

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

TODAY! REMINDER: Nominations for NEJAC Membership Closes March 24, 2021!

The U.S. EPA invites nominations from a diverse range of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment to its [National Environmental Justice Advisory Council](#) (NEJAC) until March 24, 2021. The Agency is seeking nominations to fill approximately seven (7) new vacancies for terms through September 2022.

Vacancies are anticipated to be filled by September 2021. To maintain the representation [outlined by the charter](#), nominees will be selected to represent:

- Community-based organizations (2 vacancies)
- State and Local (2 vacancies)
- Tribal governments/ Indigenous organizations (1 vacancy)
- NGOs (1 vacancy)
- Academia (1 vacancy)

Learn more about how to submit nominations [HERE](#). For questions regarding the NEJAC nomination process, please email: nejac@epa.gov.

TODAY! Air Sensor Performance Testing Protocols, Metrics, and Target Values for PM2.5 and Ozone Webinar on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (EDT). [Register here](#) for the Air Sensor Performance Targets webinar.

This webinar will highlight two reports developed by EPA ORD that outline recommended performance testing protocols, metrics, and target values for fine particulate matter (PM2.5) and ozone (O3) air sensors. The reports apply to the use of PM2.5 and O3 air sensor in non-regulatory supplemental and informational monitoring (NSIM) applications in ambient, outdoor, fixed site environments. For more information, [please click here](#).

Department of Transportation's letter inviting Tribal partners to consult with regards to the Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships.

On January 26, 2021, President Biden issued a Presidential Memorandum on Tribal Consultation and Strengthening Nation-to-Nation Relationships (Presidential Memorandum) reaffirming Executive Order (EO) 13175. We will host a virtual listening session on March 24 and we will accept comments until March 31, 2021. You may submit your comments via email at tribalaffairs@dot.gov Additional information about the virtual consultation on this topic may be found in the Department's Notice of Tribal Consultation that will shortly be issued in the Federal Register. Documents for reference and review:

- [DOT Programs, Policies, and Procedures Affecting American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Tribes](#)
- [Department's Tribal Consultation Plan](#)

We will send out a registration link on March 15th for the virtual listening session on the 24th.

NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Webinar Series

The [NIH-EPA Environmental Health Disparities Research Centers of Excellence Program](#) is hosting this webinar series to highlight the research, training, and community-engagement accomplishments at the Centers collaboratively funded by the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS), National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD), and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Furthermore, the webinar series is intended to raise awareness of, and prompt dialogue on, opportunities to examine and address environmental contributions to health disparities. The webinars are open to anyone interested in learning more about environmental health disparities and strategies to reduce them.

Schedule:

- *March 22, 2021* – [Fostering Community Engaged Research in Environmental Health Disparities](#)
- *April, 26, 2021* – [Intersections Between the Chemical, Physical, Built and Social Environments](#)
- *May 24, 2021* – [Exploring Critical Windows of Exposure to Heavy Metals in Health Disparity Cohorts](#)
- *June 28, 2021* – [Exposure Pathways & Environmental Health Disparities](#)

All webinars in the series will be held live via Zoom on Mondays 3-4:30pm EST

EPA Tools & Resource Webinar: Air Sensor Performance Testing Protocols, Metrics, and Target Values for PM2.5 and Ozone

Wednesday, March 24; 3-4pm ET / [Register Here](#)

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- Provide a consistent approach for evaluating air sensor performance and reporting results;
- Help the user community better understand sensor performance;
- Assist the user community in making informed decisions on choosing sensors that appropriately suit their NSIM application; and
- Encourage innovation and product improvement in the marketplace.

