) on USGCRP's website. Go to the [Federal Register Notice](#) for full details.

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](#).

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

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

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Indoor Air Quality

Burning wood this winter? Check out these 5 tips to keep your family and neighbors healthy

Smoke may smell good, but it's not good for you. Wood smoke consists of tiny particles that can get into your eyes and lungs, where they may cause burning eyes, runny nose, and illnesses (such as bronchitis). Tiny smoke particles can irritate your lungs, cause inflammation, and affect your immune system. Particles found in wood smoke can make [asthma](#) symptoms worse and trigger asthma attacks.

Wood smoke can also make you more prone to lung infections, likely including SARS-CoV-2, the virus that cause COVID-19. According to the [CDC](#), people who currently have or who are recovering from COVID-19 may be at an increased risk of health effects from exposure to wood smoke due to compromised heart and/or lung function related to COVID-19. Learn more [here](#)! And [best wood-burning practices](#).

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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