

UPCOMING CALLS/EVENTS/NOTICES

Ambient Air Quality/EPA/NTAA/Tribes

NEW! Call to Action! Submit a short video for this year's virtual National Tribal Forum on Air Quality. This year, the NTFAQ includes the theme, *Environmental stewardship and the importance of sharing wisdom across generations*. To help address this theme, we invite you to submit short video clips from Native Elders and Youth in your family and/or community to answer all or some of the following questions:

For Youth:

1. Please introduce yourself
2. What have you learned from an Elder about the environment?
3. What drives you regarding environmental issues?
4. How do you want adults to support you?

For Elders:

1. Please introduce yourself
2. What would you like to tell the Youth about Mother Earth?
3. How has the environment changed in your lifetime?

Please submit a 3-5 minute video to the google folder below by COB on April 7th.

To upload your video:

- Locate the .mp4 file on your computer.
- Play a few moments to make sure the recording worked.
- Update the title to: YourLastName.YourFirstName.Presentation.Title
Ex: Kapp.Amanda.How.to.Farm.mp4
- ***Drag and drop your video [here](#)***
- Note: Depending on your file size and WiFi signal, you may need to plan a few hours upload.

Please contact Andy.Bessler@nau.edu if you have any questions, otherwise, we hope you can contribute your perspective with the attendees of the 2021 National Tribal Forum on Air Quality.

NEW! SCGIS Webinar: Building Effective Partnerships with Indigenous Communities

Thursday, April 1; 10am PT / [Register Here](#)

The webinar will outline recommendations for working with Indigenous communities based on the knowledge that long term relationship building with these communities is the foundation upon which educational programs, research collaborations, and other initiatives must be co-created. This presentation seeks to define best practices in approach and process for establishing and maintaining effective collaborations with Indigenous communities that respect sovereignty and self-determination and which have application across many types of efforts. These

practices will have a lasting impact on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion at universities, professional societies, educational organizations, and agencies, on the STEM workforce broadly, and for Indigenous youth and communities toward realization of their dreams and aspirations.

NEW! NIHB Encourages Youth to Present at NIHB Tribal Public Health Summit: Submit a Workshop Abstract by April 2!

The [National Indian Health Board](#) encourages workshop abstract submissions for its annual [National Tribal Public Health Summit](#) from American Indian and Alaska Native youth! NIHB is offering a youth-specific track "The Future is Now: Encouraging Our Youth to Lead" to help foster and support [Native youth](#) who may be considering a future in [public health policy and programs](#). In this track, Native youth are presenting their public health work and sharing their dedication with their peers. The Native Youth track creates a space for youth from across Indian Country to gather, learn from one another, and develop their knowledge on national public, environmental, and behavioral health policy.

NIHB is now accepting [abstracts](#) for ALL workshop sessions until April 2, 2021. Workshops are excellent opportunities to share best or promising practices, recent research, or program outcomes, provide an in-depth exploration of new or arising issues or policies, or explore public health strategies and practices. NIHB has roughly 30 workshop spots available for this year's virtual Summit. [Submit a workshop abstract](#) for a 75-minute presentation on a topic relevant to one or more of the following [conference tracks](#).

NEW! EPA Environmental Justice and Systemic Racism Speaker Series: Redlining and the Climate Crisis

This April 6 session of EPA's [Environmental Justice \(EJ\) and Systemic Racism Speaker Series](#) will focus on redlining and the climate crisis. Understanding structural racism and the climate crisis is key to shaping urban governance and the future of America's cities. The co-authors of a recent study on the correlation of redlined areas and the location of urban heat islands will discuss their participatory research on the spatial distribution of climate impacts, involving communities in measuring heat in cities. Their interdisciplinary approach offers a compelling perspective on how scientists and residents seek to address disproportionate vulnerability emerging from climate change.

- [Wildfires and Air Quality: Two-Part Webinar Series](#)
 - [Register for the April 8, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \(PT\), 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \(ET\) Webinar](#)
 - [Register for the April 21, 2021, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. \(PT\), 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. \(ET\) Webinar](#)
- [Part 1 - April 8th](#): This webinar features presentations on the [AirNow Fire and Smoke Map](#) and [Sensors for Community Smoke Monitoring](#).

- Part 2 - April 21st: This webinar features presentations on [SmokeSense](#) and [Smoke Ready Communities](#).

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:

- *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

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.

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.

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
EPA Policy Call: Call in to hear updates from EPA on policies, actions, and tools relevant to Indian Country and Air Quality.	Thursday, April 29, 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
	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
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

TODAY! COVID-19 & Climate Change in Indigenous Communities: A webinar hosted by the Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance on Wednesday, March 30, 2021 at 6 pm PT. Learn about Covid-19 and climate change in Indigenous communities from our special guest speakers, Nikki Cooley from ITEP and Dr. Karen Jarratt-Snyder. Learn how Indigenous communities are being disproportionately impacted by Covid-19 & climate change.

Register here: <https://www.nazcca.org/covid19-climate-change>

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!**

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

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 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 are listed here. [You can access these additions as well as new press releases and Federal Register notices related to OTAQ on our website.](#)

Indoor Air Quality

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

Tuesday, April 6; 10am PT / [Register here](#)

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 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! Radon in State Cancer Action Plans: Best Practices for State and Tribal Radon Programs

Tuesday, April 13; 2-3pm EST / [Register Here](#)

Reducing exposure to radon is an important component in preventing lung cancer. Radon, a radioactive gas, is one of the most hazardous indoor pollutants. This naturally occurring gas is the leading cause of lung cancer among non-smokers, responsible for more than 21,000 annual deaths. According to the US EPA, radon concentrations above its action level are present in 1 of 15 homes in the United States.

During this webinar, leaders from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Comprehensive Cancer Control (CCC) coalitions and state and tribal radon programs will share guidance and best practices for implementing radon risk reduction activities within CCC plans. Two case studies highlighting radon risk reduction activities within CCC plans in Kentucky and New Mexico will also be presented. Register today to reserve your seat!

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!