- For more information, visit this [website!](#)

NEW! Wildfires and Air Quality: Two-Part Webinar Series

Thursday, April 8th; 2:30 – 4pm ET / [Register Here](#) &

Wednesday, April 21st : 2:30 – 4pm ET / [Register Here](#)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is hosting a two-part webinar series on Wildfires and Air Quality, addressing wildfires and air quality impacts. These webinars are part of the EPA Environmental Justice Webinar Series for Tribes and Indigenous Peoples - to build the capacity of tribal governments, indigenous peoples, and other environmental justice practitioners, and discuss priority environmental justice issues of interest to tribes and indigenous peoples.

NEW! Growing Compost to Grow Your Food System – Virtual Course

May 4 – 5, 2021; 12-5pm ET / [Register Here](#)

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals will be offering a new course, offered completely virtually and is for employees of federally-recognized Tribes. It will take place from 9:00am – 2:00pm Pacific both days. This course will be taught by presenters from a number of different tribes that have been successful in starting their own composting programs and using that compost to help them grow food on their reservation. They will share their experiences, expertise, and tips for success on a variety of composting and growing operations. You will hear presentations that include how to create and work with a green team, how to start a community garden, and case studies from five different Tribes. You will also have time to network directly with fellow Tribal professionals throughout the course and work in small groups to create ideas to help your project move forward. We anticipate a high degree of interest in this course. If you are interested in applying please complete an application by **Monday, April 5.**

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.

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| <p>EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.</p> | <p>Thursday, March 25, 2pm ET</p> |
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| Mobile Sources Work Group: This monthly work group addresses all mobile source pollution issues. | Thursday, April 1, 2pm ET |
| Indoor Air Quality Work Group: Join this work group every other month to help support IAQ work throughout Indian Country. | Thursday, April 15, 2pm ET |
| Wood Smoke Work Group: Join this work group every other month to address wood smoke issues in Indian Country. | Thursday, May 20, 1pm ET |
| Planning Call for the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ): This monthly call works to plan the 2021 NTFAQ. Contact Andy.bessler@nau.edu for more information. | TBA |

The Institute for Tribal Environmental Professional (ITEP)

[Click here](#) for ITEP's new Tribal Environmental Management and Planning Online Courses. Sign up for a self-paced course hosted by ITEP's Waste and Response and Tribal Air Quality programs. New courses have been added, so check it out!

ITEP's American Indian Air Quality Training Program (AIAQTP) hosts the Building Performance: Improving IAQ in Cold Climates, Residential Building Science Review, Radon Fundamentals, Quality Assurance Fundamental, Writing a Quality Assurance Project Plan, Emissions Inventory Fundamentals, and Emissions Inventory Advanced.

[AIAQTP Schedule and Registration](#)

| Training Title | Dates | Training Type |
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| | 2021 | |
| Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #1 | March 23 | Webinar |
| Air Quality Systems (AQS) Database Basics Webinar #2 | March 30 | Webinar |
| PILOT: Addressing Air Quality in Tribal Communities (for Beginners) | April 7-8 | Online |
| Wildland Smoke and Community Preparedness | April 12-16 | Online |
| Woodstoves and Chimney Sweeps | April 21 | Webinar |

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| Project Planning, QAPPs and Grants for Alaska | April 26-30 | Online |
| Quality Assurance Project Plans in a Nutshell | May 4 | Webinar |
| National Tribal Forum on Air Quality (NTFAQ) | May 2021 | Virtual Conference |

Recorded Webinars

Looking for more information check out the [Tribal Air Quality Media Space Channel](#). Recent webinars include an Introduction to Air Quality Programs, Emissions Inventories, Remote Professional Assistance, and Woodstoves in Indian Country. Older classics include a series on Air Quality Planning for Wildland Smoke, Tribal Air Program and Grants, Data Management, and the Clean Air Act.

ITEP's [Tribes and Climate Change Calendar](#) includes conferences, trainings, webinars, and other events related to tribes and climate change.

Climate Change / Energy

NEW! MTERA 2021 Virtual Annual Conference

April 27th – 30th / [Register Here](#)

The Midwest Tribal Energy Resources Association (MTERA), with support from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) and RENEW Wisconsin, will be hosting a four-day virtual conference on April 27-30, 2021. The theme for the event is *Tribes at the Energy Forefront*.

