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PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD

NTAA – [National Tribal Air Association wins EPA’s Clean Air Excellence Award](#)

EPA – [EPA Honors Clean Air Projects for the 17th Year](#)



Members of the NTAA Executive Committee pre-COVID at the 2019 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.

TOP STORIES

E&E News - [Senate Democrats eye quick repeal of Trump rules](#)

The Hill – [Environmental groups sue in bid to block 'secret science' rule](#)

Politico – [Trump’s EPA launches surprise attack on Biden’s climate rules](#)

The Hill – [EPA preps for transition with unusual change to succession orders](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NY Times – [Capitol Rioters Walked Away. Climate Protesters Saw a Double Standard.](#)

High Country News – [Trump’s impact on Indian Country over four years](#)

Tribal Tribune – [Group of men trek across America to bring awareness to #MMIW movement](#)

Axios - [How indigenous fire management can prevent wildfire disasters](#)

Nature - [How to include Indigenous researchers and their knowledge](#)

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

Climate Change/Energy

Come Rain or Shine podcast – [Climate Hope](#) with ITEP ED, Ann Marie Chischilly

Politico - [Trump’s EPA launches surprise attack on Biden’s climate rules](#)

Smithsonian - [The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge Will Not Face Mass Oil Drilling—for Now](#)

Inside Climate News - [How the Trump Administration’s Climate Denial Left Its Mark on The Arctic Council](#)

Axios - [Energy implications of Biden's latest Cabinet picks](#)

Axios - [Analysis: 2020 ties 2016 as warmest year on record](#)

The Guardian - [Climate crisis: record ocean heat in 2020 supercharged extreme weather](#)

Energy News Network - [Funding challenges limit minority-owned businesses’ access to energy efficiency](#)

Reuters - [Pandemic delays leave many nations facing climate action catch-up in 2021](#)

The Hill - [Tribal nations oppose Trump plan to drill 5,000 new oil wells](#)

Inside Climate News - [Even With a 50-50 Split, a Biden Administration Senate Could Make Big Strides on Climate](#)

NPR - [Progressives Gear Up For Broad New Push On Climate Action](#)

Toxics/Mobile Sources

EPA - [EPA Publishes 2019 Annual Toxics Release Inventory Report and Analysis](#)

NPR – [Trump Regulator’s Rule Would Force Banks To Lend To Gun-Makers And Oil Drillers](#)

Axios - [Buoyed by climate politics, companies compete for cleaner fuels](#)

The Hill - [White House intervened to weaken EPA guidance on 'forever chemicals'](#)

Indoor Air Quality

Motley Fool - [Clean Air and COVID-19: an Emerging Indoor Imperative](#)

San Francisco Chronicle - [Why CO2 monitors and indoor ventilation may be a key to curb COVID spread](#)

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

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! NTAA is Seeking Story Submissions for the STAR!

Deadline for submission: February 16th

[Click here to fill out the Google Form](#)

We are currently seeking story submissions for the 2021 Status of Tribal Air Report! The [STAR](#) is an annual publication intended to provide an understanding of the importance and impact of Tribal air programs. As such, one of the biggest components to the STAR is the unique perspectives of air programs within tribal communities. This year we are looking to provide more stories that highlight the successes and/or challenges you have faced within the last year given a specific topic. We are asking that you draft the short story or nominate someone who you may think has a great idea! If you have any questions, please contact Mariah Ashley, NTAA Program Coordinator at mariah.ashley@nau.edu

NEW! Native Farm to School: Project of First Nations Development Institute

Three new webinars on best practices, resources, and strategies start next week!

Like Farm to School programs in general, Native Farm to School programs improve access to healthy local food and provide educational opportunities for students to understand local food systems, health, and science. Yet, programming for Native Farm to School distinctively relies on the traditional knowledge, community, language, and deep, rich ancestral connections to land and food. Register through the links below and learn more about the facilitators and webinar presenters [here](#).

- **Webinar 4: Mastering Strategies to Accelerate Native Farm to School Efforts: Evaluations and Grants** | Thursday, January 14, 2021, at 12 pm Mountain: [Register here](#)
- **Webinar 5: Exploring Strategies and Best Practices: Lessons from the Southwest** | Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at 12 pm Mountain: [Register here](#)
- **Webinar 6: Finding Educational and Funding Opportunities for Farm to School Programs** | Thursday, January 28, 2021, at 12 pm Mountain: [Register here](#)

For more information, contact: Leiloni Begaye, First Nations Project Coordinator lbegaye@firstnations.org or (303) 774-7836

The National Association of Clean Air Agencies (NACAA) released a Statement & Direction For Racial Justice. Learn more [here](#).

Recently, the NACAA Board also approved a statement condemning racism, affirming our commitment to equity, and laying out a path for the association to work as a community toward systemic racial justice in the programs that alleviate polluted air, in our externally facing programs, and in our internal operations. Part of the statement reads:

As a community, NACAA will work for systemic racial justice in the programs that alleviate polluted air, in our externally facing programs, and in our internal operations. Because silence and inaction are themselves policies, in the coming 12 months NACAA will advance this goal by opening a dialogue to explore and take action on fundamental questions, including but not limited to, 1) How does our association currently express diversity, access, equity, and inclusion? 2) How do we advance and support equitable and just policies and programs that address diversity and prevent discriminatory outcomes? 3) Do NACAA and our member agencies reflect the diversity of the communities we serve? and 4) What can NACAA, as its own community, do to make a difference?

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.)

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 13, 1pm 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
Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues.	Thursday, February 4, 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
<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>			

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! Virtual 2021 Southwest Adaptation Forum (SWAF)

SAVE THE DATE | April 6 – 8, 2021

The Climate Science Alliance is proud to host the [Virtual 2021 Southwest Adaptation Forum](#) (SWAF) in partnership with the [Southwest Climate Adaptation Science Center](#) SWAF 2021 will bring together leaders, practitioners, and researchers from across the Southwest to explore efforts that are advancing climate change adaptation, including hands-on activities, networking, and professional training.

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

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

Toxics/Mobile Sources

NEW! Tribal Lead Curriculum Train-the-Trainer Webinars

Wednesday, January 13; 1-3pm EST [Register Here](#) OR

Thursday, January 14; 1-3pm EST [Register Here](#)

EPA, in partnership with the National Tribal Toxics Council and National-EPA Tribal Science Council, will host two train-the-trainer webinars with tribal partners on the new tribal lead curriculum - Lead Awareness in Indian Country: Keeping our Children Healthy! Developed with over 200 tribes, the curriculum is a robust set of educational tools that provide tribes and other communities with practical, on-the-ground, community-based resources to reduce childhood lead exposure.

The webinar will train community leaders to:

- Understand the purpose of the curriculum and its components
- Learn key actions to reduce childhood lead exposure
- Learn how to navigate materials
- Discuss teaching and outreach strategies
- Share and discuss best practices

Learn more about the curriculum [here](#)!

NEW! 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop

[Google Form for Topics for the 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop](#)

The 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop is event for our stakeholders traditionally hosted at the Portland International Auto Show and allowing an opportunity to learn about new and interesting topics, hear from peers about their lessons-learned and successes around clean fuels/policies and practices, celebrate clean transportation leaders in our region, and generally connect with like-minded fleet folks and industry stakeholders from across the region and clean transportation

sector. In preparation for a what will likely be a virtual Annual Workshop, we are seeking input on topics for the event. Please provide your input in this very short, four-question survey - feel free to respond to Michael Graham at micheal@cwcleancities.onmicrosoft.com

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

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.

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](#)

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

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

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](#)

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](#)

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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