Hear from Tribal leaders, federal and state agencies, educators, and energy industry experts as they discuss successful Tribal energy projects, state and federal energy policy, and strategic energy planning to help Tribes advance beneficial energy initiatives. **Registration is FREE!**

Ecological Drought National Webinar Series

February – March 2021

This four-part webinar series, taking place in February and March, seeks to raise awareness of ecological drought, share actions that strengthen ecosystem resilience and mitigate the impacts of droughts, and discuss research and management needs for future drought planning and preparedness. The series is co-hosted by NIDIS and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Climate Adaptation Science Center, with expert speakers from the research community, tribal nations, and government agencies.

- Missed the previous webinars? The recordings are available for [Ecological Drought: An Introduction](#) and [Ecological Drought: Planning for Resilience](#).

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

An Introduction to Electric Vehicle-Ready Buildings

Wednesday, March 24; 3-4pm ET / [Register Here](#)

This one-hour webinar will provide an introduction to the range of approaches local governments across the country are using to make their building stock ready for electric vehicles (EVs). Matt Frommer from the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project will explain the difference between EV-capable, EV-ready, and EV-installed buildings and the various policies and programs that support them. Michael Salisbury from Denver, CO will share local experiences with different policies, programs, and codes that support EV-ready development.

2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop

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

The 2021 Clean Cities Annual Workshop is an 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 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 February 2021. [***You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.***](#)

- March 11, 2021: [EPA posts a "patch" to MOVES3.](#)

- February 22, 2021: [EPA announces support of the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals' 2020 decision in Renewable Fuels Association et al. v. EPA.](#)

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Indoor Air Quality

NEW! Smoke Webinar Series: Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air

Join the Western Region of the Wildland Fire Leadership Council (WFLC) and the Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network (FAC Net) on April 6, 2021 at 10:00AM Pacific Time for a panel style webinar entitled "Resident HEPA Filter Programs - Community Solutions for Creating Clean Air". [Register here](#) with your contact information and any questions you have about community HEPA filter programs. The Zoom link and panelist information will be emailed to registrants one week before the webinar.

NEW! Ventilation and Virus Mitigation in Schools: Creating a Game Plan to Reduce COVID-19 Risk and Make Lasting Improvements to IAQ [Available to watch NOW and On-Demand!](#)

Just in time for a new round of funding for schools in the American Rescue Plan, the webinar now can be viewed online! Learn how to develop a plan to acquire federal funds for immediate and long-term IAQ and ventilation improvements to reduce the spread of viruses and ensure safer, healthier learning environments. By viewing this webinar, you also will learn how to—

- Create a game plan to help mitigate risk of exposure to SARS-CoV-2 in the near term and prioritize the top 5 IAQ improvements to ensure healthy air in schools in the long term.
- Assess your current air handling capabilities (e.g., effectiveness of filtration, ability to bring in fresh air, and energy efficiency) and create a plan to improve air quality using a free online risk assessment.
- Equip staff to implement risk reduction strategies and follow technical guidance from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) to reduce exposure to viruses in schools.
- Replicate best practices from a recent case study of how D.C. Public Schools—a large, urban district with an older building stock—used federal funds to improve the ventilation, filtration and system monitoring throughout the district.

The Conference of Radiation Control Program Directors (CRCPD) and the American Association of Radon Scientists and Technologists (AARST) Foundation Webinar Series:

- Radon in State Cancer Action Plans: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *April 13, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon Test Kit Distribution: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *May 25, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- Radon and Citizen Science: Public Engagement to Increase Education and Outreach – *June 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- National Radon Action Month: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs – *July 22, 2:00-3:00 p.m. EST*
- The sixth webinar on a trending topic to be announced will be scheduled for the month of August – *stay tuned*

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